

# North Belfast Area Working Group

Tuesday, 25th February, 2026

## NORTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Bradley (Chairperson);  
Alderman McCullough; and  
Councillors Anglin, Doran,  
Meenehan, Murphy, O'Neill and Whyte.

In attendance: Ms. S. Grimes, Director of Property and Projects;  
Ms. M. Wilson, Neighbourhood Services Integration  
Manager; and  
Ms. C. Donnelly, Committee Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

An apology for inability to attend was reported for Councillor Cobain.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 25th November, 2025, were approved by the Working Group.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Doran declared an interest in relation to the item under the heading "Physical Programmes Update" in that he was employed by Westland Community Group.

### **Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund Update**

The Director of Property and Projects presented the following report:

#### **"1. Introduction**

**The Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund (NRF) is a capital programme with a budget of £10,280,000 to help groups deliver capital projects that will make a real, long-term difference in their communities. The NRF Programme is currently at Stage 3 – Delivery Stage. It is an outcomes focused programme aligned to three key themes of social economy, environmental sustainability and neighbourhood tourism. Members are updated on a quarterly basis on the headline status of the NRF projects via Area Working Groups as part of the Physical Programmes Update report. This report provides more detailed information on the Fund and the status of projects in North Belfast.**

#### **2. Recommendations**

**Members are asked to:**

- Note the Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund update for North Belfast.
- Consider if any projects are to be timebound to ensure progress across the programme.

3. **NRF Allocation Model and Allocations**

The allocation model per area for NRF as agreed by Members is based on 50% proportion of population per quadrant of the city and 50% proportion of the population that is in the top 20% area of multiple deprivation. Members agreed the allocations of the total programme budget of £10,280,000 as shown below.

***NRF – Area budgets and agreed allocations***

Area	Total budget allocation	Allocated to projects in principle	Contingency	Unallocated
North	£2,503,158	£2,434,979	£68,179	0
South	£1,978,637	£1,978,637	0	0
East	£2,351,551	£2,350,000	0	£1,551
West	£3,446,654	£3,426,875	£19,762 (Shankill)	£17

In North Belfast the financial position to date is shown below:

Total budget allocation	Total Net Spend to date	Balance Remaining
£2,503,158	£141,748 (6%)	£2,361,410 (94%)

4. **NRF Process**

Members agreed a 3 Stage process for the NRF projects:

- Stage 1 - Application (Emerging project)
- Stage 2- Development (Uncommitted project)
- Stage 3 - Delivery (Committed project)

A total of 20 projects are at *Stage 3 – Delivery* and received in-principle allocations. A total of three projects remain at *Stage 2 – Development* which means business cases were completed, but allocations were not made; and a total of 23 applicants remain at Stage 1 which means the applications passed threshold. Projects at Stages 1 and 2 form the reserve list which comprises 26 projects.

5. **Current Overall Status**

***Offers In Principle*** - Letters of Offer in Principle have been issued to all 20 projects - South, North, West (24 Jan 2024), East (11 Jul 2024) which initiated the full Due Diligence process.

**Design stage** - Design consultant teams are in place for 14 of the 20 projects and have completed or are working up detailed designs and costings.

**Planning process** – Planning approval has been secured for eight projects, a decision is awaited on five lodged applications. Planning permission is not necessary for two projects.

**Partnership funding** – Match funding of approximately £14m has been secured across 14 projects.

**Project Funding Agreements** – as under LIF and BIF, NRF funding agreements are issued to groups after Due Diligence and tender stage. These agreements confirm the funding offer once the contract amount is known. Four agreements have been issued to groups under NRF.

**Projects underway** – Five projects are currently on site – Belfast Orange Hall, Michael Davitt’s Community Heritage Centre, Sólás new build project, Act Initiative Community Hub & Visitor Centre and Ardoyne Youth Enterprise (AYE) Community Hub. Two building purchases have completed – Act Initiative and Market Heritage Hub.

**6. North Belfast NRF Update**

In North Belfast there are five Stage 3 projects under NRF. Two of the North Belfast projects, Belfast Orange Hall and St Joseph’s Restoration, reduced their scope of works due to a funding shortfall. This was reported to AWG Members previously. Two of the projects are currently on site – Belfast Orange Hall is due to complete soon, and work commenced on AYE Community Hub on 16 February 2026. USEL’s Green Growth & Circular Economy project is at funding agreement stage and should start on site in Spring 2026. Delays have been experienced with Cliftonville Community Enterprise because of a land boundary issue; it is anticipated this will be resolved by Spring 2026. For additional detailed information, please see table below.

