

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Monday 5th December, 2022

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);
Councillors Hutchinson, Lyons, McCullough and O'Hara.

External Members: Mr. J. Donnelly, Community and Voluntary Sector,
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. W. Naeem, Faith Sector;
Mr. A. Irvine, Faith Sector;
Mr. M. McBride, Education Authority;
Mr. S. Hamilton, Belfast Chamber of Commerce;
Ms. A. M. White, British Red Cross; and
Mr. A. Hannaway, NIHE.

In attendance: Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager;
Mr. D. Robinson, Good Relations Officer;
Ms. N. Lane, Neighbourhood Services Manager;
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer;

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf Councillor Carson, Ms. A. Tohill, Superintendent Ford and Mr. P. Anderson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 7th November, 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

Mr. J. Donnelly declared an interest in 2b Children and Young People Update. He also advised that his daughter had been co-opted as an Elected Member of Belfast City Council on 1st December 2022.

Ms. B. Arthurs declared an interest in item 3(a) Good Relations Updates – Funding Requests Update Paper at 3.3 and 3.7.

Presentation on Update on Good Relations Audit

The Chairperson advised that, due to a bereavement, Mr P. Osborne of Rubicon Consulting was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, the Good Relations Officer provided the Shared City Partnership with an update on the work being undertaken on the Good Relations Audit.

The Members were reminded that every three years, as part of its Letter of Offer from the Executive Office for its Good Relations Programme, the Council must undertake an independent audit of the Good Relations issues and needs within the City. Provision for the audit was included in the 2022/23 Good Relations Action Plan, as agreed by the Members in February this year. Following a procurement process, Mr. P. Osborne of Rubicon Consulting was awarded the contract to develop the Audit and associated Good Relations Action Plans.

The Good Relations Officer presented the key activities which had been undertaken to date as outlined in the draft audit report for the Partnership's consideration:

- Carried out a community survey with c.75 responses to date;
- Carried out a survey of all staff at Belfast City Council with c.85 responses to date;
- Facilitated an Elected Member survey with 13 replies to date;
- Conducted approximately ten interviews;
- Facilitated focus groups with over 40 participants;
- Engaged directly with elected representatives from three political parties to date;
- Engaged with senior managers from the Council's City and Neighbourhood Services Department as well as all Council senior directors.

The Good Relations Officer further presented the key issues identified to date both internally within the Council and externally within the City. He brought the Members' attention to other insights contained within the report which the research had uncovered, that is, sectarianism and racism were still a significant issue. Discussion ensued around these issues as well as homophobic attacks, and matters relating to environmental and community engagement. A Member asked what needed to be done to deal with sectarianism, what wasn't being done and stated that systemic change was also needed at agency and Government level. A Member added that the Good Relations focus should be interconnected, for example, sectarianism and racism should not be seen as separate issues. Another Member posed the question, could change be achieved at a community level given the 'them and us' political situation. The matter of the sustainability of communities was discussed and how this could be linked to mainstream funding. A Member provided his frontline experience of how young people in disadvantaged areas were particularly affected by the matters discussed and added that sectarianism was a system of inequality and disadvantage.

The Good Relations Officer asked the Members to consider the contents of the Audit and feed back any comments to both himself and Mr. P. Osborne by 14th December, for inclusion in a final report to be submitted to the January meeting of the Partnership. The Chairperson encouraged the Members to feed back due to the importance of the piece of work.

The Members noted the contents of this report and:

1. Agreed to feed back any comments on the draft Audit to Peter Osborne by 14th December 2022;
2. Agreed that a finalised Audit and draft 2023/24 Good Relations Action Plan be submitted to Members at its January meeting, prior to submission to The Executive Office.

Peace IV Updates

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 that project activity was progressing as outlined in the thematic reports, and mitigations and project extensions continued to be progressed as required to enable implementation of the programme.

She advised the Members that final clarifications were being sought which would enable CYP2 and BPR4 project closures to be completed. On the spot verifications for CYP3 and CYP4 had been arranged for December. Giga's final report for CYP1 had also been submitted by the delivery partner and was currently being reviewed. Issues relating to the CYP3 OTRT Sports project continued to be addressed by the Programme Manager and Leisure Manager.

