

## **SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP**

**Monday 9th January, 2023**

### **MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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

External Members: Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. A. Tohill, Good Relations, TEO  
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;  
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager  
Ms. G. Boyd, Democratic Services Officer; and  
Ms. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillor Hutchinson and McCullough, Superintendent Ford, Mr. P. Anderson. Mr. J. Donnelly, Ms. G. Duggan, Mr. S. Hamilton, and Ms. A. M. White

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 5th December, 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Ms. B. Arthurs declared an interest in relation item 5 PEACE IV Update on BPR Theme and item 6 Good Relations Audit and Action Plan 23/24.

Ms. A. Tohill declared an interest item 5, PEACE IV Update on BPR Theme, item 6 Good Relations Audit & Action Plan 23/24 and item 9 Update on PEACE PLUS 1.1. Co - designed Local Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast.

(Both left the meeting whilst the matters were under consideration)

Councillor Duffy declared an interest due to his role with The West Belfast Partnership Board as a delivery partner for BPR3 project and facilitator for the related Black Gates project.

Mr. A. Hannaway declared an interest in item 5, PEACE IV Update on BPR Theme.

## **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. She advised that, as outlined in the thematic reports, the focus of several projects had transitioned to the closure phase. Although for those projects continuing activity into 2023, mitigations and project extensions were progressed as necessary.

Closure of the CYP2 Playing Our Part project had moved forward and final payment had been progressed.

The initial On the spot verifications visit (OSV) for CYP3 Personal Change was completed, a further verification would take place in 2023. The CYP4 OSV was to be rescheduled to January 2023, at the request of the delivery partner. Final review of CYP1 Tech Connects delivery by GIGA had progressed.

The Secretariat had been liaising with CYP3 OTRT Sports and the Leisure Manager to establish the position and next steps for the project.

Members were requested to note that the Programme would transition to the Post Project Evaluation phase in 2023.

The Peace IV Programme Manager then advised that formal confirmation regarding approval of the NIHE revised budgets by SEUPB's Steering Group had been requested from SEUPB. Current Letters of Offer for all themes had expired on 31 December 2022 and updated letters of offers had been received. Discussions with SEUPB regarding the mitigations for the Traveller, Roma and SSS Narratives project had progressed, and no issues had been highlighted. Formal submission of the request was underway.

In relation to the claims submissions, she advised that vouching and verification of the Period 32 claim had progressed with assistance from the BCC Finance team, however, as several project staff were no longer in post, vouching of expenditure had been more challenging. The estimated value of the overall claim was £850K. However, members were requested to note that the Period 32 claim for NIHE was submitted separately, due to the commencement of the budget modification for NIHE CYP and BPR projects. In addition, some Period 32 expenditure for CYP3 was to be submitted with the Period 33 claim. As previously reported, risks associated with resource pressures were continuing. Spend on the Programme totaled £8.6 million with reimbursement of £6.2 million.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they 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 1 – Tech Connects – Insights element (Belfast Metropolitan College)

- approve a project extension to 31 March 2023, subject to provisions for the Council’s closure period.

### CYP 3 – On the Right Track Sports element

- agree, in principle to explore project closure, subject to agreement with BCC management and SEUPB.
- agree that £5 per completed participant under claimed by Active Communities Network (ACN) should be reviewed and eligible payment progressed, as appropriate.

### CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery

- note the preliminary level of achievement and
- agree to delegate authority to the CYP and BPR Thematic Chairs and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to presented to members in February 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)

Verification of final monitoring and evaluation data has been progressing. Review of the final report together with the achievement of results is underway. The anticipated level of achievement is 98% of target will be met.

An on-the-spot verification visit is to be scheduled to verify records and progress project closure will be confirmed in early January 2023.

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

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

(17-24 yr. olds)

As previously reported, some project elements had not progressed as planned. Efforts to deliver activity has been ongoing during December with further recruitment and new cohorts anticipated.

