

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Monday 6th March, 2023

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);
Councillors Bower, Duffy and McCullough.

External Members: Mr. J. Donnelly, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. A. Tohill, Good Relations, TEO;
Superintendent Ford, PSNI;
Mr. A. Irvine, Faith Sector;
Mr. A. Hannaway, NIHE;
Ms. O. Barron, Belfast Trust;
Mr. M. McBride, Education Authority; and
Ms. A. M. White, British Red Cross.

In attendance: Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager;
Ms. N. Lane, Neighbourhood Services Manager;
Mr. G. McCartney, Good Relations Manager;
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager;
Ms. L. Dolan, Good Relations Officer;
Mr. D. Robinson, Good Relations Officer; and
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr. S. Hamilton and Ms. G. Duggan.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 6th February, 2023 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Councillor Duffy advised that his attendance had not been recorded at the previous meeting on 6th February but had been advised by the Democratic Services Officer that this had been amended.

The Chairperson welcomed Godfrey McCartney, the newly appointed Good Relations Manager who had taken up the role on 1st March.

Declarations of Interest

Mr. J. Donnelly declared an interest in the PEACE PLUS and Peace IV projects.

Ms. A. Tohill declared an interest in Item 2 PEACE PLUS and item 3 Peace IV Updates and left the meeting whilst the items were under consideration.

Mr. A. Hannaway declared an interest in CYP5 (item 3b) and BPR 1 (items 3d).

PEACE PLUS

The Programme Manager provided Members with an update on recent activity and high-level feedback with regards to the development of the PEACE PLUS 1.1. Co-designed Local Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast.

He provided an update on the public event which had been organised for all stakeholders who were involved in the Stage 1 process which he described as robust. The event was also open to any group or individual who did not attend previous engagement sessions. He advised the Members that, in the lead up to the event, the details were circulated widely via council contacts and social media. This worked well as approximately 100 participants attended the event, with some in attendance who were not involved in Stage 1.

The Programme Manager explained that the overall purpose of the event was to:

- 1) Provide a brief recap on Stage 1 findings; and
- 2) Provide an overview of the Stage 2 methodology.

He informed the Members that event participants received feedback on the following:

1. Stage 1 engagement which included:
 - Issues and challenges;
 - Emerging Concepts;
 - Programme Constraints; and
 - Indicative Assessment Criteria.
2. Key steps to develop Stage 2 development of the Local Action Plan which included:
 - Methodology and dates for thematic working groups;
 - Dates for thematic working;
 - Options available on how the programme will be delivered; and
 - The role of participants in developing the action plan via the thematic working groups.

The Programme Manager reported that following the presentation which was delivered by appointed consultants Locus Management and Blu Zebra, a discussion took place on the challenges that stakeholders identified that may prevent local community and voluntary groups from getting involved in developing and delivering the plan. Feedback from participants included:

- Administrative burden of delivering PEACE projects;
- Lack of lead partners at local level;
- Larger organisations being best placed to win tender;
- Different levels of capacity in local groups;

- Full cost recovery issue for groups who deliver PEACE projects; and
- Lack of support for local groups to tender for programme delivery.

As part of this discussion, the Programme Manager advised that the importance of developing solutions in relation to collaboration to develop the plan was explored. It was agreed that it was vital for larger organisations and local community and voluntary organisations to work together to develop and agree the strategic projects that would be included in the final plan submission. He informed the Members that participants advised that it was important that local groups should be involved in both the development and delivery of the Local Action Plan.

The Programme Manager acknowledged that there would be challenges in developing the plan and the parameters of PEACE PLUS would not enable all issues reported during Stage 1 Engagement to be addressed. However, at the event it was outlined that the ambition of the Shared City Partnership was to have meaningful engagement with a wide range of stakeholders to develop the plan and maximise the investment on offer and, while there were challenges to overcome, the Council would endeavor to address these during Stage 2. He added that, to help overcome some of the challenges as part of the Stage 2 process, participants were advised that the Council would work with participants to support them to get involved in developing and implementing the plan, which would include:

- Having an open process for involvement in the thematic working groups;
- Exploring options on providing capacity support to those involved in Stage 2;
- Exploring options on providing tendering / procurement support to those involved in Stage 2; and
- Whilst, ensuring work was carried out within the parameters of the programme, developing a delivery model that was far as possible would enable local organisations to be involved in implementing the plan.

Stage 2 Thematic Working Groups

The Programme Manager outlined the next steps to developing the Local Action Plan which involved the facilitation of thematic working groups for the 3 themes within the plan.

