



<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	To seek approval to go out to tender for the Peace III Phase II programmes 'Promoting the Positive Expression of Cultural Heritage' and 'Migrant and Minority Ethnic Project'
<b>Date:</b>	4 November 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Hazel Francey, Good Relations Manager

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	Members will be aware of the Council's Peace III programme, Phase II of which is currently being developed. Members will also be aware that all of the projects within the Phase II programme were assessed and were subsequently approved for delivery by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on September 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2011.
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	All proposed projects within Phase II of Peace III require official Council approval to seek tenders and to delegate authority to the relevant Chief Officer to award the most economically advantageous submission which fulfills the requirements of the project.  This report seeks such authority for the specific projects 'Promoting the Positive Expression of Cultural Heritage' (ref: 034050) and the 'Migrant and Minority Ethnic Project' (ref: 034058) which will be delivered by the Good Relations Unit.
<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	The 'Promoting the Positive Expression of Cultural Heritage' project is a £300,000 project and the 'Migrant and Minority Ethnic Project' will cost £150,000 to deliver. Both projects will run over two years. The costs associated with both projects will be 100% recoupable from EU funding administered by SEUPB under Phase II of the Belfast Peace Plan.
<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
	This report seeks to ensure proper procedures are being followed in relation to procurement of SEUPB funded projects. Both projects seek to promote positive expressions of cultural heritage across all communities within the City.
<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Committee grant authority to seek tenders for the delivery of the 'Promoting the Positive Expression of Cultural Heritage' and 'Migrant and Minority Ethnic' projects</li><li>2. Delegated authority is granted to the Assistant Chief Executive to award tenders to the most economically advantageous submissions that fulfils the criteria of both projects</li></ol>
<b>6</b>	<b>Officer to contact for more information</b>
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