The Members were requested to note that the NIHE revised budgets, discussed in November's meeting, had been submitted by SEUPB to their Steering Group for consideration. This would allow SEUPB to enable changes on the eMS system for the issue of revised Letters of Offer. The Members also noted that further mitigations for the Traveller, Roma and SSS Narratives project had been considered by the Programme Board and modifications would be progressed formally with SEUPB.

The Programme Manager reported that a review of workplan deliverables was progressing to identify gaps and future activity would be coordinated by the PEACE IV team.

An event was being held on 7th December at Girdwood Community Hub, with researcher Paul Nolan, to discuss his recent work with NISRA on the 2021 Census findings. It would provide an opportunity for those who are involved in peace work to look at the findings in more detail and discuss their implications.

The Members heard how resource pressures across the PEACE IV team continued. The Council was now providing additional support on claim submissions. The Members noted that the risks associated with resource pressures had been noted on the PEACE IV risk register and had been escalated to senior management. Options to address the staffing issues were currently being explored.

As previously reported, following written confirmation of the extended delivery timeframe, staff contracts had now been extended to March or June 2023 in line with delivery timeframes. The PEACE IV team was progressing key priorities, including project modifications, project closures, updating of monitoring and evaluation.

The Programme Manager reported that expenditure across the programme totalled £7.87m, with a reimbursement of £6.2m to date. Preparation of the Period 32 claim was currently progressing, the value of which was estimated at £855k. The Council's resource pressures were causing some delay in responding to SEUPB requests to progress claims reimbursement. The Members noted that discussions had taken place with SEUPB on prioritising the reimbursement of outstanding NIHE claims given the delivery partner's backlog of claims.

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

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 note the contents of the report and related appendices and recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to

CYP 3 On the Right Track (OTRT)

- Note the position of this contract remains at risk and all measures are being pursued to address the under delivery and current status of project.

CYP 5 NIHE

- Note the revised budgets indicating delivery to February 2023 and as noted to extend the finance officer and programme manager roles and the salary increase to March 2023.

3.0 Main report

Project Updates

3.1 CYP 1-TECH CONNECTS, GIGA Training (Afterschool’s and Digital Arts Academies’ Camps)

(6-11, 12-16 yr. olds)

Members are advised this project is moving to completion. The delivery agent has submitted the final report, which is currently being reviewed. The M&E evidence shows the figures having completed as below. An onsite visit is to be scheduled to verify retention of records etc and close the contract with final payment.

Delivery Agent	Sessions	Target	Completed	Variance
GIGA Training	6-11-Year-Olds	494	484	-10
GIGA Training	12-16-Year-Olds	365	360	- 5
Previous Delivery agent	Tech Connects 2018/2019	133	133	0
	Total	992	977	-15

98.5% complete against target.

3.2 CYP 1 – TECH CONNECTS, Belfast Metropolitan College (Digital Insights Programme)

(17-24 yr. olds)

In line with the approval to extend to 31 January 2023, a contract addendum has been prepared and forwarded for signing to Belfast Metropolitan College.

As outlined in previous highlight reports, the scheduled intakes were impacted by last minute cancellations, participants no longer being available, and by staff absences due to illness. However, delivery is ongoing for November/ December with new cohorts and efforts continuing around recruitment.

The November Programme Board, noted the anticipated completion level of 104 participants, 6 less than the previously approved and amended target of 110. Discussions are to be progressed with SEUPB, on the acceptance of this level of achievement given the approved reduction as presented in the Business case was from 160 to 110.

Total	104 from a target of 160	56 remaining against original target of 160
	104 from a target of 110	6 remaining against target of 110

3.3 CYP 2 – Playing our Part in the City

An On-the-Spot Verification/Site Visit took place during October and a report issued to the project for further clarification. On receipt of the final clarification, the final payment will be released.

Total	610 young people from a target of 640	Progressing to Closure
	123 Parents from a target of 100	

3.4 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements

There is currently no live programming for OTRT. The last partnership completed delivery on the 11th November with 42 participants completing the 26 required hours. Recruitment of further clubs / participants is temporarily on hold as there is no Project Officer in post.

Officers have met with the delivery partner to discuss the current position and ascertain next steps. A full review of monitoring data and report on status has been provided for review. The report highlights the position as presented in this table. It is anticipated

that an update will be presented to Members at the December meeting.

There are currently 811 registered participants with 547 completing the required 26hours.

