

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday 20th September, 2022

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson); Councillors Carson, Hutchinson and Lyons.

External Members: Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. A. Tohill, Good Relations, TEO;
Mr. A. Hannaway, NIHE;
Mr. S. Hamilton, Belfast Chamber of Commerce;

In attendance: Ms. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;
Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager;
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager;
Ms. W. Langham, Programme Director, Belfast Stories;
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.
Ms. T. Hogg, Blu Zebra;
Ms. B. Enslin, Blu Zebra and
Mr. C. Boylan, Locus Management.

Apologies

Apologies for the inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillors McCullough, McMullan and O'Hara, and Ms. A. Ford, Ms. B. Arthurs, Mr. J. Donnelly, Mr. A. Irvine, Ms. G. Duggan, Mr. P. Anderson, Ms. J. Irwin, Mr. W. Naeem, Mr. I. McLaughlin, Mr. P. Mackel and Mr. Mark McBride.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8th August 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were recorded.

Presentation on Belfast Stories

The Members were reminded that they received a report at the meeting on 8 August 2022 and agreed to invite the Belfast Stories team to the September meeting to provide an update on the public consultation for the Belfast Stories Programme.

The Belfast Stories Programme Director presented the Members with an update on the public consultation for Belfast Stories. The Members were asked to note the contents of the report and to provide feedback and input to the Belfast Stories public consultation which started in August and which would run until mid-November 2022.

The Programme Director presented the background to Belfast Stories which sought to establish Belfast as a cultural destination by creating a home for the city's stories and, in time, a world-class visitor attraction for locals and visitors alike. Belfast Stories would be a transformative new experience in the city centre, sharing the stories of the people and the place (past, present and future), told through exhibitions, screen and social spaces. Due to open its doors in 2028, Belfast Stories would transform the currently vacant site at the corner of Royal Avenue and North Street, including the restoration of one of Belfast's most beloved heritage buildings - the art deco former Bank of Ireland. Sharing people's stories was foundational to the city of Belfast's transformative journey toward new perspectives and connections as individuals and communities. The Programme Director emphasised that stories were at the core of Belfast's cultural life and vision for the future of tourism and that here was a unique opportunity for the city to create authentic and creative expressions of Belfast which connected its past, present and future. Belfast Stories would be a visible manifestation of this ambition that, in turn, would support the development of assets across Belfast and actively encourage visitors to further explore the city and beyond. She added that the key driver for Belfast Stories would be to bring more footfall to the city, to attract tourists and boost the local economy.

The Programme Director highlighted that the ambition was that Belfast Stories was to be for everyone. It was important that the process from the outset supported the delivery of a building that was welcoming, accessible and that everyone could see themselves reflected in the stories. One way this would be supported was through an Equity Steering Group. The steering group included "missing voices" – people whose identity or circumstances meant that they were less often heard – and people who might face additional barriers to visiting or experiencing Belfast Stories. The steering group would help engagement with other people at risk of missing out so that equality, diversity and inclusion were at the heart of Belfast Stories. It was intended that this group would be retained throughout the development, design and construction phases of the project and support the ongoing co-design process.

The Programme Director advised the Members that the design team would be appointed in 2023, with construction commencing in 2025. She explained that the public consultation would not be the end of the conversation and it was an important step before the progress of gathering stories began from early 2023. Engagement would continue with different people and organisations to help shape Belfast Stories right up until it opened – and beyond. However, she advised it was important to ensure that this first consultation clearly sets the level of commitment to co-design and engagement to ensure that Belfast Stories was shaped by as diverse a range of stories and voices as possible. The Belfast Stories team would therefore be keen to engage with the Shared City Partnership to help identify any gaps in current plans and how these might be addressed in the coming months and as part of the long-term engagement plan that would be produced following an analysis of consultation feedback.

The Programme Director informed the Members that the public consultation, which had been launched on 10th August 2022, was open for 14 weeks and would gather ideas and evidence that would help shape the project. This public consultation would focus on:

1. Raising awareness of Belfast Stories so that people were excited and wanted to continue to be engaged in its development; and
2. Making sure that Belfast Stories was for everyone. This meant making sure that the building would be welcoming and accessible and everyone could see themselves reflected in its stories.

During the public consultation respondents would be asked to share their thoughts in 3 main ways on the draft documents below:

- a. Equality impact assessment
- b. Rural needs impact assessment and
- c. Framework for gathering stories.

The Programme Director provided an overview of the consultation activities categorised as either general public or sectoral for those people working in or volunteering in key sectors. The programme of activities includes public exhibitions in locations across the city, including North, South, East and West Belfast, the Shankill and the City Centre. Information sessions and workshops would also be held in those locations. This activity would be further supplemented with pop-up events specifically designed to reach people who might be less likely to participate in formal consultation activities. This would include a 2 - week programme of events in 2 Royal Avenue over mid-term break from 24 October to 4 November 2022.