In North Belfast there are no Stage 2 projects and there are 9 Stage 1 (Reserve) projects.

Project Name & NRF Themes	Description	Cost Estimate	NRF allocation & match funding secured	Current status
<p><b>Green Growth &amp; The Circular Economy</b></p> <p><i>Environmental Sustainability &amp; Social Economy</i></p>	<p>Extension of USEL’s site through construction of a purpose-built processing unit with storage for recycled and unrecycled materials.</p>	<p>£518,191</p>	<p>NRF - £518,191</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning secured.</li> <li>• Contractor procurement process completed.</li> <li>• Funding Agreement being finalised with DfC as USEL is a subsidiary of DfC.</li> <li>• Appointment of contractor will commence once</li> </ul>

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				Funding Agreement is in place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget very restricted due to inflation.</li> </ul>
<b>Cliftonville Community Enterprise</b>  <i>Social Economy</i>	Development of a brand new social enterprise by Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum on Cliftonpark Avenue with a two storey childcare facility and eight enterprise units.	£1,452,700	NRF - £1,452,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning secured</li> <li>Design Team appointed.</li> <li>Land boundary issue identified and being addressed.</li> <li>DfC vesting process progressing and due to complete in Spring 26. They will work through the Right of Way issue in conjunction with the land transfer to the organisation.</li> <li>Cost estimate is from 2022 so there is likely to be a shortfall.</li> <li>DfC interested in match funding the project.</li> </ul>
<b>St Joseph's Restoration project</b>  <i>All</i>	Stabilising and reopening the Parochial House, a Grade B+ listed Italianate red brick building. Work to the Grade B+ listed Church space to assist with remaining water ingress and developing its potential for wider use.	£2,520,359	NRF - £154,696  Architectural Heritage Fund - £40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRF funding will be used to do enabling works to help move the overall project forward.</li> <li>Design Team appointed.</li> <li>Planning application submitted.</li> <li>Listed building consent received.</li> <li>Building control approval received.</li> <li>Structural surveys finalised.</li> <li>Group is exploring other funding opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>AYE Community Hub</b>  <i>All</i>	Creation of a Community Youth Hub by Ardoyne Youth Enterprise	£3,602,863	NRF - £154,696  TEO - £2,013,607	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning secured.</li> <li>Group successful in obtaining other funding to</li> </ul>

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	comprising three main zones – (i) a fully shared and inclusive Community Youth Hub; (ii) a Creative Learning Centre; and (iii) Office space and meeting rooms.		DfC - £1,000,000  Clothworkers - £100,000  Garfield Weston - £100,000  BCC Cost risks - £50,000	allow the project to proceed.  • Amended Letter of Offer received from The Executive Office in December 2025.  • Due Diligence approved in December 2025.  • Tender documents for procurement of contractor returned.  • Project started on site on 16 February 2026.
<b>Belfast Orange Hall Refurbishment</b>  <i>Neighbourhood Tourism &amp; Environmental Sustainability</i>	Refurbishment works to the Belfast Orange Hall, a Grade B listed building, to ensure it is fit for purpose.	£280,000	NRF - £154,696	• A reduced scope of work to suit NRF funding allocation was agreed.  • Project on site and expected to complete by Spring 2026.

## 7. Next Steps

The Teams will continue to work with the groups to develop the NRF projects, taking them through Due Diligence, Design, Planning and contractor appointment stages as required, in line with the project pathway and best practice in construction.

Members will be aware as with all physical projects, challenges can emerge throughout the delivery stage such as planning and building consent approvals, or issues with title or land etc. This has been greatly minimised because of early Due Diligence that was carried out as well as the business case process.

In addition, funding gaps remain a key challenge for a number of projects that were not allocated a full funding package via the NRF Programme. Officers will continue to work with the groups to find potential additional sources of external funding. Escalating costs represent a significant challenge for all projects in the current economic climate.

Members will continue to be updated via the Physical Programme AWG Update reports each quarter.

Members are asked to note the update provided on projects under the Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund.