Hours Status	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total Participants
Completed OCN & Hours	210	51	40	136	437
Incomplete OCN	111	77	25	51	264
VRQ & Sports Leaders COMPLETED	29	57	24		110
	<u>350</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>1787</u>	<u>811</u>

Total	547 completed from a target of 1260	713 remaining to achieve target figure of 1260 264 registered but have not achieved hrs of engagement
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Personal Change – Delivered by Extern

As previously reported, the final report and additional supporting information and evidence has been submitted. An On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit is being progressed.

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

As previously reported, a final signed closure report together with supporting evidence has now been submitted. Officers are reviewing all information and an On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit is to be arranged.

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

NIHE's request for extension has been approved in principle which will allow delivery to February 2023. A revised implementation plan has been requested.

The revised budget has been submitted with some minor queries raised and NIHE are progressing returns.

The additional request for retention of finance officer and programme manager to March 2023 has been requested. However, this may have implications on the current Peace IV Letter of offers

which also complete in March 2023. NIHE have been advised of this position with the potential to complete early March.

Consideration must be given to the potential of delayed paperwork and time allotted for the Peace IV team to collate and submit paperwork for this and other project closures.

Total	352 from a target of 304 120 Core Participants 232 Peer Participants	+ 48 over target
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3.7 Financial and Resource Implications

The financial position is as previously reported, with claims up to Period 31, valued at £1.92m submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement and expected claim for Period 32 at £83k for BCC, £17k for NIHE and total £100k. To date £1.665m has been reimbursed.

3.8 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 noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to:

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- Note the position of this contract remained at risk and all measures were being pursued to address the under delivery and current status of project;

CYP 5 NIHE

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Update on BPR Theme

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

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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

2.1

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the

contents of the report and related appendices and agree in principle:

BPR 1 - NIHE

- **The request for finance officer and programme manager roles to be extended to early March 2023 to ensure all documentation can be submitted and verified to allow achievement of a successful closure process within the timeframe of the Council's Letter of Offer.**
- **To note the decision from the delivery partner not to continue with the East Belfast Network for the reasons outlined in the report.**

BPR 3 - Local Action Plan Projects

- **To note that all projects were completed in November**
- **To note the two remaining study visits that sit with council to deliver will not be achieved.**

BPR 5 - LINCS

- **To note that the project will complete at the end of November with a small, localised event planned to capture completion of the leadership programme and overall completion of the project.**

BPR 5 - Traveller

- **To note that the final event was cancelled due to low commitment to attend. The proposed approach will be to showcase the collective exhibition artworks in the new year at a central location.**

BPR6 - St Comgall's

- **To agree that the extension agreed in November by members to 31 January 2023 to allow for changes to materials to be implemented, to be instead processed through to 28 February 2023 for prudence, this is within the original contract terms (a contract renewal)**

BPR Cinematography

- **To agree an extension to 28 February for Cinematography. This is to allow all filming to be captured for projects that have been extended (SSS, NIHE projects).**

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

The status and progress with projects are outlined in Appendix I BPR-RAG report.

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

3.1 BPR1 – Cross Community Area Networks (CCAN)

Participation levels remain consistent with 129/144 core participants and over 400/485 peer participants all pending verification.

Members are asked to refer to recommendations and agree the additional request to extend the finance officer and programme manager roles to March 2023. Budgets have been submitted to reflect this request. There is a likelihood of crossover with the Peace IV Programme Letters of Offer and therefore, delivery to the end of March 2023 will impact the time allotted to NIHE. Council's current Letter of Offer with SEUPB is only extended until 31 March 2023. Therefore, Members are asked to agree an early March completion date to be agreed with the Programme Manager and Neighbourhood Services Manager. This will ensure all documentation can be submitted and verified to allow achievement of a successful closure process.

Members will be aware of the request to progress with Quantity surveyors for the place shaping concepts. NIHE have advised they are speaking with Carlin, the agreed consultants on how engagement with the local communities to date has been achieved and recorded.

Members will be aware of the recent challenges with the East Belfast Network. NIHE were asked to consider the rationale to support the approach and continuation of the single identity group. The delivery partner has advised that this group is no longer viable as it cannot achieve the objectives of the cross-community project.

3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project

The current projected position indicates 110 participants should complete by December 2022 from a reduced target figure of 144.

The review of all data, monitoring and registrations indicates current participant numbers as 156 registered. However, to date only 73 have completed 42 hours engagement.