1. Community Regeneration and Transformation
2. Thriving and Peaceful Communities
3. Building Respect for All Cultural Identities

The Programme Manager explained the process for the thematic working groups in that there would be up to 4 Thematic Working Group days held from March to June, with stakeholders having the option to be involved in all 3 Thematic Working Groups or choosing which themes were more appropriate for their organisation. He referred to the examples contained within the report as follows:

- **Thematic Working Group Day One**

The first Thematic Working Group meetings for all 3 themes would take place on **Wednesday 22nd March, St Comgall's, with times, provisionally set 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Theme 1 Community Regeneration and Transformation
 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Theme 2 Thriving and Peaceful Communities
 2.30p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Theme 3 Building Respect for All Cultural Identities

He advised that these were indicative times for the forthcoming Thematic Working Group and that details would be confirmed and sent to relevant stakeholders.

Date	Venue
Tuesday 18th April	Skainos Centre – 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 16th May	Agape Centre – 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 7th June	Girdwood – 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

- **Stakeholder Involvement Stage 2**

The Programme Manager advised that anyone who had been involved in the process to date could be involved in the Thematic Working Groups. The Members noted that participants at the event in City Hall on the 27th February had completed an Expression of Interest form and advised which Thematic Working Groups they wanted to be involved in. Further communication would be sent to all stakeholders (including those who did not attend the 27th February event) asking that they complete the Expression of Interest forms, and inviting them to the first Thematic Working Group meeting.

Discussion ensued, and the decision-making/governance process was queried with a request from a Member that clarification in relation to the process be clearly communicated during consultations. The Programme Manager and the Neighbourhood Services Manager clarified that it was not a funding application process. They acknowledged that work was needed around the communication piece about the process for Stage 2, and ultimately who would make decisions on which projects were submitted under the Local Action Plan and that plans for this were being drawn up.

The Programme Manager referred to the proposals in relation to the co-design parameters and principals around Theme 1. He advised that, due to the nature of developing capital projects and the tight timeframe with regards to submitting the plan as set by SEUPB, that this would be challenging. It was agreed that the communication around this was important and stakeholders should be advised of the constraints around Theme 1 on the 22nd March. He advised that work would be undertaken in advance of conversations on 22nd March to ensure the process was right and to manage expectations. In summary, the Programme Manager advised that some of the constraints with the development of capital projects for Theme 1 included:

- Belfast City Council would be responsible for delivering the capital projects agreed for theme 1, therefore these had to be prioritised within a tightly defined set of principles to ensure they are delivered;
- During Stage 1, participants advised that their preference would be to have a smaller area-based projects across the city rather than one large project;
- Any priority projects chosen would have to meet the principles / parameters that were agreed, proposed by Stakeholders and agreed by the Council; and
- When the action plan was being submitted to SEUPB, they would require detailed proposals, therefore projects which were at the emerging concept stage would be challenging to include.

There was further discussion around the Local Action Plan mechanisms, resources, delivery and community confidence and capacity building. The Neighbourhood Services Manager assured the Members that nothing would be ruled out at this point. She also advised the Members that, despite the elections in May, work would continue on the project over the next few months.

A Member relayed concerns around the Partnership's role in the process and acknowledged the complex nature of PEACE PLUS. The Neighbourhood Services Manager stated that the Partnership made recommendations to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and then the Council made the ultimate decision. In response, a Member remarked that the Partnership's advisory role needed to be made explicitly clear to communities. Concerns around the co-design process and articulation, in relation to same, back to communities were also raised.

The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised that it would be 6 months from the end of April/beginning of May from the call for PEACE PLUS, and she was conscious of the timeframe and new Members being appointed following the election. Therefore, nothing would be firmly agreed until it could be taken to Council in June/July aiming to submit in September/October.

The Programme Manager advised that the Belfast application would be approved via the Department of Finance given the budget of over £10 million with the assessment period being around 30 weeks, rather than 22.

The Chairperson acknowledged the concerns from the Members and stated it was an ongoing process and that officers would take the concerns expressed on board.

The Programme Manager advised that there would be more scope for co-design in Themes 2 and 3.

The Members noted the high-level feedback from the public meeting on 27th February at 2pm in City Hall; and noted the updated process Stage 2 development of the Local Action Plan, including forthcoming Thematic Working Group meetings.

Peace IV Updates

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 final project activity and progressing closure of projects remained a key focus.