**Members may wish to consider if any projects are to be timebound to ensure progress across the programme.”**

The Working Group noted the Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund update for North Belfast.

### Physical Programmes Update

The Director of Property and Projects presented the following report to the Working Group:

**“1. Introduction**

**The Council’s Physical Programme covers projects under a range of funding streams including the Capital Programme, the Leisure Transformation Programme, the Local Investment Fund (LIF), the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF), Social Outcomes Fund (SOF) and the Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund (NRF); in addition, the programme covers projects that the Council is delivering on behalf of other agencies. This report outlines the status of projects under the Physical Programme.**

**2. Recommendations**

**Members are asked to note the Physical Programme update for North Belfast including the recently completed project – ABC Trust Health & Leisure Hub and Greening and Growing Project at Appendix 1.**

**3. Local Investment Fund**

**LIF is a £9m fixed programme of capital investment in non-council neighbourhood assets, over two tranches: LIF 1 (2012-2015) - £5m total funding pot, allocated across each AWG areas; and LIF 2 (2015 -2019) - £4m allocation with the North being allocated £1.127m under LIF1 and £800,000 under LIF2.**

**Each LIF project proposal is taken through a Due Diligence process prior to any funding award. The table below outlines funding to date for each tranche, at key stages of the delivery process: 43 projects in total have received In Principle support under LIF1 and LIF2, of which 38 have been completed; 3 are at delivery stage; and 1 is at pre-construction stage.**

LIF breakdown – North	LIF 1		LIF 2	
Stage/ Description	Projects	Value (£)	Projects	Value (£)
Number of Projects Completed	23 (92%)	£996,500	16 (89%)	£708,201
Number of Projects On-going Delivery	1 (4%)	£66,000	2 (6%)	£90,000
Number of Projects in Pre-construction	1 (4%)	£65,000		

Number of Projects in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)				
Total Number of Approved Projects	25*	£1,127,500	17**	£798,201

\*This includes additional funding for a LIF 2 project, *Ballysillan Youth for Christ*.

\*\* This includes additional funding for two LIF 1 projects, *Marrowbone Parochial Hall and Jennymount Church*.

The table below provides an overview of progress and actions around the remaining live projects. Members are asked to note the status of the current LIF projects and the ongoing actions.

LIF Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action/ Recommendation
NLIF057	Ardoyne Holy Cross Boxing Club (UV – ABC Trust Hub)	£7,317,000 <i>UV- £4,751,000 DfC- £1,300,000 FT - £1,200,000 LIF- £66,000</i>	On Ground	Partnership project with DfC, DfI, Flax Trust, and UV. UV project completed. Legal issues to be addressed prior to purchase of gym equipment.	Continue engagement with group.
NLIF014	Westland Community Centre - new building	£1,084,172 <i>UV- £1,019,172 LIF- £65,000</i>	Design stage	Partnership project with UV. First Project Board meeting took place in January 2026. The designer presented updated plans which the group are happy with. The group have had an informal PAD meeting with the planners. Aim to submit the planning application at the end of February 2026.	Continue engagement with Group and TEO
NLIF2-22	Sailortown, St. Joseph's Church Refurbishment	£75,000	On Ground	On ground. Construction works on the gallery paused due to resourcing issues with the contractor. BCC officers are assisting the group to resolve this issue. Exploring other items from funding agreement that can be delivered immediately.	Continue engagement with group and HED.
NLIF2-23	Ardoyne Youth Club and Benview Community Centre	£15,000	On Ground	Benview Community Centre – works complete. Ardoyne Youth Club – quotation received with works to be undertaken.	Continue engagement with Groups.

#### 4. Belfast Investment Fund

Members are reminded that BIF is a £28m investment fund for regeneration partnership projects, with a minimum £250k investment from Council BIF – North Belfast was allocated £5.5m. In North Belfast, 7 projects have received an In-Principle funding commitment under BIF, thereby fully allocating its £5.5m: and 2 projects are on the longer BIF list. Each of the 'In Principle' projects are taken through a 3-stage approval process, including a

rigorous Due Diligence process before any Funding Agreement is approved and put in place.

Members are asked to note the status update of these projects provided below. The table provides a summary of BIF allocated projects i.e. project stage; project title; and funding allocated.