Members to note the Culture Unit has agreed to continue the PSO post to March 2023. Therefore, delivery could continue to February 2023 dependent on agreements from existing artists and interest to continue engagement is gained from participants.

Current indications are that both the Ardoyne Woodvale and Divis Lower Shankill groups wish to complete by December 2022, with only a small number anticipated to complete the required 42hrs.

Options to address this shortfall are to explore an additional cohort which could see the final 144 target achieved. The project support officer is progressing options for a new cohort pursuing options with Shankill Women's Centre, Short Strand Community Centre and TWN- Training for Women Network.

McCadden has produced initial draft for the East cohort booklet, the publication is in a vibrant and appealing format, showcasing the sessions and works completed by this cohort. Once finalised an example will be included in papers for information. McCadden continue to work with steering group leads and artists to progress the other booklets.

3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project

Transformative Leadership Programme

The local projects developed through the Action Plans completed throughout November with one final piece due to complete early December. In total, in excess of 1380 people attended or participated in these local projects.

The Black gates project will complete in December, the community event and a subsequent workshop session have helped to shape the final proposed art. All parties in Suffolk community centre, Stewartstown Road Regeneration project and Kidstogether have reviewed and agreed the final works.

A further consultation was carried out by the community engagement officer appointed to Suffolk community centre with the feedback submitted as positive.

The artist is finalising the actual works on the gates and an unveiling event is scheduled for early December. (Appendix 2, Black gates images.)

The West Garden of Reflection and the Ulster University Gaming app are the two projects that availed of additional funds to launch their projects to the communities. Each project received up to a maximum of £1500 each to utilise for unveiling their completed works to the communities. It is

anticipated up to 100 people will attend across both projects.

Processing of payments and procurement related to the local action plan projects remains an extensive piece of work and is envisaged to continue into the new year. The Thematic Project Manager continues to progress these areas to ensure final closure of all council related elements of the local action plan projects.

The two remaining study visits assigned to council for delivery will not be achieved. This is in part due to resource pressures and in large a lack of participant's interest. Scoping indicated less than 10 people were available for these events. The target is 20 participants per visit therefore it is not considered financially viable to progress.

The thematic manager is finalising all elements of closure and an on-the-spot visit is scheduled early December with the delivery partner. The Project Manager is finalising the review of documentation for closure of the Transform for Change project.

S3 solutions (Transform for Change evaluators) have met with the Thematic Manager, completed a summary, and clarified the final position of all objectives both for partner delivery and internal delivery. The Thematic Manager collated significant information and data to support S3 to complete their final evaluation report of the Transform for Change project. S3 have submitted their quarterly report and have agreed the final evaluation report will be progressed before year end.

Target	Status
45 cluster reports	48 submitted
15 case studies	13 submitted
45 TLP courses	42 achieved
934 participants	592 completed

3.4 BPR4 – BATW-Facilitation

The Belfast and the World project is complete all verification of documentation and the on-the-spot visit have been completed. The final payment has been processed.

The facilitation of the BCC element of study visits and residentials is also complete with the final study visit not realised as previously reported. Payment has been progressed and reflects the element not achieved.

3.5 BPR5 – Supporting Connected Communities - LINCS Project

The LINCS project completed at the end of November. The end report has been issued a band after review of all data submitted and verification of monitoring a date for the on-the-spot visit will be issued.

LINCS are considering the closure event. They have noted there is limited interest from participants after a long programme and a smaller low-key event has been suggested with planning under way.

The Leadership Programme has completed, and targets achieved, pending verification.

Target	Status
96 participants – to engage in 68 hrs of engagement	96 participants completed 68 hrs and over
1 Shared learning event per annum 2 Intercultural events per annum	3 achieved 14 achieved

All attendance trackers for all elements along with minutes and details of Inclusion forums have been submitted for final review.

3.6 BPR5 – Traveller Project - Supporting Connected Communities

All workshops and exhibitions have been completed and delivery of the traveller project workshops and exhibitions is now at an end. Verification of the Empowering Young Women’s project documentation remains outstanding and is with the delivery agent to progress.

The Heart Project’s Health and Wellbeing Exhibition took place in October had over 30 people in attendance. The women all baked breads, hosted an exhibition and spoke to their experiences. It was very well received by all present and the final work will form part of a larger event in the new year. The Heart Project has submitted all documentation and final payment has been progressed.