Members had previously agreed to extend project activity to 31 January 2023, to help with the achievement of target deliverables. Following a recent contract management meeting, the delivery partner, Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC), has verbally requested a further extension to March 2023 as there is new momentum and interest in the project and an extension would assist with the achievement of agreed targets.

Members are requested to note the Programme Board in December, approved an extension, subject to provisions for the Council’s closure period and that no additional monies are required. As such members are requested to approve the extension to 31 March 2023.

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

**3.2 CYP 2 – Playing our Part in the City**

*The final On-the-Spot Verification/Site Visit took place in December and the OSV report completed and agreed with the Delivery Partner. Members should note that the achievement of results has been completed and evidence supports the achievement of 94% of CYP participants. Final payment is now being progressed.*

Total	604 young people from a target of 640	Closed
	123 Parents from a target of 100	

**3.3 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements**

As members are aware delivery of this project is high risk and the achievement of targets within the remaining timeframe is highly unlikely. A full review of monitoring data is currently underway.

As such it is recommended that members agree in principle, to explore bringing the project to a close, subject to agreement by BCC Management and SEUPB.

The PEACE IV team is currently liaising with Sports Development to identify outstanding project elements that could be progressed over the coming weeks, such as OCN and Sports Leaders training with Active Communities Network (ACN). It is welcome that ACN acknowledges the challenges with the project and has agreed to provide support to bring the project to a close and also to confirm the final participation figures.

Members are also requested to note that £5 per completed participant for the provision of accredited training has been under claimed by Active Communities Network (ACN) from their tender submission price. Following discussions with SEUPB, approval has been provided to revisit the costings and enable ACN to claim this underpayment. As such members are requested to agree that payments should be reviewed and eligible payment of £5 per complete participant progressed as appropriate.

Preliminary monitoring data shows 811 registered participants with 547 completing the required 26 hours. As referenced above a full review of participation is underway.

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**

An On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit took place in December, however limited information was available due to staff illness, as such a further follow up visit is to be scheduled in January 2023.

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

The closure process is progressing although the On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit planned for December 2022, is to be rescheduled at the request of Co-Operation Ireland.

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**

The budget modification for the project has been progressed with SEUPB. On receipt of revised Letter of Offer, the project extension will be progressed as previously approved.

Members are advised that a review of monitoring data submitted to date has been completed. This indicates a level of underachievement in the project. Current data shows that 0/104 core participants (0%) and 9/200 peer participants (4.5%) have met the required contact hours. A further 53 peer participants may be considered as completed, which would take the completion figure for peer participants to 62/200 (31%), see table below:

CYP 5- review Dec 22	100%	50-79.5%	25-49.5%	0-24.5%		
Core Participant numbers 104 target 100 hours	80-100	50-79.5	25-49.5	0-24.5	total participants	Review
Core participants Total	0	8	9	90	107	0/104 achieved target hrs to date
Peer participant numbers 200 target hours 30	24-30hrs (80-100%)	15-23.5 (50-79%)	0-15 0-49%			
Peer participant numbers	9	11	173		193	9/200 achieved target hrs to date
Core to Peer	53				53	
<b>Total participant target 304</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>353/304 registered</b>
Agreed reductions as per business case						
Reduction of participants from 900 to 304						
Core hours from 200 to 100						
Peer hours 30 with 80 % OIG applicable						

A positional paper detailing the target hours attained per participant and updated data has been requested from NIHE to confirm the position. *Further discussions with NIHE are underway to consider an alternate approach to address under delivery and/or an additional project modification.*

Discussions with SEUPB on the expected achievement of targets will follow. As such members are requested to note the preliminary level of achievement and agree to delegate authority to the CYP and BPR Thematic Chairs and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to presented to members in February 2023.