Currently, the programme consisted of structured information and feedback sessions via workshop format which were broken down into events for the following key sectors:

- Community and voluntary
- Tourism
- Heritage
- Arts
- Screen (film)

The Members were advised they could find out more information on the planned activity on the [Your Say Consultation Platform - Belfast Stories](#) on the Belfast City Council website as well as Facebook and Instagram.

The Chairperson thanked the Programme Director for her presentation which was followed by questions from the Members. In response to a query around funding, she clarified that the Council would be providing funding of £35m and £65m had been ringfenced from the Belfast Regional City Deal. She added that there would be a need to look for additional funding given high inflation to put the project in a strong position. In relation to a comment that good relations was an important element of the project, the Programme Director informed the Members that the Belfast Stories team were working with Queen's University Belfast to measure this and would welcome input from TEO and T:BUC to reach this ambition. A Member commented that it would be helpful if the Programme Director could deliver a Belfast Stories presentation to TEO. The PEACE IV Programme Manager also asked the Programme Director to link in with her in relation to stories captured through the various PIV projects.

A Member raised concerns around the need to work with all political parties to achieve buy-in and that there was a need also to look at Belfast becoming a compassionate city before 2028. The Programme Director responded that meetings with Party Group Leaders would be organised and workshops for the Members would take place to identify opportunities for joined up thinking. She added that the outcomes of those meetings would therefore resonate with the compassionate city approach and there would be a significant Good Relations piece to the project as this was not just a building but a journey. There was further discussion around how the programme could be inclusive in terms of the current social fabric of the city.

The Members noted the contents of the report and consultation document and agreed to a further presentation from the Belfast Stories team on the public consultation findings in February 2023.

PEACE IV - Update on Secretariat

The PEACE IV Programme Manager provided the Members with an update in respect of the Secretariat activity associated with the implementation of the Peace IV Local Action Plan.

The PEACE IV Programme Manager advised the Members that programme activity was continuing at various stages of delivery as outlined in the Thematic Reports. The Members noted that ongoing modifications and mitigations would be required to enable delivery partners to deliver activity. Supporting information and evidence for project closure reports for CYP2, CYP3 Personal Change and CYP4 had now been submitted and the closure process was progressing. The Members were requested to note the process for the project closure report comprising of:

- A review of deliverables by the thematic project manager;
- Analysis and evaluation of all monitoring information and confirmation that all data has been received by the monitoring and verification officer; and
- A final review of both deliverables and monitoring by the PEACE IV Programme Manager.

She anticipated that final payments would be progressed during September 2022 for the CYP projects. The Members also noted that some issues relating to CYP3 Sports project had been escalated to the PEACE IV Programme Manager and Leisure Manager and both were working to resolve all issues and progress project delivery.

The PEACE IV Programme Manager reported that clarifications from the accountable departments on the Business Case had been addressed by the PEACE IV team during August, although approval had not yet been confirmed. She added that, given the Business Case was to progress to the SEUPB Steering Committee for approval, the timeframe provided by SEUPB for approval by August 2022 had not been met. With the ongoing challenges for delivery, the mitigations outlined in the business case were critical. The Members were further updated that written approval of the Business Case had just been confirmed by SEUPB and that clarifications on the conditions of approval were being sought.

The PEACE IV Programme Manager updated the Members on the programme workplan which had included a cross community bus tour across the city called 'Conversational Commutes', which had taken place on 11th August 2022 involving participants through the Age Friendly/Seniors Forum, had been well received. The delivery partner had advised that due to a change in personal circumstances they were unable to deliver a follow up tour.

A Diversity and Inclusion workshop, aimed at young people, had taken place on Wednesday 14th September 2022, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm at the Oh Yeah Centre.

The International Day of Peace event which was taking place on 21st September 2022 at the Hilton Hotel was oversubscribed.

The Members were advised that correspondence was received from SEUPB on 23rd August 2022 seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the delivery of targeted interventions from all Councils, aimed specifically at Good Relations activities in the local area. The funding available would be circa €100,000 and must be spent and defrayed by 1st December 2023. She explained that the funding must be activity-based with only Good Relations activity eligible and could not be used for any large-scale capital spend. To avail of the funding, an Expression of Interest form would need to be returned to SEUPB by Friday 9th September 2022 to include a short summary of any broad concept plans that had been developed. SEUPB advised that there was no obligation to agree to apply for this funding and, as available funding was currently being collated, there was no guarantee they would be able to fulfil any or all requests.

The PEACE IV Programme Manager advised the Members of the current issues affecting the delivery of PEACE IV. As previously reported, resources within the PEACE IV team continue to be stretched.

The Programme Manager reported that a key priority for August was the collation, verification, and submission of the Period 31 claim. The claim valued at £750k had been submitted to SEUPB, which brought current programme expenditure to £7.87m. To date SEUPB had reimbursed £5.9m to date and therefore the total outstanding claims value was £1.9m.

The Members noted the contents of the report and the request for an Expression of Interest from SEUPB for funding up to £100k for Good Relations activity. The Members considered the above issues and agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the Council should not submit an EOI.

PEACE IV - Update on CYP Theme

The Partnership considered the undernoted report.