She updated the Members on the On-the-Spot verification visits (OSV) for CYP1 Tech Connects delivery by GIGA Young and CYP3 Personal Change with Extern had been completed. Final clarifications were being sought to enable closure and final payment to progress.

Discussions were progressing with SEUPB on the level of achievement and closure for CYP3 On the Right Track, CYP5 Networks and BPR1 Cross Community Area Networks Project, and further information had been submitted to SEUPB for consideration.

In relation to claims reimbursement, the Peace IV Programme Manager advised that verification by SEUPB of the claims backlog had progressed, with Period 30 and 31 NIHE CYP claims totalling £27k now progressing to reimbursement. The submission of the Period 33 claim by the deadline of 28 February was a key priority that was currently progressing.

The Members were advised that the Project Support Assistant and the Project Development Officer had recently resigned. As such the PEACE IV team would be operating with 4 out of 9 staff and would undoubtedly increase the risks associated with resource pressures.

The Peace IV Programme Manager advised that expenditure across the programme remained as previously reported, with spend up to Period 32 totalling £8.6m and reimbursement of £6.2m to date.

There was discussion around delays in payment in relation to SEUPB funding and the continued challenges around filling vacant posts in the public and charity sectors.

The Peace IV Programme Manager advised the Members that a recent review of contracts identified that some PIV contracts had expired, although delivery partners continued to deliver activity in order to fulfil the deliverables. As such, the Members were requested to agree to extend the ArtsEkta contract for the provision of activities for Forth Meadow Community Greenway to 31st October 2022; the Mediation NI contract for the Intergenerational Shared Spaces project to 31st March 2023 and the Good Relations through Sports contract with Active Communities Network to 31st March 2023.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and agree contract extensions for:

- i. ArtsEkta for the provision of activities for Forth Meadow Community Greenway to 31st October 2022;
- ii. Mediation NI contract for the Intergenerational Shared Spaces project to 31 March 2023; and

- iii. the Good Relations through Sports contract with Active Communities Network to 31 March 2023.

Children and Young People (CYP Update)

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:

CYP5 NIHE

- note that discussions with SEUPB have progressed and the further details presented as outlined in Appendix II Update NIHE position.

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)

The on-the-spot verification visit took place on 10 February 2023. The delivery partner is to submit additional information in the end of project report and to return outstanding IT equipment. The project will then proceed to final closure and final payment will be processed.

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

Belfast Metropolitan College now has 143 participants registered and participating in the project. Delivery of activity is ongoing, with two cohorts at Girdwood Community Hub. The project continues to encourage participants to build on their contact hours and will promote this further as part of the Festival of Learning in March. To date, 44 participants have achieved the required level of 26 contact hours.

The submission of monitoring data including registration and attendance details to evidence achievements has been progressed.

Total	143 from a revised target of 110	Exceeding target of 110 by 33 participants
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3.2 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements

Sports Leaders training took place on the 8th & 9th February 2023 with 17 young people attending.

Final outstanding evidence to confirm participation is progressing. Indications are 647 participants completing the required contact hours threshold. Of these participants, 99 have completed an additional Sports Leaders Award.

Total	647 from a target of 1260 99 sports leaders from a target of 160	613 remaining to achieve target figure of 1260. 167 registered but have not achieved hrs of engagement
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As final wrap up activity has now progressed, the project will now progress to closure, based on the level of achievement outlined above.

3.3 Personal Change – Delivered by Extern

Final closure and payment are now progressing.

Total	43 from a target of 42	0 remaining – Progressing to Closure
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3.4 CYP 4 – Cooperation Ireland (Young Advocates)

Point of clarity from the On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit are to be submitted to enable final closure to progress.

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

Discussions with SEUPB have progressed and proposed mitigations were outlined. SEUPB requested further details on all deliverables to ensure a full picture on impact, outputs and outcomes, as detailed in Appendix II Updated NIHE positional paper. The next steps and agreed actions will be advised and progressed with the delivery partner once formalised by SEUPB.