**Summary of BIF allocated projects.**

<b>North</b>	<p>Stage 3 - Cavehill Tennis Club- £71k, Malgrove -£950k, Cultural Community Hub - £350k</p> <p>Stage 1 - Cliftonville Community Forum, Sunningdale Community Centre - no commitment</p>
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BIF Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action/ Recommendation
BIF15	Malgrove	£1,758,607	Stage 3 - Committed	<p>Received approval at June 2025 Planning Committee. Issue of Planning Green Form was subject to NIEA and SES responses. BCC considers that all information NIEA have requested has been issued. Unsatisfactory response from NIEA/ NED on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 has resulted in a request for an urgent meeting with NIEA/ NED.</p> <p>Procurement of contractor underway – PQQ complete and ITT to be issued imminently.</p>	Continue to request an urgent meeting with NIEA/ NED.
BIF43	Cultural Community Hub	<p>£498,000</p> <p><i>BIF- £350,000</i></p> <p><i>DfC- £74,000</i></p> <p><i>Cost Risks- £74,000</i></p>	Stage 3 - Committed	<p><b>On Ground.</b></p> <p>Contractor has been appointed. Works due to start on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Completion planned by end of December 2026.</p>	Continue engagement with group.

**5. Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund**

See separate detailed report on NRF.

**6. Capital Programme**

The Capital Programme is the rolling programme of enhancing existing Council assets or building / buying new ones. Members are reminded of the 3-stage approval process in place for every project on the council's Capital Programme, as agreed by SP&R Committee. The table below provides an update on current live projects in the North Belfast area.

Members are asked to note the updates on the Physical Programme.

***North Belfast – Capital programme overview***

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status and update</b>
<b>North Foreshore - Development Sites Infrastructure Works</b>	<b>On ground. Stage 3 Committed.</b> The construction contract for the installation of the next phase of the gas abstraction infrastructure (the gas ring main) was commenced in September 2025 and is due to complete in March 2026. Foul Pumping Station contractor appointed. NIE upgrade connections to fully service the site development have started (with completion anticipated at end of 2027).
<b>Floral Hall Health &amp; Safety Works</b>	<b>On ground. Stage 3 Committed.</b> First phase of Health & Safety works completed. Options now being considered and discussions ongoing with other funders. Works to a temporary roof agreed to make the building watertight.
<b>Belfast Zoo Improvement Works Phase 2</b>	<b>On ground. Stage 3 Committed.</b> Progressing.
<b>Cathedral Gardens (including Belfast Blitz)</b>	<b>On ground. Stage 3 Committed.</b> Works ongoing. Expected to reopen in spring 2027.
<b>Girdwood Hub Health &amp; Safety Works</b>	<b>Stage 3 – Committed.</b> Urgent works to the roof of the Girdwood Community Hub building. Works are planned to commence in week commencing 16 February 2026, anticipated to last around 20 weeks (July 2026).
<b>LTP - Girdwood Indoor Sports Facility</b>	<b>Stage 3 – Committed.</b> Business case stage. Restricted SP&R paper on 6 February 2026 ratified by Council on 9 February project was moved to Stage 3- Committed. Design team continues to develop designs to Planning stage. Discussions ongoing with DfC.
<b>Sporting Pitches Investment 25/26</b>	<b>Stage 3 Committed.</b> Pitch improvement works agreed at SP&R Committee in December 2025. This includes works at Wedderburn Park, Falls Park, Marrowbone Millenium Park, Westlands Pitch and others. Planning decision for Marrowbone Park expected in March 2026. Westlands fencing/ gates completed November 2025. Also, Planning approvals now obtained for Falls Park and Clarendon Playing Fields. Planning application for Wedderburn submitted January 2026. Belfast Met Campus small-sided games pitches completed September 2025.
<b>Reservoir Safety Programme (links to PEACEPLUS)</b>	<b>Stage 3 Committed.</b> Reservoir improvements at Waterworks and Alexandra Park. SEUPB PEACEPLUS funding of €13.5m to enhance shared space and connectivity. Planning application submitted.
<b>Alleygating Phase 5 – City wide</b>	<b>Stage 3 – Committed.</b> Works progressing. Progress made with the commencement of the installation for Phase 5a. 115 gates remain to be installed and works to be completed by March 2026.
<b>Communications Boards</b>	<b>Stage 3 – Committed.</b> Inclusive communication boards in playgrounds. Delivery of 94no. boards received in January