The project end report has been progressed by the Thematic Manager along with the submission of the quarterly report. Final verification of all monitoring documentation will form part of the end process and closure.

Target	Status
40 participants – Traveller and Settled Communities	32 completed 26 hrs or more 3 completed between 23-25hrs
200 attendees at community events	135 people attended 3 community events and 1 festival.

As previously noted, SEUPB were to consider the reduced final figures and to note have accepted the reduction in targets achieved. Engagement and collaboration across this project have encountered challenges, as previously reported which have delayed or hindered areas to be fully realised.

3.7 BPR5 – Roma Project - Supporting Connected Communities

The Roma project has submitted a delivery schedule for the remaining training elements completing on the 12th December 2022. The end event, a celebration of the Roma project is in planning and has been provisionally scheduled for 19th December at 11am. Invites will be extended nearer the time once the venue and itinerary have been confirmed.

The final position for Forward South is positive with some minor adjustments and mitigations of deliverables. An on-the-spot verification visit is to be scheduled and the end report submitted.

SEUPB met with the PEACE IV Secretariat to review mitigations for remaining elements. The delivery partner remains positive that they can complete both the Advice training and the conversational English classes within the remaining period.

3.8 BPR6 – St. Comgall's

Project activity is nearing an end with one rescheduled seminar and the final celebration event to be held. The project has advised the final celebration event will meet the outcome of a seminar and provide additional contact hours.

The equality screening for the exhibition and educational resources is ongoing. Further supporting information on the development process and demonstration of meeting Peace objectives has been received from the delivery partner and is under review. The process will continue until the required S75 obligations have been met.

Target	Status
20 core young people participants	27 completed target of 33 hrs
20 core adult participants	14 completed reduced target of 32 hrs

Cinematography Project

Filming of suitable opportunities to capture the Belfast Peace Journey is continuing. Members are asked to approve an extension to February 2023 to allow all deliverables to be met, namely for better coverage of the extended projects – SSS capital and NIHE projects.

End of project clips produced in the last month have been for Roma and Traveller projects. A BPR1 social clip was filmed and produced. Upcoming filming is scheduled for SSS Youth Civic Engagement, CYP5 projects, and the Forth Meadow public artwork. End of project clips for NIHE, SSS and BPR6 will follow in the new year.

3.9 Financial and Resource Implications

BPR expenditure and claims within this period are estimated to total £578,289.81, with BCC BPR claims for period 32 valued at £147k and BPR NIHE valued at £431,495.58

3.10 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

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It was agreed the Peace IV Programme Officer would liaise with NIHE in respect of a specific BPR programme date.

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.

- **Springfield Dam**

The naming process closed on 21st November 2022 with 40+ names submitted by local people. A short-listing meeting, to agree the final three/four options to go out for public vote, had been scheduled for Thursday 1st December 2022. A "yourspace" page was also being drafted and would be opened for the public voting process before Christmas, closing in January 2023.

PEACE IV Network Scheme - Capital Works - Work was continuing in Section 2, following commencement in October, with completion still scheduled for June 2023. There remains a delay with hand-over to the Council, for Sections 3 and 4, due to issues with NIE connections for lighting columns.

- **Social Values Clause**

The Members noted the update below relating to the social values clause:

Apprentices / Placements: A Civil Engineering placement student from Queen's University was employed from July 2021 to August 2022, replaced with another in May 2022, who would be involved in the project to completion.

An apprentice Civil Engineer joined the project in January 2022 for a period of 130 weeks, with a second joining in October 2022. Both have been involved with surveying / setting out duties.

Long Term Unemployed: The ground works contractor, Demesne Contracts, employed a general operative, who had previously been unemployed and who had been in employment on the project since March 2022.

Trainees: The Contractor, John McQuillan contracts (JMQ) had been having difficulty sourcing candidates interested in obtaining unpaid training and were looking at linking with the Council's Employability and Skills Team for a list of potential candidates through their contacts.

Community Engagement: To date, JMQ had engaged with all sections of the community before commencing each work phase and had included:

- Prestart letter drops providing detail of the scheme and contact information.
- Calls in person to local schools, sports clubs and community hubs providing detail on the project and contact details for site team.