Deliverables are summarised below:

Targets CYP 5	Original targets	Amended	Achieved before applied mitigations	Current Position with mitigations applied	% Contract achieved with mitigations
6 Local area networks	Establish 6 local area networks	Reduced to 4 networks	3 of 6 established	3 LAN	50%
24 participants per CCAN numbers	24 per LAN	Unchanged	See breakdown below	refer to table details below	42%
Core Participants - Hrs-	144 Core 200 hrs	104 core 100hrs	3/104	9/104	9%
Peer Participants Hrs-	756 Peer 30hrs	200 Peer 24hrs	101/200	170/200	85%
					% achieved 59%

Network 6 modified to 4	Original target 24 per LAN (144 total)- levels of achievement before mitigations	Numbers moved to Peer-Mitigations applied	Participant no. remaining in LAN Core	Comments
SWB Core	32	20	12	
NB Core	56	36	20	
FCA Core	44	32	12	
Total	132	88	44	42% achieved

SEUPB is open to the mitigations presented of reduced tolerances 60% and movement from Core to Peer participants. Although there may be impact on budget and expenditure which requires further discussions with all parties.

Members are requested to note the additional information as referenced in Appendix II. It should also be noted will be fully evaluated in March when all delivery has ceased.

3.6 Financial and Resource Implications

The financial position remains as previously reported, with claims totalling £2m submitted to SEUPB and £1.665m reimbursed to date. As such £340K remains outstanding from SEUPB.

Preparation for the submission of Period 33 claims by 28 February 2023 is now progressing.

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 noted the contents of the report.

Shared Spaces and Services (SSS Update)

The Peace IV Programme Manager provided the Shared City Partnership with a progress update in respect of the Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan. She reported that both the capital and programming elements of the Shared Space and Services theme were continuing to be implemented. Risks associated with delivery were highlighted in RAG Report (Appendix I).

• Springfield Dam

The public vote for the naming of the Bridge at Springfield Dam which had opened via the Council’s website on Wednesday 18th January, with the following 4 short-listed names for consideration, had now closed.

1. The Cotty Bridge – 33.8% of votes
2. The Foundry Bridge – 44%
3. The Seven Cygnets Bridge – 9.6%
4. The Spring Bridge – 12.7%

The Members were advised that 75% of the responses received were from the communities surrounding Springfield Dam in BT12 and BT13.

On the basis of the outcome of the public voting, the Members were requested to agree the name of the bridge as ‘The Foundry Bridge’.

• PEACE IV Network Scheme – Capital Works

As reported in February, works in Section 2, remained on track for completion by June 2023.

- **Signage**

As reported previously, a Council decision on the language approach for the signage was being progressed by the Physical Programmes department and no decision had been confirmed as yet. As such, the installation of the signage within the current Letter of Offer timeframe was uncertain as redesign of the signage may be necessary.

Therefore, the Members were requested to agree, in principle, that a request for a 3-month extension to 30th September 2023 was explored with SEUPB to enable the installation of signage. Resource implications for this extended timeframe may need to be met by the Physical Programmes department.

- **Public Art Pieces**

The finalisation of a long-term lease of land from Invest NI was being discussed between the respective legal teams. Upon finalisation, the flag-ship art piece would move towards installation, however due to delays, the artist had advised that installation would take place in April 2023.

- **Programming**

Implementation of the programming aspects are 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+.
Compilation document of all stories	A draft copy submitted for initial review.

The Peace IV Programme Manager informed the Member that a draft compendium of the narratives was submitted by the delivery partner and reviewed by the PEACE IV team, with a timeline agreed for a final publication by week commencing 13th March 2023. The Programme Board considered the target audience for the publication as the local community and visitors to the Forth Meadow Community Greenway. The Members were requested to agree this approach, which would influence the format and language of the publication.

She continued that, as works were progressing in Section 2 (Springvale) and commencing in Section 5 (West Link), narratives for inclusion on the proposed information panels in these sections were considered by the Programme Board in paper of 9th February 2023 (Appendix III refers). The narratives were agreed subject to a grammar, spelling and a plain English review together with creative input from Communications. As such, the Members were requested to consider and agree the Section 2 and 5 narratives.

- **Resource Allocation**

Following SEUPB approval for the interim coordination of volunteering, contract letters had been issued to the relevant Volunteer Lead delivery partners.

Two responses had been received for a coordinated programme of activities / events with the assessment meeting having taken place on 10th February 2023. Approval of the quotation process had been received by SEUPB and Artsekta, as the successful applicant, had been contacted. The unsuccessful applicant had also been informed of the outcome.

The revised resource allocation documentation to support local community activity along the Greenway was approved by SEUPB on 16th February 2023. A call for applications would open in early March 2023, for community groups / organisations along the Forth Meadow Community Greenway.

- **Shared Space Volunteer Training**

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

Contract letters for the interim coordination of volunteering had been issued to Sustrans, Volunteer Now Enterprise and The Conservation Volunteers.