Project	Status and update
	2026, citywide installation underway, completion expected by October 2026.
<b>Basketball Courts</b>	<i>Stage 3 – Committed.</i> The work includes creation or upgrade of basketball courts at five BCC park sites including Victoria Park, Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park, Ormeau Park, Blacks Road Park and Páirc Nua Chollann. Design team is currently working up outline design and preparing tender pack.
<b>Greening and Growing Project</b>	<b>Project completed.</b> Biodiversity improvement and sustainable food growing development funded through Shared Island programme at the Waterworks. Launch/ demonstration scheduled to take place 24 February 2026.
<b>Electric Vehicle Charging Network</b>	<i>Stage 3 – Committed.</i> Council agreed that officers begin the tender process based on a Concession Operating model. Specific locations agreed at SP&R Committee in January 2026.
<b>Depot Charging Scheme</b>	<i>Stage 2 – Uncommitted.</i> Business case stage. Installing EV chargers at 5 Council depot sites – Duncrue, Ormeau, Mallusk, Blanchflower and Belfast Zoo. Outline business case prepared and request at February SP&R to move to Stage 3.
<b>Historic Cemeteries</b>	<i>Stage 2 – Uncommitted.</i> Restoration programme for heritage cemeteries in the city including Friar’s Bush, Knock Cemetery, Balmoral Cemetery and Shankill Graveyard. Consultants appointed to undertake surveys for the Phase 2 works. Successful application to DfC Historic Environment Fund (HEF) Revival Stream fund for a contribution towards design fees for Phase 2.
<b>Historic Tiled Street Signs</b>	<i>Stage 2 – Uncommitted.</i> Capital restoration programme for the historic Belfast tiled street signs across the city. Outline business case prepared. Further engagement with Members being considered.
<b>Relocation of Dunbar Link Cleansing Depot</b>	<i>Stage 2 – Uncommitted.</i> Business case stage. RIBA Stage 2 Concept Design complete. However, further discussions ongoing with C&NS to review the service provision.
<b>Waste Plan – Waste Transfer Station Upgrade</b>	<i>Stage 2- Uncommitted.</i> Business case stage. Link to Duncrue Masterplan and citywide kerbside scheme.
<b>Access to the Hills - Glencairn Park/ Ligoniel Park</b>	<i>Stage 2- Uncommitted.</i> Business case stage. Part of the Belfast PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan to develop connections to the Hills at Ligoniel, Glencairn and Cavehill. Design team procured. Project steering group and stakeholder engagement ongoing.
<b>Access to the Hills – connections from Cavehill to Divis Mountain and Black Mtn</b>	<i>Stage 2- Uncommitted.</i> Complementary scheme to developing further connections to the Hills at Ligoniel, Glencairn and Cavehill.
<b>Assembly Rooms Cluster</b>	<i>Stage 1 – Emerging.</i> Redevelopment of Assembly Rooms Cluster.
<b>Loughside Playing Fields Changing Facility</b>	<i>Stage 1 – Emerging.</i> Creation of a modular changing and flexible space facility. The project is now being looked at in conjunction with the next phase of leisure at this site. Request at February SP&R to move to Stage 2.
<b>Mobile Changing Places modular facility</b>	<i>Stage 1 – Emerging.</i> This facility will be for use across the city. Market research and specification scoping on this project is currently ongoing. Colleagues from P&P and CNS continue to progress this project.

Project	Status and update
<b>Duncrue Masterplan</b>	<i>Stage 1- Emerging.</i> Redevelopment of the whole Duncrue site which aims to improve the efficiency of the site. Strategic outline case being worked up.
<b>North Foreshore - Giant's Park</b>	A complex development agreement is in place with Giant's Park Belfast Limited (GPBL). This agreement commits GPBL to deliver over 250 acres of phased development over a number of years in four distinct hubs: Adventure Hub, Welcome Hub, Pit Stop Hub, Distributions and Logistics Hub. Adventure Hub - Members have approved at Council in November 2025, changes reflecting market conditions and planning advice. Under the MDA programme the first stage is an Adventure Hub which is currently in the planning process. The next stage of the programme is for a Distribution and Logistics Hub and a Pitstop Hub which comprises commercial uses including food and beverage uses and a hotel.
<b>Belfast Bikes Expansion</b>	New provider/ operator has been appointed. New scheme was launched in September 2025.
<b>Little York Street/ Little Patrick Street</b> Public Realm Improvements	This work is under S76 Developer Contributions. Procurement stage. The PQQ for an IST was published in early February with a closing date on 27 February 2026. We are having to go back for some NMC approvals to the Planning Approval as Roads asked for further changes.