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Children and Young People’s (CYP) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Project Updates

CYP 1 – TECH CONNECTS, GIGA Training (Afterschool’s and Digital Arts Academies: Tech Camps) (6-11, 12-16 yr. olds)

The delivery agent, GIGA Training has completed all summer sessions for both lots of the project. A closure / celebration event,

attended by Cllr Kyle as Chair of the Shared City Partnership took place on 25 August 2022 at Girdwood Community Hub.

Initial monitoring data indicates that over 900 young people have completed the project, including those who participated in activity with the previous delivery agent.

Members are requested to note the anticipated performance of GIGA training is achievement of approximately 99% of the target numbers.

Delivery Agent	Sessions	Target	Completed YTD	Variance
GIGA Training	6-11-Year-Olds	494	496	+2
GIGA Training	12-16-Year-Olds	365	362	-3
Previous Delivery agent	Tech Connects 2018/2019	133	133	0
	Total	992	991	-1

CYP 1 – TECH CONNECTS, Belfast Metropolitan College (Digital Insights Programme) (17-24 yr. olds)

The delivery agent has made efforts to remove participation barriers for young people by modifying the programme to local delivery, rather than within the college environment. This aims to increase participation by removing the travel barrier. Members should note the increase in participants to 133 registrations, with 18 young people who have completed the full 26 hours contact time. To date the remaining 115 participants have achieved hours ranging between 4 to 18, with Belfast Metropolitan College seeking to re-engage these young people to complete the full 26 hours required. As previously reported, this project has been exploring a potential extension to December to allow for further delivery of sessions to participants to reach 26 hours contact time as contingency.

Total	133 from a target of 160	27 remaining (Contract ends September 22)
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3.2 CYP 2 – Playing our Part in the City

Final supporting evidence from Active Communities Network has now been submitted which supports the final report. This is being reviewed and finalised by the Secretariat. Members should note that project closure is likely to be delayed to September 22 due to resource pressures.

Total	610 young people from a target of 640 123 Parents from a target of 100	Progressing to Closure
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3.3 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements

Cross border residentials have recommenced and this has been welcomed by the young people. Delivery of sessions is continuing and scheduling to October 2022 is underway to increase the participant numbers. An additional 100 participants have been recruited for the programme during this period, with final monitoring data to be reviewed and confirmed. Additional administrative support to help with data entry has also been provided by Council.

As previously reported the business case for the reduction in targets has not yet been approved and will be submitted to the SEUPB steering committee and accountable departments for consideration.

Total	800 from a target of 1800	1000 remaining (Contract ends December 22) Potential to extend to March 2023.
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Personal Change – Delivered by Extern

Following review of the final report submitted by Extern, additional supporting information and evidence has been requested from the delivery partner before progressing to final payment and closure.

Total	42 from a target of 42	0 remaining – Progressing to Closure
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3.4 CYP 4 – Cooperation Ireland (Young Advocates)

A final signed closure report together with supporting evidence has now been submitted by the delivery partner and is being reviewed by Officers in order progress to the issue of final payment.

Total	87 from a target of 80	+ 7 achieved – Progressing to closure
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3.5 CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery

NIHE have made several requests for the reclassification of participants between Core and Peer participants. Core participants are required to complete 100 hours engagement whereas Peer participants complete 30 hours. Following the recent approval to reclassify 18 participants as peer, members are requested to note

that SEUPB has highlighted that no further changes between core and peer participants will be considered. This is due to the overall reductions requested in the business case, as original core hours were 200.

Members should also note the increase to 202 for Peer Participants, the core participants now at 143. To aid participation and increase numbers, groups are being paired on a cross community basis rather than on a geographical network basis, by way of example the Frank Gillen Youth Club has been paired with Annadale & Haywood Youth as a cross community partner.

Total	345 from a target of 900 (If Business Case target is 304.)	555 remaining (Contract ends December 22)
	143 Core Participants	If Business Case is approved NIHE will be + 41 over target based on current recruitment.
	202 Peer Participants	

3.6 Financial and Resource Implications

Period 31 claim, valued at £111K has been submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement. As such total expenditure to date is £1.92m with £1.48m reimbursed by SEUPB.

Claims for Periods 28-31 valued at £444K remain outstanding and yet to be verified by SEUPB.

3.7 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The Equality Consultative Forum was further consulted on 18 Nov 2020.”

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices.

PEACE IV - Update on SSS Theme

The PEACE IV Programme Manager provided an update on the progress report in respect of the Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan. She advised that the implementation of both the capital and programming elements of the Shared Space and Services theme was continuing. Project progress and delivery were highlighted in the Progress Report (Appendix I).

The PEACE IV Programme Management referred to the Capital Works at Forth Meadow Community Greenway and advised that the process for the naming of the new bridge at Springfield Dam would be similar to the process followed for the Divis Back Path. Community panel members would engage with the local community and provide name options for the naming panel to consider in line with Council policy and peace building criteria. The Panel would then agree a short list of names which would then go to public vote. The Members were requested to note the proposed panel for the naming of the new bridge as

outlined in Appendix V. An initial meeting of the Panel took place on 6 September 2022. Council officers would support the panel in terms of process, policy, reporting and approvals.