A further study visit to Cloughmills Community Action Team was being planned for March. The Volunteer Leads and volunteers had been contacted to gauge interest and availability.

- **Governance / Management Model**

The implementation of a suitable management and governance model was progressing with the delivery partners, MDL, facilitating further discussions with CNS Senior Managers and Council officers, regarding the resourcing and coordination of activities and services along FMCG, during a site visit to Belfast in early February 2023.

MDL had also facilitated an initial steering group workshop, during this visit, with interested community stakeholders. Due to the limited number of individuals involved at this stage, MDL had advised that subgroups were not an option as yet.

An interim report had been provided by MDL, on progress to date and the potential next steps, which would be presented to the late March Programme Board for review. The Members would be updated on feedback and comments.

- **Youth Engagement & Civic Education**

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
280 young people	386 young people registered from Nubia, Blackmountain, Glencairn, Forthspring, St Peters, Ballysillan, Clonard, Corpus Christi, GVRT, Holy Trinity, Malone College, St Genevieve's, Belfast Boys Model and Youth Initiatives
60 contact hours per participants	265 young participants have achieved 60+ contact hours.

A total of 386 young people had participated or were participating on this project, with 265 achieving a minimum of 60 contact hours. Supporting registration forms and attendance tracker had been submitted.

A celebration event attended by approximately 60 young people had taken place in Crumlin Road Gaol, on 9th February. Certificates of Achievement were awarded to the participants by the Shared City Partnership Chairperson, Councillor John Kyle.

- **SSS Activities and Animation Programme**

Artsekta had submitted an end of project report, which was currently being reviewed prior to a final payment being processed.

The financial position remained as previously reported, claims for the SSS theme totalling £2.9m had been submitted to SEUPB, with £1.9m reimbursed to date. SEUPB verification of outstanding claims totally approximately £1m was progressing.

The submission of Period 33 claims by 28th February 2023 was a key priority and was progressing.

A Member questioned the accuracy of the Mackie's facts in the narrative compendium, and also requested detail on those who contributed to the narratives on page 74 of the report pack). The Peace IV Programme Manager advised that she would revert to Mediation NI to have the information fact checked with a further report to the Members for approval.

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

- That a request for a 3-month extension to 30th September 2023 was explored with SEUPB to enable the installation of signage;
- The target audience for the SSS narratives publication as the local community and visitors to the Forth Meadow Community Greenway; and
- The naming of the bridge at Springfield Dam as the 'Foundry Bridge'.

Building Positive Relationships (BPR Update)

The Partnership considered the undernoted report.

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership with an update on 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 note the contents of the report and related appendices and recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to:

BPR 1 - NIHE- Cross Community Area Networks

- note that discussions have progressed with SEUPB relating to proposed mitigations and next steps

BPR 2 - Culture Unit - Creative Communities

- note the quotation for an artist for the Short Strand/Walkway received nil submissions and therefore delivery of this project element is no longer viable.

BPR6 St Comgall's

- to consider and agree the updated Educational Resources (App III) and Exhibition Materials (App IV) as agreed by the Programme Board on 9 February 2023 via delegated authority. The exhibition materials (website) are to be approved, subject to SEUPB approval.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

As members are aware, projects are at various stages of delivery; some projects are completing, whilst activity is continuing with other projects. The status and progress of projects are outlined in Appendix I BPR Progress report.

3.1 BPR1 – Cross Community Area Networks (CCAN)

Discussions have progressed with SEUPB regarding the proposed mitigations, and whilst positive, SEUPB has requested a detailed breakdown of all deliverables across both BPR 1 and CYP 5, which is outlined in Appendix II Updated NIHE positional paper. The next steps and agreed actions will be advised and progressed with the delivery

partner once formalised by SEUPB. Deliverables are summarised in the table below.

The mitigations were presented to SEUPB, specifically the reduced tolerances of 70% and movement from Core to Peer. Members should note that a recent update from NIHE has indicated there may be impact on budget and expenditure based on under delivery from NIHE's delivery agents, therefore there will be underspend in the external expertise budget line. A revised budget and final position from NIHE have been requested.

