



Subject:	Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 1 st December 2025
Date:	19 th December 2025
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Godfrey McCartney, Good Relations Manager (6015)

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Shared City Partnership meeting held on the 1 st December 2025.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the minutes and recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on the 1 st December, including:
2.2	<p><u>Presentation – Reconnected Belfast PeacePlus Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership noted the presentation and recommends to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it notes the presentation.
2.3	<p><u>Update from Partnership Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates from members are noted in the minutes for further information, following a proposal from the NIHE, the partnership agreed to receive a presentation from the Housing for All Team to be scheduled for 2026.
2.4	<p><u>Community Recovery Fund Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership noted and agreed the contents of the report; and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also notes and agrees the content of the report. The Partnership further agreed that any underspend in the programme should be aligned to the Area Based Consortia, WULO, and resources subject to satisfactory evaluation and proposal, the partnership requests that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also agrees this proposal which is outlined in the minutes.
2.5	<p><u>Asylum Dispersal Funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership noted the report and agreed the proposed approach for the future allocation of dispersal funding, subject to confirmation of further funding from the Executive Office and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also notes and agrees proposed approach detailed in report.
2.6	<p><u>PEACEPLUS – Secretariat Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.7	<p><u>Peace Plus Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.8	<p><u>Peace Plus Celebrating Culture and Diversity Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.9	<p><u>Community Regeneration & Transformation Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.10	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key items reported: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting: 12th January 13.30 – It was agreed this would be a half day workshop to be held in Girdwood Community Hub, commencing with Lunch; and Key areas of business dealt with at the start of the meeting with the

	<p>remainder of the time to focus on the New Good Relations Strategy, audit and Action Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Good Relations Manager informed the Partnership that the new VCSE Community Panel had met and 2 VCSE Reps have been allocated to the Shared City Partnership: Irene Sherry representing Ashton Community Trust (North) and JP Sukumaran representing Karma Kalakendram (City-wide) ○ The Good Relations Manager reported that following agreement at the November Shared City Partnership meeting for Council to develop a pilot proposal to progress the programme in conjunction with Social Change Initiative (SCI) a proposal has been submitted, further details are in the minutes. ● The Shared City Partnership noted and agreed the items raised under AOB; and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also notes and agrees the items raised.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Shared City Partnership is a Working Group of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which consists of Elected members and representatives from various sectors across the city. The minutes from the Partnership are brought before the Committee for approval on a monthly basis.</p>
3.2	<p>The key issues on the agenda at the 1st December 2025 meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partnership Papers of the 10th November 2025 ● Presentation on Reconnected Belfast PeacePlus Programme ● Update from Partnership Members ● Community Recovery Fund Update ● Asylum Dispersal Funding ● PEACEPLUS – Secretariat Update ● Peace Plus Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update ● Peace Plus Celebrating Culture and Diversity Thematic Update ● Community Regeneration & Transformation Thematic Update ● Any Other Business
3.3	<p>More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the following minutes of the meeting attached in Appendix 1: Minutes of the Shared City Partnership from the 1st December 2025, Appendix 2: Presentation on Reconnected Belfast PeacePlus Programme and Appendix 3 Community Recovery Fund Open Call.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All financial implications are covered through existing budgets, and the Good Relations Action Plan is included in the current estimates process.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The recommendations of the Partnership are to promote the work of the Council in promoting good relations and will enhance equality and good relations impacts for the City of Belfast.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Shared City Partnership from the 1st December 2025</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Presentation Reconnected Belfast PeacePlus Programme</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Community Recovery Fund Open Call</p>