PEACE IV Network Scheme – Capital Works: The Members were advised that the Section 2 planning application was resubmitted once again and agreed at the Planning Committee on 16th August 2022. The resubmission would ensure that due process was followed and to mitigate against potential future challenges. Works remain due to start on site in September 2022.

Following delays, previously reported, work in Section 3 was ongoing and remained on target for completion late September 2022.

Works on Section 4 were continuing, with work in Phase 2 (Ulster Wildlife / St Galls GAA) beginning w/c 15 August and remained on target for completion in September 2022.

The collation of information on all the gates along the route of Forth Meadow Community Greenway, confirming current opening, closing and key holding arrangements, was still ongoing. The Council's City and Neighbourhood Services' Open Space and Streetscene Service was being liaised with on the current and future arrangements.

Signage was still being considered in line with Council's language policy and a potential dual language approach in some sections. The Members would be updated when more information was available.

McCadden was being consulted with on updating branding documents to reflect diversity in terms of ethnic minorities and those with a disability, as this is in addition to their current contract.

Public Art Pieces

The artist, Sara Cunningham-Bell, had finished the public engagement which, as reported in August, would contribute to the final design of the flagship art piece sculpture and smaller floor art. Work on the sculpture commenced on 26th July 2022 and the progress being made was outlined in Appendix IV. The artist would also be linking with schools again in September for input around the design / pattern on one of the figure's satchel.

Programming

Implementation of the programming aspects were progressing.

Shared History, Heritage and Identity Content / Narratives for Shared Space

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
300 individuals	224 recruited

The project had been reengaging with groups and some new contacts in Sections 4 and 5 which had delayed the submission of final drafts to PEACE IV and Council for review and approval.

The project had also developed a short video with local school children on the theme "our place on the map". Further added value with the development of short trails, that could be followed between sections, incorporating the finished information panels and narratives was also being progressed.

Monitoring and evaluation data and relevant evidence of activity had been requested from the delivery partner.

Shared Space Volunteer Training

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
Sustrans	
30 volunteers (15 Walk & 15 Cycle Leads)	27 recruited across 3 groups
Volunteer Now Enterprise	
15 volunteers (Local Ambassadors)	8 recruited
The Conservation Volunteers	
15 volunteers (Nature Guides)	12 recruited

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) had recruited a further 4 volunteers, who were currently participating in the training element. Further support for the volunteers, who had already completed the training, was being provided, such as collaborating with Sustrans' Walk Leads, gaining experience of leading on organised walks.

Volunteer Now were continuing to recruit interested individuals as Local Ambassadors. The 8 trained volunteers recently assisted at a family fun-day / celebration event in Springfield Dam. Discussions on approaches to keep volunteers engaged were ongoing.

A meeting of all volunteers and delivery partners (Sustrans, Volunteer Now and The Conservation Volunteers) was facilitated on 4th August 2022 to discuss collaboration opportunities and future coordination of a FMCG volunteer team. A site visit to another project / organisation / group with a volunteer programme was being looked at.

Governance / Management Model

As reported previously, the final report on the proposed governance / management model was submitted by Viatac; the key highlights of the report were outlined in Appendix II. Members were asked to provide any comments on the report to the PEACE IV team. The PEACE IV Programme Manager advised that Senior Management were meeting today to discuss the recommendations and to consider practical support that Council could provide.

The public tender call to implement the governance model opened in early August and closed on 26th August. An assessment panel to consider responses took place on 7th September 2022.

Youth Engagement & Civic Education

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
400 young people	Commitment from approx. 120+ young people. 43 young people registered from Nubia / Blackmountain.

During August, Youth Link facilitated residentials / workshops to Greenhill YMCA and Life Activities (Castlewellan) with young people from Nubia, Blackmountain, Hammer, Glencairn and Ligoniel. The participants from Nubia, Blackmountain and Glencairn had completed social action projects in the local areas addressing dog fouling, mental health and community isolation.

Clonard Ministry and Youth for Christ (Ballysillan) had been engaged and provided participant young people. Also, additional groups had been set-up with Forthspring and Nubia Youth Club.

Following SEUPB approval to engage with local schools, YouthLink had commenced contact with local schools.

SSS Activities and Animation Programme

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
20 cross community activities/events, (to an audience of a minimum of 1200 attendees)	11 cross community activities / events to an audience of approximately 1000+ people
- 4 Public spectacle events (150 people at each) – 2 in Springfield Park	- “Luminate” event in Springfield Park – approx. 1500 people - “Swamp Festival” in Bog Meadows – approx. 1700 people - “Colour Festival” in Woodvale Park – approx. 1,000+ people
- 6 Medium sized creative animation activities / events (50-100 people at each).	- “River Clean event” – approx. 100 people - Colour Run events in Falls and Glencairn Park – approx. 500 people
- 10 small community focused activities / events (30 to 50 people at each)	- “Sunflower Festival” – approx. 50 people - Foraging Walk and Big Potato Harvest in Bog Meadows – approx. 100 people

ArtsEkta delivered a programme of wellness events / activities during August along with a “Movies at the Dam” evening on 25th August.