They had also attended a number of community meetings and had supported a number of local projects across the Greenway. There were also plans to donate Christmas hampers in December, but the method of distribution was to be agreed and they would be liaising with the project team and community stakeholders regarding this.

Fundraising/Local Charities: JMQ had been collecting tinned / bagged goods to donate to food charities in early 2023, with a drop in box located in their canteens. They would be liaising with the project team as to the most appropriate organisations to receive the donations.

Information Days: Due to the works phased being spread across a large geographical area, JMQ had not organised any specific information days. If there were suggestions of what might be suitable for Section 2, they were keen to fulfill this requirement.

Social Media: Regular updates were on JMQ's LinkedIn page, and they were currently drafting an update for posting this month.

Supplier Opportunities: Due to the nature of the works and the small number of materials involved, this requirement had been hard to fulfill. JMQ's 'in house' companies supply all the necessary materials.

Considerate Contractors Scheme: JMQ had had two visits from the CCS inspector in March and August 2022, scoring 36/45 in March and 38/45 in August.

- **Signage**

As reported in November, in line with ongoing discussion around the Council's language policy, senior management were advised on the PEACE IV Rules and Regulations around language. The Members would be updated on any progress or outcomes.

- **Public Art Pieces**

Work on the flagship piece was progressing with installation planned for Monday 16th January 2023 and a public unveiling on Thursday 19th January 2023.

Two floor art pieces were currently being installed in Glencairn Park (Section 1) and Springfield Park (Section 3).

- **Programming**

Implementation of the programming aspects were progressing.

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

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
300 individuals	257 recruited
51 narratives (3 narratives x 17 panels)	52 draft narratives
12 contact hours per participant	152 participants (68%) achieved over 10 hours 200 participants (89%) achieved 6 hours or more.
Compilation document of all stories	In progress

Draft narratives, for panels planned for Section 4, were circulated to the sub-group for review and the narratives for inclusion on the planned panels had been agreed (referred to in Appendix II). The project was finalising the publication for all the narratives gathered and with a foreword from the SCP Chairperson, forwarding a draft for review and proofing in line with Council's Plain English policy.

The Members noted that the Programme Board had been requested to agree the level of achievement in relation to participants' contact hours, ahead of discussion with SEUPB and acceptance of the level of achievement.

- **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)	13 recruited
The Conservation Volunteers	
15 volunteers (Nature Guides)	12 recruited

An options document, around the interim coordination of volunteering, was approved by the Programme Board and had been forwarded to the SEUPB for review and requesting approval.

Volunteers from the four projects, participated in a visit to Oxford Island on 17th November, visiting The Lough Neagh Discovery Centre and Bushcraft Centre. The volunteers were able to see other shared projects, talk about their own activities and get some ideas. A second visit was being planned for early 2023, this time to Cloughmills.

- **Governance / Management Model**

A contract was being prepared, and the contractors (MDL and Viatac Limited) had begun work on the project, submitting a Project Framework / Engagement Plan (Appendix III).

Discussions had been scheduled with Council officers and senior managers on 1 and 6 December respectively. The contractors would be in Belfast, week commencing 5th December, and would be facilitating discussions / workshops on 6th December (youth providers), 7th December (community stakeholders) and 8th December (volunteers).

- **Youth Engagement & Civic Education**

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
400 young people	80 young people registered from Nubia, Blackmountain, Glencairn and Forthspring.
60 contact hours per participants	54 young participants have achieved 60+ contact hours.

On submission of the requested implementation plan (Appendix IV), the Programme Board were being asked to approve an extension of the project to 28 February 2023. The plan forecasted completion by 387 young people (97% of delivery target). The Members noted that there was additional activity included in the implementation plan:

- A celebration lunch and tour of Crumlin Road Gaol, for all the schools involved; and
- Replacing residential activity with day trips, where appropriate, and requested by participant groups.

This was a variation from the original tender submission and the approved project plan. The Partnership noted, as such, the Programme Board were being requested to approve this additional activity and change to project delivery.

The Partnership further noted that, given the extended period, Youth Link NI had highlighted additional costs would be incurred. They had estimated an additional £15K-£20K would be needed to conclude the project. The Programme Board was requested to approve, in principle, a contract uplift of no more than 10% (£16,000), subject to the submission of a requested budget breakdown and the availability of support within the SSS programme budget. Delegated authority had been given to the CYP and BPR Chairperson to agree the finalised contract up-lift.