### 3.6 Financial and Resource Implications

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

Preparation for the submission of Period 32 claims is underway, the anticipated CYP expenditure and claims within this period are estimated at £100K, with BCC CYP claims valued at £83k and BPR NIHE valued at £17K

### **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 recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree in principle:

#### **CYP 1 – Tech Connects – Insights element (Belfast Metropolitan College)**

- To approve a project extension to 31 March 2023, subject to provisions for the Council’s closure period.

#### **CYP 3 – On the Right Track Sports element**

- To agree, in principle, to explore project closure, subject to agreement with BCC management and SEUPB.
- To agree that £5 per completed participant under claimed by Active Communities Network (ACN) should be reviewed and eligible payment progressed, as appropriate.

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- To note the preliminary level of achievement and
- To agree to delegate authority to the CYP and BPR Thematic Chairs and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to presented to members in February 2023.

#### **PEACE IV - Update on SSS Theme**

The Peace IV Programme Manager provided the Partnership (SCP) with a progress update 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.

#### **Springfield Dam**

She advised that preparation for the opening of the public vote, via the Council’s consultation system, Yourspace, had progressed, and it was anticipated that a name would be agreed by February 2023.

#### **PEACE IV Network Scheme – Capital Works**

Work had continued in Section 2 and completion was still on course for June 2023.

All works in Sections 3 and 4 were completed and both sections had been handed over to the Council by the contractor.

## **Signage**

The Director of Physical Programmes had reviewed all information including the Council's language policy. A report was prepared for members' consideration and the Partnership would be updated and advised of any proposed approach.

## **Public Art Pieces**

Floor Art Pieces had been installed in Glencairn Park (Section 1), Springfield Park (Section 3) and Bog Meadows (Section 4). The unveiling of the floor art piece in Glencairn Park had taken place on Thursday 8 December 2022, with local school children and with the Shared City Partnership Chairperson in attendance.

Work on the flag-ship piece was nearing completion, members should note that issues relating to licences and leasing had delayed the installation and official unveiling, until late February 2023.

## **Programming**

Implementation of the programming aspects were progressing.

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

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

The final contracted deliverable of the compendium of stories and narratives into a publication was progressing. A draft foreword from the SCP Chairperson had been compiled and proofed as necessary. A timeframe for the delivery of the publication had been requested from the delivery partner.

The Members were reminded that a reduced level of achievement in relation to participants' contact hours had been agreed and was progressing to SEUPB for approval.

## **Resource Allocation**

The Members were reminded that, following nil responses for community led activity, it was agreed to consider options for the reallocation of the funding and to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to consider and agree the approach. The revised Resource Allocation is outlined below:

Interim support for FMCG Volunteer coordination Co-ordination Role Support volunteers to deliver 10 activities along Greenway Approx allocation - Sustrans £7,700; Volunteer Now £2,850; Conservation Volunteers £7,700. Based costs of suppliers	£20,070.00
Coordinated programme of community events Animation of 5 sections with medium event during Jan – May 23 approx £5,000 per event + management fee	£26,930.00
Revised resource allocation support for cross community event / activity – 5 x £5,000 per section	£25,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£72,000.00</b>

The approach had been submitted and agreed by SEUPB. Members were requested to note and agree the reallocation of funding from the Resource Allocation as outlined above.

Steps to mobilise these elements were progressing with volunteer co-ordination progressing through Single Tender Actions (STA) with the Volunteer Leads, a quotation document for a coordinated programme of activities / events had been drafted and issued to SEUPB for review and approval.

The revised resource allocation support documentation would be reviewed in the new year and a call for applications opened to community groups / organisations along the Forth Meadow Community Greenway. A list of possible applicant organisations had been identified.

### 3.6 Shared Space Volunteer Training

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
<i>Sustrans</i>	
30 volunteers (15 Walk & 15 Cycle Leads)	27 recruited across 3 groups
<i>Volunteer Now Enterprise</i>	
15 volunteers (Local Ambassadors)	13 recruited
<i>The Conservation Volunteers</i>	
15 volunteers (Nature Guides)	12 recruited

Volunteers from the Sustrans' lead Cycle Leads project had coordinated a Santa Cycle around Springfield Park / Dam and the surrounding area on Saturday 10 December 2022.