A programme of small and medium events / activities had been planned for September and October and would include a whisky tour, a street art workshop and youth orientated music / dance workshops. A final large-scale event was planned for Springfield Dam Park around Halloween, themed around the Mexican “Day of the Dead”.

To ensure local people had the opportunity to be involved in the final events / activities, an “Early Bird” process for the issue of tickets would be made available.

Resource Allocation

The Resource Allocation call for applications to support local community led activities / events across Section 1 and Section 3 closed on Friday 29th July 2022 with no applications received. Feedback from interested groups / organisations was requested and would help with drafting of an options paper on the next steps. The Members were requested to note that the Programme Board agreed to delegate authority to the CYP and BPR Chairs to approve the next steps for the Resource Allocation process, to accelerate the process. A further report would be presented to the Programme Board and SCP in due course.

SEUPB Evaluation

The SEUPB appointed evaluation team from RSM interviewed some key stakeholders on the SSS project during August. A meeting with Council officers to discuss the impact of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway had taken place on 15th August 2022. Officers had

requested RSM to share their findings with the Council ahead of a shared space learning event, which had been scheduled for 19th October 2022.

The Members noted that the Period 31 SSS claim, valued at £382k, had been submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement on 26th August 2022. Therefore, the total expenditure to date for the SSS totals £2.7m with £1.82m reimbursed by SEUPB. Claims for Periods 28-31 valued at £908k now remain outstanding and were yet to be verified by SEUPB.

The Chair reported that Causeway Coast and Glens Council had visited the Forth Meadow Community Greenway which had been positive and well received.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and related appendices.

PEACE IV - Update on BPR Theme

The Partnership considered the undernoted report.

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Building Positive Relations (BPR) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree:

BPR3-Transform for Change-NICVA

- **the request to progress payment of 30% of NICVA contract end payment in line with the deliverables completed and supporting evidence that has been submitted.**
- **The extension to November 2022 for the delivery of community led Action Plans, in principle.**

BPR5 Traveller

- **a further extension to the project until the end of October 2022 to allow completion of all elements of the Traveller project.**

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

The status and progress with projects are outlined in Appendix I BPR-Progress Report.

Projects are at various stages of delivery; some projects are completing, whilst activity is continuing with other projects.

Members should note that participation and retention levels continue to be impacted by Covid 19 with ongoing sickness and isolation, as necessary.

3.1 BPR1 – Cross Community Area Networks (CCAN)

Participation levels remain consistent with recent increases in participants to 127/144 and 354/900 peer participants across the CCAN's.

TIDES is progressing exploratory discussions with the East Belfast Network groups (Island Street/Short Strand) to ascertain next steps and re engagement across groups. Capacity building hours to re-engage may be necessary.

The showcase / networking event due to take place during Good Relations week is to be rescheduled, provisionally for November, with the intention that the East Belfast groups can join.

NIHE has indicated that utilising the Technical assistance resource may not be availed of due to the process, timeframe and approvals required as barriers to progressing with this additional funding.

The modifications submitted in the Business case, to reduce participants from 1044 to 585 and contact hours 200 to 120 hours per Core participant will assist in the achievement of deliverables for the project.

3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project

As previously advised, delivery of activity has been slower than anticipated over summer months. The new project support officer (PSO) is continuing to meet with the project manager to ensure the position across all creative clusters is progressed.

The artist for the Football cluster has agreed to update the action plan to reflect new planned activities and how targets will be achieved.

The East Belfast Radius cluster is finalising details for the closure/unveiling event scheduled for 24th September 2022. Verification of the cluster participant numbers, and hours of engagement is required, however, as previously reported, indicators suggest targets will be achieved.

As previously reported, the Carlisle group has met through facilitated sessions, although further progress is required. A meeting to ascertain the likelihood of the cluster progressing is being arranged.

All clusters welcome the extension and time this permits in addressing any under delivery. It should be noted that whilst the extension to December 2022 will aid delivery, the reduction in

targets, as outlined in the business case requires SEUPB Steering Group approval with an anticipated return in September.

A request for quotation for a facilitator to support project delivery closed at the end of August with nil submissions. Feedback is being progressed and the next steps identified.

Participant numbers remain as reported with 133 participants from a target of 264.

3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project

Transformative Leadership Programme

The Transform for Change project delivery is continuing and to date 23 local community action plans have been submitted, each project remains at varying stages of development and completion. Members should note that a final date for the submissions of local community action plans has been issued as the end of August 2022. This is to allow sufficient time for the assessment, award and ensure project completion.

Members are requested to agree to an extended timeframe for local projects developed through the Action Plan process to complete by 30 November 2022 to ensure all projects achieve final outcomes/activities. The community action plan projects fit within the Peace IV remit and do not require the delivery partner's input.