- **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

	- "Day of the Dead" in Springfield Park – approx. 2,000+ 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 - "Movies in the Dam" – approx. 700 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 - Dunville Heritage Tour and Whiskey Tasting – approx. 20 people - "Street Art Jam in Partnership with Seedhead Arts at Glencairn Park – attracted approx. 10 people - "Spooks on Spokes" – approx. 20+ people

ArtsEkta had now completed its contract, co-ordinating a programme of over 20 small, medium and large community events / activities. PEACE IV was now reviewing its Period 32 Quarterly Report and Final Project report.

- **Resource Allocation**

Options in relation to how to use the support from the Resource Allocation was approved by Programme Board in November and forwarded to SEUPB for review, receiving approval by email on 22 November 2022.

As previously reported, total expenditure to date for the SSS totaled £2.7m, with £1.82m reimbursed by SEUPB. Claims for Periods 28-31 valued at £908K remained outstanding. A Period 32 claim for £177k was to be submitted.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to:

- Narratives/Interpretative Panel – Mediation NI
 - Note that the contact hours achievement level was to be discussed and agreed with SEUPB;
- Youth Civic Education – Youth Link NI
 - Note an extension of the Youth Civic Education project to 28 February 2023;
 - Note the additional / alternative activity for schools (Crumlin Rd Gaol) and day trips
 - Agree a possible contract uplift of no more than 10% (£16,000), subject to the submission of a budget breakdown and availability of support within the SSS programme budget;
 - Note that delegated authority had been given to the CYP Chairperson and BPR Chairperson to agree the finalised contract uplift, subject to the above confirmation.

A Member recognised the work that had been undertaken by Mr. D. McGann, Peace IV Project Manager, in relation to the Springfield Dam bridge naming process which he stated

was helped by the officer's diligence and patience when dealing with such a broad and diverse group to agree the final four names for public consultation.

Update on Interfaces Programme

The Good Relations Officer updated the Members in relation to further project proposals that had been developed as part of the Good Relations Action Plan within the BCC7 Interfaces Programme.

The Members recalled the Interfaces Programme (BCC7) within the Good Relations Action Plan. Thus far, the Members had allocated £64,235 of the total fund of £70,000. Projects across the City had been funded under this programme.

The Good Relations Officer advised that officers had continued to engage with groups on project development and received project proposals as follows:

1. Lower Oldpark Community Association for support towards their NOW Project (Neighbours over the Wall). This project was a cross community Women's project consisting of a partnership between the Lower Oldpark Community Association and Thorndale Duncairn and Kinnaird Community Group. The funding of £4,927 would go towards a series of workshops and a study visit to Derry/Londonderry to meet with groups working on interface issues there;
2. Limestone United Football Club for support towards a youth engagement programme to engage with young people directly involved in negative activity through "interface conversations and engagements". The funding of £1,000 would help break the cycle of this negative behaviour, such as sectarian abuse, anti-social behaviour and possession of offensive weapons.

The Partnership noted that applications for Council small grants, including Good Relations small grants, were currently open. The closing date for receipt of applications was Friday 13th January 2023 at 12:00 noon and all information was available at: <https://www.belfastcity-grants.com/>

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and recommended that funding be awarded under the BCC7 Interfaces Programme within the Council's Good Relations Action Plan as follows:

- Lower Oldpark Community Association; £4,927 towards their NOW (Neighbours Over the Wall) programme;
- Limestone United Football Club: £1,000 towards a youth engagement programme.

Update on PEACE PLUS Local Community Action Plan

The Neighbourhood Services Manager provided the Members with an update on recent activity with regards to the development of the PEACE PLUS 1.1. Co-designed Local Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast and explained that the areas for discussion at the meeting would include:

- An overview of Stakeholder Engagement for Stage 1 and any outstanding planned engagement;

- Public survey that has been issued which would form part of Stage 1;
- Co-design Stage 1 final report process;
- Co-design Stage 2 overview of process;
- SEUPB update.

- **Stage 1 - Stakeholder Engagement Sessions Completion**

Following on from an update at the previous Partnership meeting, further engagement had taken place as part of Co-Design Stage 1 development of the local plan. The reason for additional engagement sessions was to address gaps from the initial engagement sessions that had taken place in October.