As referred to previously, further support for the co-ordination of volunteer activity through the reallocation of the Resource Allocation monies was approved by SEUPB

Single Tender Action (STA) requests to allocate additional monies to each project lead to further co-ordinate have been compiled and

submitted to SEUPB for agreement. SEUPB responded 16 December 2022, requesting some amendment be made, before approval could be given.

### 3.7 Governance / Management Model

MDL and Viatac, facilitated discussions on the implementation of the Governance Model both virtually and in person during December. Meetings with Council Officers, CNS Senior Managers, Youth Providers, FMCG Volunteers and stakeholders including Belfast Met – Springvale Campus. Two workshops with Community Stakeholders also took place. The contractors were analysing the discussions and identifying the next steps to establish interim governance structures.

### 3.8 Youth Engagement and Civic Education

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
400 young people	271 young people registered from Nubia, Blackmountain, Glencairn, Forthspring, St Peters, Ballysillan, Clonard, Corpus Christi, GVRT, Holy Trinity, Malone College, St Genevieve's and Belfast Boys Model.
60 contact hours per participants	54 young participants have achieved 60+ contact hours.

Delivery of project activity was now gaining momentum. In addition to the 54 young people who had completed the project, Youth Link had provided registration details to BCC for 217 young people registered and actively participating across different groups, referenced below. Forthspring ???

<b>St Genevieve's Malone College Boys Model</b>	<b>Glencairn/Ligoniel Corpus Christi Boys' School</b>	<b>Black Mountain Whitewell/Fortwilliam St Peter's YC / Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Clonard, Limestone &amp; Bluehouses (Ballysillan</b>	<b>Lower Shankill Greater Village Regeneration Trust (GVRT)</b>	

The project was also working with two small groups of detached young men in the Greater Village and Ballysillan areas on an outreach basis and outside of centres. The young people continued to engage and it was anticipated they would be encouraged to attend something within a youth club / centre environment.

Young people from Glencairn Youth Initiatives and Mountain Hill Youth Club had recently participated in a short video with Morrow Communications as part of the Cinematography project and a video record of the project.

### **SSS Activities and Animation Programme**

As previously reported, all animation activity had now been completed. Closure of the project contract was being progressed which included the review of the final project report, monitoring and evaluation data and contract deliverables. After which the final phased payments would be released.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The total expenditure for the SSS theme remained as previously reported, expenditure claims totalling £2.7m had been submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement, with £1.82m reimbursed to date. Claims for Periods 28-31 valued at £908K remain outstanding.

Preparation for the submission of the Period 32 claim was ongoing, it was estimated that £177k of expenditure would be submitted for reimbursement.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note and agree the reallocation of funding from the Resource Allocation as outlined above.

### **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 and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree in principle:**

##### **BPR 1 -NIHE- Cross Community Area Networks**

- to note the preliminary level of achievement and agree to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report presented to members in February 2023.**

##### **BPR 3 -NICVA**

- To note the on-the-spot verification took place on the 7th December.**

### **BPR 5-LINCS**

- to note that the project completed with a small, localised event on the 9th December.

### **BPR 5 Roma**

- to note that the final event was held at Ormeau Bowling centre on Monday 19th December.

## **3.0 Main Report**

### **Key Issues**

The status and progress with projects are outlined in Appendix I BPR Project Progress report. As members are aware 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)**

Members will be aware of the request to progress with Quantity surveyors for the place shaping concepts, this was not progressed by the delivery partner as both the supporting evidence and time remaining would not enable this element to be realised.

A final celebration event, presenting the place shaping concepts of the CCANs took place on 14 December. The event was well attended and helped establish relationships with CCANs across Belfast.