Further discussion to progress the Black Gates project at Suffolk/Lenadoon were positive and next steps identified. There is sufficient buy in from the communities to offer assurances that this project will be achieved. A final attempt for a community lead to agree the Resource Allocation Agreement is progressing. Members should note that permission to enable council to accept this responsibility was previously agreed.

Planning of residential activity for the 27-29 September in Derry/Londonderry is progressing with 2 facilitators appointed through the delivery partner, and 18 participants confirmed to attend. The residential will enable participants to put their learning into practice.

The two remaining study visits are scheduled for September, with the Coleraine visit (previously cancelled) identified as a preferred option.

Members may recall that an addendum on a revised payment approach to NICVA had previously been agreed. Initial indications of achievement are that the Transformative Leadership Programme will have achieved 43/45 courses completed. 48 case studies completed exceeding target of 45 and 173/260 participants completed the TLP course from June 21 to June 22.

As project closure, reporting and review can take some time, members are requested to agree a payment of 30% of NICVA contract end payment amounting to approximately £36k. Payment will be made in line with the deliverables completed and supporting evidence that has been submitted. Final payment will be progressed on closure.

3.4 BPR4 –BATW-Facilitation

The collation of supporting documentation / evidence for the closure of the Belfast and the World project is continuing in line with the final reporting / verification process

Corrymeela is continuing with active engagement from BATW participants and support the residentials, and study visits. The Dublin residential in early August went well and feedback from participants and facilitators was positive, indicating a good experience for all with enjoyable historic site visits and interactive facilitation sessions. The Cork visit took place at the end of August, initial indications are the residential went well further feedback is being captured.

Planning of study visits to the Somme heritage centre and other local historic sites is progressing with the aim of completing all project aspects by the end of September 2022.

3.5 BPR5 – Supporting Connected Communities - LINCS Project

The LINCS project continues to engage with the established neighbourhood forums and core participants. The leadership programme and additional classes are scheduled for completion in September 2022.

As the end of project approaches all elements are due for evaluation. The establishment of Neighbourhood Participatory Forums, one in each locality with a target of 80+ participants overall (20 in each area) have been achieved, with participants exceeding the 68 engagement hours

The Inclusion forum continues to meet and aims to continue with the networks established post project closure.

Planning for a combined closure / second shared learning event is underway and to take place in September 2022.

3.6 BPR5 – Traveller Project - Supporting Connected Communities

The Empowering Young Women workshop series is complete with the exhibition scheduled for 7th September 2022, will include exhibition materials of a booklet and banner which will be showcased in the Falls Women's Centre and in 2 Royal Avenue. The young women have agreed to present and discuss their work at the Traveller closure event.

Delivery of Health and Wellbeing workshop continues with 10 participants registered, 3 sessions completed, and scheduled activity into September 2022. The aim is to complete exhibition materials by the end of September to showcase at the Maureen Sheehan Centre and again at 2 Royal Avenue.

The request for quotation of the final workshop programme and exhibition, Parallel Lives, received nil submissions. Feedback from interested suppliers indicated other priorities and timeframe as barriers to delivery. Alternate options are being explored.

The recent Traveller community event 'Vintage tea dance' with 20 people attending, although representation from the traveller community was low. Scoping exercise to engagement and participation with Travellers for future events is progressing. To date 3 of 4 community events have been delivered with the final community event scheduled for September.

Members are requested to agree to extend delivery to 31 October 2022 to enable sufficient time for approval and print of the exhibition materials and delivery of final activities.

3.7 BPR5 – Roma Project - Supporting Connected Communities

The Roma Support Hub is continuing to engage the Roma community with drop in, advice support as well as ongoing participants and capacity building.

Recent activity has been filmed to capture the participants attending the English language classes and a recent excursion to Lady Dixons Park. Thus, positively highlighting the engagement and activities of the Roma project.

Engagement in the conversational English language classes remain positive, with 22 participants registered, although attendance is sporadic and further sessions is required to ensure 12 participants achieve the 26hrs of engagement before closure at the end of September.

Targets achieved are outlined above, and other deliverables remain unchanged with 3 of 4 intercultural events complete, the Police Commissioners report submitted with one pending.

3.8 BPR6 – St. Comgalls

Project delivery is continuing with seminars and networking events scheduled to take place in September. The agreed extension to 30 November 2022 (within original contract terms) will enable activity to complete and the educational/exhibition materials to be robustly considered and approved by governance.

Further context around the methodology, fact checking, quality and equality assurances has been requested from the delivery partner to enable approval of the materials.

The delivery partner has been advised of the participation projections, which anticipate that 13/20 adult participants will meet required contact hours, subject to all adults attending the 2 seminars and 27/20 young people will have completed activity.

Members should note that the requested reduction to 32 hours as per the business case submitted to SEUPB would enable full achievement of targets.

3.9 Cinematography Project

Filming of suitable opportunities to capture the Belfast Peace Journey is continuing. Footage / clips are being finalised for: SSS Interpretive Panels family treasure hunt event featuring the Lord Mayor Tina Black, Traveller Circus fun day event, Roma English class. Further filming is being planned for SSS Volunteer networking event and Roma trip to Lady Dixon. CYP5 and BPR1 remain to be captured with fewer opportunities identified. Short story films on each project continue to be finalised as projects closure events are planned.