## 7. Externally funded programmes

The Council is the delivery partner for several government departments on key capital investment programmes, including Urban Villages (UV) from the Executive Office and PEACE under SEUPB. The following is an overview of projects within each programme relevant to North Belfast.

### Urban Villages Initiative

The table below shows the status on UV projects in North Belfast – note the UV programme has a defined North Belfast geography (Ardoyne and Greater Ballysillan).

#### *North Belfast – Urban Villages Initiative overview*

Project	Status and update
<b>ABC Trust Health &amp; Leisure Hub</b> <i>(links to LIF programme)</i>	Project completed. Partnership project with DfC, DfI, Flax Trust, and UV. The works are now complete on site and handed over in December 2025.
<b>Ballysillan Playing Fields</b>	On ground. Partnership project with UV, DfC and DfI. Works continue to progress well on site. Pitch, Pump Track and Pavillon design progressing. Stakeholder engagement still ongoing.
<b>Ardoyne Youth Enterprises (AYE) Social Enterprise Project</b> <i>(links to NRF programme)</i>	Revised Letter of Offer received, signed & returned. Pre-contract meeting scheduled for w/c 26 January 2026. To start on site mid-February 2026.

Sunningdale Community Centre <i>(links to BIF programme)</i>	Business case stage. Site for development identified. Group to submit possessory title application in consultation with their solicitor. Project cannot progress until outcome of site ownership is concluded.
Westland Community Centre <i>(links to LIF programme)</i>	First Project Board meeting took place in January 2026. The designer attended the start of the meeting and presented updated plans which the group are happy with. The group have had an informal PAD meeting with the planners in anticipation of submitting a planning application in the next few months.

### PEACEPLUS – Capital Projects

Members are asked to note updates on capital projects under the PEACEPLUS Programme.

#### North Belfast – Capital Projects overview

Project	Status and update
Reconnected Belfast - Waterworks and Alexandra Park €13.5m SEUPB PEACEPLUS	Enhancements to shared space and connectivity within and between Waterworks and Alexandra Park. Planning ongoing. Integrated Consultancy Team has been appointed for detailed design stage. PQQ for IST procurement has been issued.
Access to the Hills – Glencairn/ Ligoniel <i>Link to Capital Programme</i>	Part of the Belfast PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan. Plan to develop connections to the Hills at Ligoniel, Glencairn and Cavehill. Design Team has been appointed. Next stage is submission to Planning. Project steering group and stakeholder engagement ongoing.

### Dfl funded projects

Below is the status update on project funded by Department for Infrastructure in North Belfast.

#### Dfl – North Belfast projects overview

Project	Status and update
Under The Bridges Public Realm	Consultants have been appointed to undertake design works. Planning application submitted in November 2025. Statutory consultations are ongoing.
Sailortown/ Titanic Quarter Bridge	Consultants have been appointed to undertake RIBA Stage 1 & 2 design services for a proposed new cross harbour pedestrian and cycle bridge. Stage 1 report now complete.
Giant's Park Greenway	Develop a Greenway around the Giant's Park at North Foreshore connecting from the Giant's Park onto the North Foreshore Path/ National Cycle Route 93. Letter of Offer received. "

The Working Group noted the Physical Programme update for North Belfast and agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, the

allocation of LIF underspend towards the cost of the Ardoyne Youth Club heating system and the acquisition of land from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service for the Westland Community Centre Hub, on the basis that both projects had previously been agreed as LIF projects.

### **North Ending Violence against Women and Girls Momentum Area Project Update**

The Neighbourhood Integration Manager provided the Working Group with an overview of the project details for North Belfast.

She explained that, as part of the programme and in collaboration with local community groups, the One Step Louder event was due to take place in Girdwood Community Hub on International Women's Day, 8th March, and she encouraged the Working Group Members to attend and support the event.

Chairperson