Targets BPR1	Original targets	Amended	Achieved before mitigations	Current Position with mitigations applied- 70% tolerances	% Contract achieved with mitigations	Rationale
6 Cross community area networks	6 achieved	no amendments made	5 of 6	3 of 6	50%	*East CCAN engaged but the cross-community group did not continue therefore group was identified as single identity and not viable going forward. With movement from Core to Peer groups- 3 of 6 CCAN remain with 80% participant levels- refer to tables below for breakdown
24 participants per CCAN numbers-	6 networks with 24 in each 144	Amended to 100 20 per CCAN	See breakdown below	refer to App II	50%	*Core networks established but due to engagement levels those that attended both Core and peer sessions

						were transferred to Peer to increase peer outputs
Core Participants Hrs	144 participants 200hrs	100 participants 120hrs	13/100*	25/100 completed 70% or above of engagement hrs	25%	*Before mitigations is with 80% tolerances applied for 13/100
Peer Participants Hrs	900 participants 30hrs	485 participants 30hrs	73/485	214/485 completed 70% or above of engagement hrs	44%	Move from Core to Peer increased outputs under Peer tolerances reduced also helped increase levels of achievement in Peer participants completing.
					% achieved 41%	

3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project

Project progress has been re-established and activity within the Football cluster is on track to complete by mid-March.

Members are requested to note that the new cohort previously advised from Short Strand/Walkway is unable to progress as nil submissions were received from the quotation exercise to appoint an artist.

Feedback from those invited to quote indicated reasons for not submitting a quotation as: other work priorities, limited delivery timeframe, stringent outputs and impeding of artistic licence.

The opportunity and time scale to deliver this project element has passed, as all contracts are due to finish by 31 March 2023. Therefore, members should note that it is

no longer viable to go seek further quotations as both the market and appetite for this piece of work have been fully explored.

Target	Status
8 cohorts established (reduced to 6)	5 achieved
144 participants registered (24 per cohort)	102
Participants completes 42 hrs (reduced from 60hrs)	78 (1 cohort still to complete)
8 publications completed	5 in progress

The draft publications from McCadden have been reviewed and are being progressed. The contract for McCadden managed by the internal delivery partner stipulates 8 booklets will be produced. However, given the number of cohorts this is now reduced to 5 outputs, revision of the contract has been advised to ensure payment aligns with outputs achieved and can be successfully processed through SEUPB claims.

3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project

Project is closed and all activity complete. On the spot verification and subsequent report completed. The final verification of ILM qualifications has now been confirmed as 209 participants completing both the Transformative Leadership Programme and attaining an ILM level 3 qualification.

Final report from delivery partner and closure report are completed allowing progress to last stage of contract payment.

S3 Solutions have delivered on the final version of evaluation, pending last and agreed edits this is now complete and final stage of payment is underway.

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

3.4 BPR5 - LINCS Project

The LINCS project has completed and is in final stages of closure and progression of final payment is underway.

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

3.5 **BPR5 – Traveller Project - Supporting Connected Communities**

Project activity has completed, and the project is progressing to final closure. An initial closure review and end report are now complete. Verification of all data and an inventory is being compiled.

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.

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

The Roma project has completed and is in final stages of closure and progression of final payment is underway.

3.7 **BPR6 – St. Comgall’s**

Members are reminded that potential equality issues associated with the educational resources were highlighted and discussed with the delivery partner. As a result, further consultation was carried out with a cross-community group and the resources updated.

The updated educational resources and exhibition materials were considered as part of the Programme Board papers on 9 February 2023. The Programme Board has approved the materials under previously assigned delegated authority. Members are requested to consider and agree the updated Educational Resources (App III) and Exhibition Materials (App IV). The education resources have been approved by SEUPB. The exhibition materials (website) are being reviewed by SEUPB at present and so approval is subject to SEUPB approval.

All project workshops, seminars, and so on are now complete. The final level of completion is in the table below. The final celebration event took place on 31 January 2023 at the St Comgall’s building, with a presentation of certificates to participants from the adult cohort.

Target	Status
20 core young people participants	27 completed target of 33 hrs
20 core adult participants	21 completed reduced target of 32 hrs
	48 out of 40 target complete

3.8 Cinematography Project

Production of content capturing the Belfast Peace Journey is wrapping up. Filming was completed for BPR6, and a voiceover captured for the Programme Film in February. Clips were finalised for FMCG Sculpture artist, CYP5 peer mentoring, OTRT and BPR1 end of project clips and BPR Thematic clip. End of project clips for CYP5, SSS and BPR6 are in draft being finalised. The final overall programme clip is in production.

3.9 Financial and Resource Implications

The financial position is as previously reported, claims for the BPR theme totalling £3.3m have been submitted to SEUPB, with £2.4m reimbursed to date. As such £965K remains outstanding from SEUPB, with verification of claims for Period 30 and 31 now being progressed by SEUPB.