Verification of data submitted to date indicates participation levels of 130/100 Core participants registered and 294/485 Peer participants registered. However further analysis shows that whilst the participation is high per CCAN, the number of participant/s achieving the required contact hours is significantly lower. The collation of data currently indicates that 16/100 core participants and 91/485 peer participants will have met the required contact hours.

Members should note that the revised business case submitted to SEUPB earlier this year included assurances from NIHE that the reduced targets were achievable.

Further communications with NIHE are underway and discussions with SEUPB on the final position will follow. As such members are requested to note the preliminary level of achievement and agree to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to be presented to members in February 2023.

### **3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project**

The current projected position indicates that 73 participants have completed 42 hours engagement, with an additional 27 participants due to complete by December 2022, resulting in 100 participants completing from a reduced target figure of 144.

New cohorts are currently being progressed which will increase participation and the outcomes should be in line with agreed targets, and within the SEUPB thresholds. New cohorts being explored include the Short Strand Women's Group/Walkway Community Association with participation from the Short Strand After School Club/Bloomfield Community Association.

Discussions with the leads of the groups are progressing to explore the creative output options with the steering group and the participants. An outline has been presented to the group of what must be achieved, and the timeline permitted for this. The Project Officer is also pursuing draft quotation/s with relevant creative artists, which will be progressed once the groups are deemed viable and can meet targets set.

McCadden continue to work with steering group leads and artists to progress the other booklets.

### **3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project**

Delivery of the Cluster led action plan projects have now completed with the final project unveiling reimagined Gates at Stewartstown Road/Kells Avenue. The event was attended by local community organisations and residents and the reimagining was well received and feedback on the artwork is very positive.

The combined North Belfast Cluster project of £16k were to deliver a final element of a walking tour, estimated to cost approx. £4k. However, the group was unable to complete this activity due to availability of providers to quote, the timeframe and the changing requirements from the agreed and approved action plan project.

Processing of payments and procurement related to the local action plan projects remains ongoing and retrospective works are also underway to ensure eligibility of the claim in this and future claim periods.

An on-the-spot verification visit took place with the delivery partner, NICVA, on the 7th December. Whilst no significant issues were identified, NICVA is to submit some final data

which will then enable project closure and final payment to be progressed.

S3 Solutions, the external evaluation for the Transform for Change project, have submitted their initial evaluation. This is currently being reviewed by the Project Manager and any amends discussed before the final version is accepted and delivery completed. The final evaluation report will be presented to members in a future report

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

### 3.5 **BPR5 – Supporting Connected Communities - LINCS Project**

The LINCS project activity completed at the end of November 2022. A small closure event took place on the 9 December 2022. As turnout was significantly lower than expected (due to illness / weather), the project lead and participants agreed to hold a Supporting Community’s event in the City Hall on Monday 16 January at 11am.

The event will combine the closure of both the Traveller and LINCS elements, and an invitation will be extended to the Roma project to add value to the closure of the overall Supporting Communities project. The Traveller exhibitions will be showcased, and the workshop leads, and participants will also be invited to present on their work and experiences.

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

Further remaining actions required are the on-the-spot verification visit and full review of the end report once submitted.

### 3.6 **BPR5 – Roma Project - Supporting Connected Communities**

The Roma project held its closure event on the 19 December 2022. The event celebrated the achievements of the project and was well attended by participants with strong representation from key stakeholders including the Trust, TEO, NIHE and Council

Participants from the Roma community celebrated their success and sang to the guests.

The final position for Forward South is positive with some minor adjustments and mitigations of deliverables, which have been relayed to the funder and confirmation is pending.

Remaining actions to progress the project closure include a full review of the achievement of result and end report, and the on-the-spot verification visit.

### **3.7 BPR6 – St. Comgalls**

Project activity is nearing an end with one rescheduled seminar and the final celebration event to take place, which will contribute to final contact hours.

Potential equality issues relating to the exhibition and educational resources have been discussed with the delivery partner. The delivery partner has committed to reviewing the materials, providing evidence of previous consultation on the materials and also to engage in further consultation on the finalised materials.