Thematic Films for the BPR and CYP themes will be showcased on International Day of Peace event on 21 September and will be circulated to Members when finished.

Drafting of Interlink content/format for Council staff including clips with possible interactive 'story map' for legacy of PEACE Programme and on BCC website is ongoing.

3.10 Financial & Resource Implications

The Period 31 BPR claim, valued at £255K has been verified and submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement. As such total expenditure for the BPR theme now totals £3.2m with £2.37m reimbursed by SEUPB.

Claims for Periods 28-31 valued at £840K remains outstanding and yet to be verified by SEUPB.

3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The Equality Consultative Forum was further consulted on 18 November 2020."

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and agree the following proposals:

BPR3 - Transform for Change - NICVA:

- Approve the request to progress payment of 30% of the NICVA contract end payment in line with the deliverables completed and supporting evidence that had been submitted; and

- Approve the extension to November 2022 for the delivery of community led Action Plans, in principle.

BPR5:

- **Traveller Support Project** - Approve a further extension to the project until the end of October 2022 to allow completion of all elements of the Traveller Support project.

In addition, the Programme Manager asked for an extension for the following 2 programmes which were both agreed by the Partnership:

- **LINCS** - Extend the project to 30th November 2022 to allow for final activity and closure event take place; and
- **Morrow Communications** - Approve an extension to the above project to 31st December 2022 to allow for final filming of ongoing project activity.

Update on Good Relations Audit

The Good Relations Manager informed the Members of the progress of the work currently being undertaken to develop the Good Relations Audit. She reminded the Members that the Council had agreed in March 2022 to undertake a Good Relations audit to inform the Good Relations Action Plans for the next three years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, and advised that the Council submitted a Good Relations Action plan to the Executive Office (TEO) on an annual basis to secure funding for Good Relations activity through the District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP). The Good Relations Manager explained that the plan must be needs-based and that there was a requirement on the Council to carry out an audit of Good Relations need in Belfast every 3 years, in order to inform the content of the Action Plans. As well as demonstrating that the Audit had shaped the Action Plans, TEO also required the Audit report to be submitted with the annual bid and, therefore, the audit was being carried out in advance of this timescale. The Members were advised that Peter Osborne of Rubicon Consulting had been appointed to carry out the Good Relations Audit between July and November 2022. Work had been underway to develop appropriate survey material and a timetable for consultation with a range of parties. As such, the audit would involve consultation with Elected Members, staff and external stakeholders, including the Shared City Partnership. Consultation would take the form of focus groups, questionnaires, roundtable discussions and interviews.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and agree the following proposals:

- Note the request for the Partnership to engage with Rubicon Consulting in the development of the Audit; and
- Approve the request to invite Dr Lucy Michael to the next meeting of the Partnership to present on the draft findings of the research on the lived experience of ethnic minority communities in Belfast;

Proposal for Interface Project (BCC9)
Strategic Intervention Fund

The Good Relations Manager provided the Members with a project proposal and request for funding under BCC9, for an interactive trail around Alexandra Park in North Belfast. The project was designed to promote the park as a shared space and encourage positive interaction between communities on either side of the peace line in the park. She advised that

Duncairn Community Partnership, in conjunction with INTERCOMM Ireland, had developed a project proposal for an interactive trail around the Alexandra Park in North Belfast. The Park had a peace barrier in the middle of it and access across this line was provided by a gate. During July and into the start of August, the Park remained largely quiet with only a couple of incidents of sectarian and anti-social behaviour, albeit there had been an increase in incidents with youths gathering over the last few weeks of August. This project aimed to encourage the use of the whole park by both communities in the area and enhance its value to the broader North Belfast community. It was accepted that animation, programming and diversionary activities provided a positive alternative and enhanced community ownership of, and pride in, the asset. The interactive trail would allow users to navigate around the site and interact with new interpretive signage at key locations. The interactive trail could be followed with a digital App. The project would be designed and installed by Brilliant Trails and, once completed, the trail would be the responsibility of Intercomm and Duncairn Community Partnership to ensure the maintenance and updating of the trail via Brilliant Trails.

The Good Relations Manager explained that the concept was not a new idea and it had been tried and tested in places like Galgorm Castle, Loch Lomond Trail and various parks in Belfast including the Stormont Estate. Once installed the trail could be themed for various times of the year, that is, Easter, Christmas, etc., It could be used for quizzes and the App could be adapted to provide augmented reality experiences for the users, for example , dinosaurs walking in the park, ghosts at Halloween, Easter bunnies, etc. The content and experiences could be changed to keep the trail fresh and innovative. This could be delivered in partnership with local schools, youth clubs and the community, making it a very useful tool for promoting community ownership and community buy-in.