Preparation for the submission of Period 33 claims by 28 February 2023 is underway.

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 Partnership noted the contents of the report.

Good Relations

Good Relations Action Plan **2023/24 Quarter 1 Expenditure**

The Good Relations Officer reminded the Members that the Council received 75% of the costs for the delivery of its Good Relations Action Plan from The Executive Office. While the Council could expect to receive the same allocation as it did in 2022/23, no formal Letter of Offer would be received until April or May. The Council contributed a minimum of 25% and currently contributed £328,263 towards the overall delivery of the Action Plan as well as £59,500 towards the bonfire programme for

beacon related costs. The total Council contribution to staffing and programmes in the Good Relations Action Plan for the full year was £387,763.

The Good Relations Officer informed the Members that officers had assessed that, if the delivery of the Action Plan was to proceed as planned, a number of projects would need to commence in Quarter 1 (April – June). This included the small grants programme, intervention projects, mobilisation and procurement of some projects such as the Civic Engagement and Learning Programme, the Cultural Inclusion Programme, the Minority Ethnic Equality and Inclusion Programme, the allocation of beacons and the delivery of some events. He added that, if all desired projects were to commence, this would necessitate a commitment of roughly £300,000 to cover staffing and programmes for Quarter 1. This figure included a full commitment at 100% to any project allocated funding.

The Good Relations Officer explained that, as there would be reduced Shared City Partnership meetings over the months of Quarter 1, officers were seeking agreement to proceed with the delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan 2023/24 under Delegated Authority of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, allocating up to 25% of the total Plan until a formal Letter of Offer had been received by The Executive Office (TEO). This would enable projects to start in line with what was in the Action Plan already agreed by Council. This approach was consistent with what was agreed in 2022. Given that the Council had already allocated the monies to cover these elements, the Members were asked to approve the continuation of this approach. All expenditure and allocations of funding were reported on a quarterly basis to the Shared City Partnership and to TEO.

The Members were also requested to approve that, due to the high volume of applications for the Small Grants programme under BCC1, officers were seeking to add an additional £23,000 to the original £120,000 for grants to include projects that met the aims of the Strategic Intervention programme, BCC9, given the demand received. These projects met the objectives of the BCC9 programme and would be reported on through that programme.

Ms. A. Tohill relayed a request from TEO which asked that the TEO Planned Intervention Programme be communicated to community groups.

The Shared City Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee:

- To proceed with the delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan 2023/24 under delegated authority of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, allocating up to 25% of the total Plan until a formal Letter of Offer had been received by TEO; and
- Approve the increase in the allocation of Grant Aid under BCC1, to incorporate an additional £23,000 from the BCC9 Strategic Intervention Programme in order to include projects that met the objectives of the programme.

Update on BCC3 Cultural Inclusion Programme

The Good Relations Officer updated the Members on the ongoing work of the BCC3 Programme in the Good Relations Action Plan on Cultural Inclusion and Co-Design, within the broad Unionist Community.

He provided background to the project which was included in the Council's Good Relations Action Plan under BCC3, after it was highlighted in 2020 that there was a lack of applications coming to the Council's Culture/Arts/Heritage team for funding from a number of sectors and in particular, that there was significant under-representation in applicants from Unionist areas across the City. As reported to the Partnership in August 2022, as part of the Quarter 1 update on the Action Plan, this project got underway in June 2022 with the commencement of a co-design process with a number of groups across the City.

The Members recalled that, as part of the Good Relations Action Plan for 2022/23, provision was made for the development and delivery of a Cultural Inclusion project within the BCC3 Programme, which also included the provision of Beacons. The project focused on work with the broad Unionist Community, with activity including training, mentoring, capacity building and cultural events.

The Good Relations Officer outlined the programme goals and explained that a side-aim of the project was to increase the capacity within the broad Unionist community to be part of Belfast's year of culture, creativity and imagination in 2024. He explained, that as plans were being developed for this festival throughout 2024, one of the key elements of this programme was to create pathways for participation of the Unionist community in what would be developed for this significant year.