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

### **3.8 Cinematography Project**

Filming of suitable opportunities to capture the Belfast Peace Journey is continuing. Filming was completed for SSS Youth Civic Engagement, CYP5 Youth Peer Mentoring, BPR1 final Celebration event. End of project clips for NIHE, SSS and BPR6 will follow in the new year.

### **3.9 Financial and Resource Implications**

As previously reported, expenditure to date within the BPR theme totals £2.95m with £2.77m reimbursed to date. Recently SEUPB verification has progressed reimbursement of £40K of BPR claims for Period 28.

Preparation for the submission of Period 32 claims is underway, the BPR expenditure and claims within this period are estimated at £578K, with BCC BPR claims valued at £147k and BPR NIHE valued at £431.5K

### **3.10 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 Peace IV Programme Manager updated the Partnership that the NIHE had made a last minute, urgent request to extend the BPR1 project to 28 February 2023 to complete consultation sessions on the place shaping. She advised the activity would have limited impact on the achievement of targets / participants, however, it would conclude the place shaping process for the Network and there would be no staffing / budgetary impact. The Partnership agreed, in principle, to extend the BPR1 project to 28 February 2023 to maximise the achievement of targets, subject to agreement with SEUPB and confirmation that the NIHE contractual arrangements enable an extension.

The Chairperson acknowledged that the BPR1 Place Shaping proposals provided potential options for development and requested that officers explore the potential to present the proposals to the Area Working Groups. The Chairperson recognised the success of the Roma event and asked that his congratulations to the team were recorded.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree in principle:

#### **BPR 1 -NIHE- Cross Community Area Networks**

To note the preliminary level of achievement and agree to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report presented to the members in February 2023; and

To extend the BPR1 project to 28 February 2023 to maximise the achievement of targets.

#### **BPR 3 -NICVA**

To note that the on-the-spot verification had taken place on the 7th December.

#### **BPR 5-LINCS**

To note that the project been competed completed with a small, localised event on the 9th December.

#### **BPR 5 Roma**

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## Good Relations Audit and Action Plan 23/24

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

**“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

To seek approval of Members on the Good Relations Audit and 2023/24 Action Plan.

**2.0 Recommendations**

That Members note the contents of this report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agree to the submission of both the Audit and accompanying Good Relations Action Plan to The Executive Office for delivery during 2023/24.

**3.0 Main report**

**Key Issues**

- 3.1 Members will be aware of the Good Relations Audit that has been carried out over the last 7 months. Members will also recall the presentation at the December meeting of the Partnership, which afforded members the opportunity to formally feed into the development of the Audit,
- 3.2 Members are further reminded that that the Council must undertake an independent audit of the Good Relations issues and needs within the City every three years, as part of its letter of offer from the Executive Office for its Good Relations Programme,
- 3.3 Finally, Members will know that each year, The Executive Office invites Council's to submit a Good Relations Action Plan, in order to draw down 75% of the costs associated with the delivery of its Good Relations work. Each Action Plan must be based on an up to date Audit.
- 3.4 Following the December meeting of the Partnership, a final Audit is submitted for agreement, along with an accompanying Action Plan for the coming year. Members are asked to consider the contents of both attachments and if content, agree to recommend their approval to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, for onward submission to The Executive Office.

**Financial and Resource Implications**

- 3.5 The annual Good Relations Action Plan is 75% funded by the Executive Office under the District Council's Good Relations Programme. In 23/24, we are requesting an amount of £767,584.36 from TEO with Council's contribution being set at £191,896.09 through the current estimates setting exercise and is subject to Council agreement.

## **Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment**

### **3.6 The Good Relations Action Plan, will be screened for equality, good relations and rural needs.**

Members were asked to consider the contents of both attachments and if content, agree to recommend their approval to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, for onward submission to The Executive Office.

After discussion, Members noted the contents of the report and recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agree to the submission of both the Audit and accompanying Good Relations Action Plan to The Executive Office for delivery during 2023/24.