The purpose of these engagement workshops was to receive input from stakeholders on how the local Peace Action Plans should be developed and how they should be involved in Co-Designing the plan. The Members received a breakdown of attendance at a range of engagement sessions that had taken place to date via Public Information sessions and online.

As part of Stage 1 engagement, as agreed by the Partnership, a public survey was issued that that asked similar questions to those that were asked at the facilitated sessions. The Members had been involved in designing this survey. The survey opened on Wednesday 30th November and would be advertised and issued through the following channels:

- PEACEPLUS 1.1 Mailing list – a total of 405 individuals / organisations who had signed up to be involved in the development of the local action plan;
- Council's Your Say Belfast Engagement Platform – a total of 1400 individuals had signed up to receiving Council related information via this platform;
- Council website and social media platforms;
- Council community contacts;
- Elected Members and key partnerships.

The closing date for the survey was 15th December 2022.

There were potential further engagement sessions that might take place as part of Stage 1, to finalise the Stage 1 report which would need to take place by Monday 12th December. The Neighbourhood Services Manager explained that the project was now at a stage where, due to the urgency of producing a Stage 1 report and commencing Stage 2, it was proposed that once any outstanding engagement had taken place, Stage 1 Engagement be completed. She informed the Members that once all the information from Stage 1 had been collated and summarised, a report would be produced that would be discussed at a future SCP meeting.

The content of the report would include the following:

1. Introduction to PEACEPLUS 1.1 and Stage 1 process;
2. Profile of the city including strategic context and research;
3. Emerging needs from Stage 1 engagement;
4. Emerging PEACEPLUS opportunities (thematic focus);
5. Next Steps.

Approval Timelines

To ensure that SCP members had input into the final report, Council approval was received with regards to its content and proposed next steps, it was proposed that the following be undertaken:

- **Stage 1 Report Approval Process**

Action	Date (2023)
SCP consider initial Stage 1 draft report	9th January
SCP workshop to provide detailed feedback	By 27th January
SCP Recommend Final report	6th February
SPR Sign off	17th – 24th February
Full Council Approval	1st March

The Members noted that, due to the forthcoming Local Government Elections, it was important that the Stage 1 report was signed off by the March Council meeting as there would be no further Council committee meetings taking place from April until June 2023.

- **Stage 2**

For Stage 2 Co-Design development of the plan, information collated in Stage 1 would be used and included in the final report to develop more detailed project concept ideas that could be included as part of the action plan submission to SEUPB. This would result in having a long list of project ideas. Due to the tight timeframes in relation to the submission of the local action plan, the Programme Officer explained that the Stage 2 planning process would be carried out in parallel with the end of the Stage 1 report going through the Council's governance procedures as outlined above.

The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised that further detail on Stage 2 would be brought back to a future SCP meeting, however, authority was being sought to start to plan and organise Stage 2 in January. Some of the key actions that would need to take this forward in Stage 2 would include:

Action	Indicative Dates (2023)
Agree Stage 2 methodology	By 27th January
Agree parameters for assessment on each theme based on SEUPB guidance and those identified by the SCP	By 27th January
Collective Round Table Workshop to present stage 1 Report to Stakeholders	February
Thematic deep dive workshops (to further develop potential ideas) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Community Regeneration and Transformation 2. Thriving and Peaceful Communities 3. Celebrating Cultural and Diversity 	March

Final Stage 2 report with long list of project concepts and approval to proceed to Stage 3	April
Agree Stage 3 methodology	May

The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised that officers recently met with SEUPB to provide an overview of the current status with regards to progress on developing the local action plan for Belfast. SEUPB advised that they it was content with the progress with Stage 1 Engagement process. SEUPB officers also updated officers that it was unlikely that the call document for 1.1 would be open by the end of 2022.

Officers were commencing the process to progress recruitment of a PEACE Programme Manager in accordance with Council procedures.

The Members noted the contents of the report, provided feedback and:

- Agreed that Stage 1 facilitated engagement process closed as outlined in the report;
- Provided feedback on the process for finalising the Stage 1 report;
- Agreed to the general process for commencing Stage 2 for developing the local action plan.

The Chairperson referred to the launch of the ‘Inequalities experienced by Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Traveller people residing in Belfast’ research report which had been launched at the City Hall the previous week and acknowledged the work that had gone into the report and how valuable the research and recommendations would be going forward.

Chairperson