A core group of participants were invited to form part of the initial exploration group which met in June at 2 Royal Avenue. 15 participants attended and agreed to participate in a co-design process to explore how the project might develop and consider what relevant activities could be delivered. 7 further meetings were held in locations across the City to progress the project. The group had now agreed 2 strands of activity: capacity building and cultural activity. Within the capacity building strand, the following had been agreed and planned:

- Meet the Funders: East Belfast Networking Centre. Tuesday 14th March 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Making the Case for Support: Learn How to Say Clearly Why Funders Should Fund You. NICVA. Thursday 23rd March. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Belfast 2024. What Is It and How Could It Support Your Community to Take Part. GVRT. Wednesday 22nd March. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- One-to-One funding Support available by request
- Using Social Media Positively. Spectrum Centre. Tuesday 7th March. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For the Cultural Activity strand, the following had been created and planned:

- The creation of a short video to highlight positive cultural identity
- A Cultural Showcase Day event at 2 Royal Avenue on Friday 31st March from 11:00 a.m. This event would have the following activities:
 - The launch of the Cultural Identity video
 - A 'Living Library' event
 - A talk by historian and broadcaster, Dr David Hume
 - An exhibition of archival footage of cultural events by NI Screen

The Good Relations Officer and Ms. A. Roberts encouraged the Members to attend any or all of these events.

The Members noted the contents of the report and the activities that were being delivered during March 2023 as part of this project, to which the Members were welcome to attend.

Update on Belfast Agenda

The Neighbourhood Services Manager updated the Members on the findings of the Belfast Agenda Refresh engagement programme in relation to the Good Relations and Shared Future priority and asked for comment on the feedback analysis template in Appendix 2.

The Members recalled that a significant co-design and consultation process to inform the “Refresh of the Belfast Agenda” took place in October/November 2022 through 10 workshops which had been attended by over 180 participants from 110 organisations, along with online forum discussion and feedback received.

She informed the Members that the findings had been analysed and cross-tabulated against the proposed strategic intentions, goals and actions which had been presented to the Living Here Board in January 2023. The presentation also outlined some of the next steps and key asks from convening leads/partners in terms of considering the key feedback and assessing what changes may (or may not) be appropriate. She referred to the analysis template attached at Appendix 2 which provided a RAG status and rationale.

She explained that the intention was to ensure that the Phase 2 engagement feedback was reflected in the draft strategy document and action plans which would be brought through the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) on 22nd March 2023 and supporting CPP Delivery Boards for consideration and approval in advance of being published for a 12-week formal consultation period.

The Partnership nominated Ms. A. M. White and Ms. B. Arthurs to sit on a group which would oversee the delivery of the action to develop an inclusive Belfast intervention plan to address inequalities and support the inclusion of Minority Ethnic communities and to progress the delivery of the findings from the Report, launched in December 2022, ‘Inequalities Experienced by Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Traveller people residing in Belfast.’

The Members

- (i) Agreed that the feedback analysis template relating to the Good Relations priority would be circulated to the Members with a deadline of receipt for feedback and comments by 15th March 2023, to allow for papers to be prepared in advance of the findings being brought to the Community Planning Partnership in March 2023;
- (ii) Noted that community planning partners would be asked to make a nomination to sit on a group which would oversee the delivery of the action to develop an inclusive Belfast intervention plan to address inequalities and support the inclusion of Minority Ethnic communities and to progress the delivery of the findings from the Report, launched in December 2022, ‘Inequalities Experienced by Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Traveller people residing in Belfast.’ The Shared City Partnership would receive regular updates on progress; and
- (iii) Agreed that Ms. A. M. White and Ms. B. Arthurs be nominated from the Shared City Partnership to sit on the above group.

Storage Costs Kiltonga for Refugee Donations

The Good Relations Officer advised the Members of a request from the Northern Ireland Refugee Resettlement Consortium, who had written to each of the 11 Councils seeking support costs for the storing of donations in relation to support for asylum seekers and refugees.

To maintain the space required the Northern Ireland Refugee Resettlement Consortium had written to the Council to request a donation of £300 towards the operation at Kiltonga Christian Centre. Therefore, the Members were asked to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to consider allocating support costs to assist with storage for donations relating to the Northern Ireland Refugee Resettlement Scheme, including £300 for this financial year.

She explained that the continued arrival of Asylum Seekers and Ukrainian Nationals had generated a significant expression of goodwill from the public. Many donations of food and essential household items were donated from across Northern Ireland. Over the past number of years, Councils had acted collaboratively to contribute to the costs of storing these donations and Kiltonga Christian Centre in Bangor was identified as an ideal space to collect, hold, sort and distribute the donations received.

The Members agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to allocate support costs to assist with storage for donations relating to the Northern Ireland Refugee Resettlement Scheme, of £300 for this financial year.

Chairperson