## **District Council Good Relations Action Plan Quarter 3 Update**

The Good Relations Officer referred the Partnership to the report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting and advised that the purpose of the report was to update Members on the delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan during Quarter 3, which covers the period October – December 2022. Members were reminded that the Council receives funding from The Executive Office for the delivery of its annual Good Relations Action Plan. The total value of the Action Plan was £767,584.36. Of this, £495,000 was available for programme costs. The remainder supports the salaries and administration of 6 staff.

During Q3, The Executive Office also provided an additional £7,050 to the Council, which was matched by £2,350 (as reported to the Partnership in November), giving the programming element of the Action Plan an additional £9,400. Therefore, the total value of the Action Plan was £776,984.36, of which £504,400 was for programme costs. Members were reminded that at its last quarterly update in October, £388,691.50 had been allocated for projects in Quarters 1&2. The delivery of the Action Plan had continued during Quarter 3, with a further £115,468 being allocated during this Quarter for Good Relations projects. The total therefore allocated for Good Relations projects for Q1, Q2 and Q3 was £504,159.35.

The Good Relations Officer added that as current live projects started to complete, an underspend of £11,404.15 was identified. This was mainly due to some projects coming in under their allocated amount, while a couple of planned projects did not proceed. A request to reprofile this underspend to support the additional demand for services at the Roma Advice Hub under our BCC5 Programme was agreed with the Executive Office on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

After discussion, Members noted the contents of the report.

## **Upcoming Events**

The Good Relations Officer reminded Members that the Good Relations Unit delivered a large number of events each year and the purpose of this report was to provide members of the Partnership with information on forthcoming events. She drew the Members' attention to the following 2 events that the Good Relations Unit was involved in and said that Members were welcome to attend either of the events.

**Event:** Holocaust Memorial Event: A Living History Lesson shared by Holocaust Survivor Eve Kurger

**Date:** 24th January 2023

**Time:** 10.15am-12.00am

**Format:** Hosted at the Jewish Synagogue

**Registration:** [goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk)

**Event:** Remembering the Roma Holocaust

**Date:** 26 January 2023

**Time:** 10am

**Format:** Online workshop

**Registration:** [goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk)

The Partnership noted the contents of the report.

#### **Update on PEACE PLUS 1.1. Co-designed Local Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast**

The Programme Manager referred Members to the report and advised that its purpose was to provide them 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.

He advised Members that the Co-designed Stage 1 engagement process was complete. Additional engagement sessions had taken place in December and the feedback from these sessions had been included in the end of Stage 1 report which would be discussed at a workshop with SCP members on 19 January 2023. As part of Stage 1 engagement, a public survey was issued. It was opened on Wednesday 30th November 2022 and closed on Wednesday 21st December 2022. A total of **168** surveys were completed and he informed Members that the feedback from survey responses would be included in the Stage 1 report as part of Stage 1 Engagement. The Programme Manager continued his update and said that, while Stage 1 Engagement was complete, members should note that there would be further opportunities for Stakeholders (including those who did not participate in Stage 1) to engage on the development of the plan in Stage 2.

A Stage 1 final draft report was nearing completion. Once this was ready, it would be sent to the Shared City Partnership members for consideration in advance of a workshop. At this workshop on Thursday 19 January, Members would have an opportunity to make final comments before signing off on the report and a more detailed action plan for Stage 2 at the SCP meeting on the 6th February.

The Programme Manager gave Members an update in relation to SEUPB. He explained that Council officers had attended a meeting with SEUPB, their appointed consultants and other Councils. At that meeting, SEUPB had advised that the earliest date for the open call for PEACEPLUS 1.1 Local Community Action Plan would be the end of

**March 23.** Council officers were engaging with SEUPB on the impact that any further delays might have with regards resources required to develop the plan.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and agreed to the process to finalise the Stage 1 report which would include participation in an in person workshop on 19th January to finalise the report.

Chairperson