The proposed project had the potential to open Alexandra Park up to more visitors and to help promote the park as a shared space. The installation of interactive panels within the park would not only provide entertainment but also provide an outlet to promote events in the park and encourage users to move freely within all the park, thus creating the potential to remove the gates that separate both sides of the park.

The Members heard how this installation would bring back pride and local ownership and buy-in. Consultations had taken place with some political representatives with others being planned. Community consultation was being planned with key stakeholders, including community groups, schools and youth clubs. To date, there had been positive reaction to this proposal.

The proposal provided a vehicle to promote understanding by using technology to tackle issues of shared space, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and Sectarianism. The series of interactive boards could provide information on various cross community events, not only in the park, but within other locations in North Belfast. Groups and organisations would be invited to contribute to the population of the interactive boards through a steering group used to populate content and promote the use of the park as a shared space. The overall aims of this project were the reduction of ASB in the park, greater understanding of the history of the park and greater buy-in from residents within the catchment area. This proposal fitted well with Belfast City Council's Good Relations programme and contributed to the TEO T:BUC Headings of Our Children and Young People, Shared Community, Safe Community, and promotion of Culture. This would be a long-term permanent fixture that would be maintained and managed by Intercomm and Duncairn Community Partnership after the initial investment by Belfast City Council.

The costs for this proposal were contained within the Good Relations Action Plan, 75% of which was funded by The Executive Office under the District Council's Good Relations Programme. The project would cost £10,000. There were no recurring costs or liabilities to Council.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and agree the proposal to

- Approve funding of £10,000 to Duncairn Community Partnership for the Interactive Trail project in Alexandra Park subject to no recurring costs under the Good Relations Action Plan.

Events Update

The Members were asked to note the following events that the Good Relations Unit was involved in.

Event: Strategies for Addressing Anti-Muslim Hatred

Date: 22nd and 29th September 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Format: Online

Registration: goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk

Event: Living Library – Borrow an Individual Like a Book

Date: 28th September 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Format: Belfast City Hall

Registration: goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk

Event: Black History Month – series of workshops looking at matters such as Black History, the history and diversity of the African and Caribbean Communities, what inclusion means.

Date: 7th, 14th, 21st October

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Format: TBC

Registration: goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk

In addition to the above, the Council was also funding 2 events during Good Relations Week, in which officers had been heavily involved in developing:

Event: Mini Mela event for the community as part of the Areema Shared Housing Development

Date: 22nd September 2022

Venue: Fullerton Park in Dunmurry

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Format: Open to the public

Event: Making Peace With People, Planet and Place Conference

Date: 23rd September 2022

Venue: Belfast City Hall

Time: 10:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Format: Conference. [Registration via Eventbrite](#)

Update on PEACE PLUS & Workshop

The Programme Manager provided the Members with context in relation to the PEACEPLUS 1.1 workshop on the ongoing emerging process for developing the Local Community Action Plan.

The Members were asked to note that officers had received information from SEUPB on targets for Belfast with a total output target of 17,437, more than double of those set for PEACE IV for the same amount of funding. Whilst SEUPB was anticipating that Councils could specify their own definitions, clarification on the rationale behind the targets set needed to be sought. The Programme Manager expressed his concerns around these targets and added that negotiations with SEUPB would be needed in this regard. The Members agreed that negotiations should take place with SEUPB around targets to ensure they were achievable given current experience under PEACE IV.

Consultants from Locus Management and Blu Zebra joined the meeting. Mr. C. Boylan took the Members through the process of Co-Design, the current position and advised that the launch of the Belfast PEACEPLUS engagement plan would take place in Belfast City Hall on Tuesday 27th September.

Key Steps Development of local action plan submission

Task	Overview	Date
Peaceplus pre engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree stakeholder engagement process • Agree Co-Design Framework via internal structures • Initiate desktop research 	Aug – Sept 22
Stage 1 co-design needs & opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver stakeholder engagement, workshops via themes, areas, S75 etc • Complete research • Undertake residents survey • Present Stage 1 report on findings and potential projects for approval (via internal engagement and governance) 	Oct – Nov 22
Stage 2 Co-design long list of priority projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver stage 2 engagement on list of potential priority projects. • Assess potential projects. • Test ideas with stakeholders (including internal structures). • Seek approval on stage 2 report. 	Jan – Feb 23

Stage 3 final action planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft action plan submission 	Mar – Apr 23
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Ms. T. Hogg outlined the co-design development parameters and strategic alignment with PEACEPLUS programme, Belfast Agenda and Good Relations programme and invited the Members for thoughts in this regard.

Ms. A. Tohill left the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest as she would be involved in assessing the application forms in her TEO capacity.

Discussion ensued around collaboration to create stronger relationships, building on successful partnerships, coordination of knowledge sharing, promoting shared space and identifying problematic derelict space.

At this point, it was decided to reschedule the workshop due to low Member representation. The subsequent workshop would take place face-to-face to generate more discussion. The Good Relations Manager stated that she would contact the Members in relation to scheduling the workshop.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and:

- Approve the updated stakeholder engagement plan and key milestones for developing the plan

Chairperson