

3. Gate Groups C (2), D (1) and E (1), as set out within paragraph 3.11 of the report; and
4. University Street (2), as requested by Councillor Boyle.

The Working Group agreed that the seventy-five gates on the initial list, together with those gates on the reserve list, should be funded through both the £140,000 which had been allocated to South Belfast under Phase IV of the Council's Alleygating Scheme and the £47,900 which was still available under the Local Investment Fund and that officers should utilise any remaining budget to work through the reserve list in the order of priority set out above.

The Working Group noted that the aforementioned decisions would require approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 17th February and that it would receive regular updates as the scheme progressed. It endorsed also the suggestion which had been made earlier in the meeting by the Assistant Director that officers should work with the residents of Moonstone Street/Mowhan Street to deliver an initiative similar to that in Wildflower Alley.

Update on TBUC Funding Bid

(Ms. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager, and Ms. M. Hand, Good Relations Officer, attended in connection with this item.)

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Working Group that the Department of Justice was responsible for overseeing the interface headline action, as set out within the Executive Office's Together: Building a United Community strategy. That action was being overseen by a Programme Board, which included representation from key Executive departments, councils and statutory agencies. She explained that the Department of Justice had allocated funding towards the physical removal of barriers at interface sites and that the Council's Good Relations Unit had received £28,000 to undertake small pieces of work across the City. Funding was allocated currently only on a yearly cycle and officers were examining a small number of priority sites across the City which could potentially be included within a bid for funding for 2017/2018.

She reported that there were only two interface sites in the South of the City, both of which were owned by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, and could not, therefore, be included within the Council's bid. Good Relations officers had now provided each of the working groups with an update on interface working and with information on potential sites which could be included within a funding bid for 2017/2018.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

River Terrace Land Licence Agreement

(Mr. R. Rice, City Parks Manager, and Ms. S. Barkley, Community Parks Outreach Manager, attended in connection with this item.)

The Working Group was reminded that, in 2011, each of the four areas of the City had been allocated capital funding of £50,000 to deliver a programme of community initiatives, including community gardens. The Council had, subsequently, entered into an agreement with the Department for Communities to obtain a licence for a plot of land

at River Terrace, to be developed as a community garden, with the remaining £20,000 from South Belfast's fund having been allocated to the project.

The City Parks Manager reported that the land at River Terrace had been found to be contaminated and that the Department for Communities had indicated that it was unable to fund the works required to decontaminate the site. Accordingly, the People and Communities Committee, at its meeting on 13th September, 2016, had recommended that the licence be surrendered and that the South Belfast Area Working Group consider other projects which might benefit from the £20,000 funding which was once again available.

He informed the Members that residents of River Terrace and the surrounding streets had been invited to complete a survey, with a view to determining if they were still interested in developing a community garden and, if so, to choose between two potential new sites, one being beside River Terrace and the other facing onto Kinallen Street. 86% of those residents who had responded had indicated a willingness to participate in the initiative and had been in favour of developing the land beside River Terrace.

After discussion, the Working Group noted the decision of the People and Communities Committee, recommending that the original site at River Terrace be surrendered to the Department for Communities, and agreed that the £20,000 which had been allocated for a community garden there be used for a similar project at a new location beside River Terrace.

Update on Local Investment Fund Projects

The Working Group considered the following report:

1. Local Investment Fund

Through the Local Investment Fund (LIF), members committed their allocation of £1,127,500 initially to 12 projects. Of this total, seven projects have been completed (Stage 5). Of the remaining five projects, two (Taughmonagh Community Forum and Finaghy Bridge) remain at stage 1; Annadale/Haywood Residents Association) are at stage 3; Belfast South Community Resources have progressed to stage 4 and is currently being delivered. The Women's Aid project is also at stage 4 but there are some minor works yet to be finished. A more detailed progress update on all projects has been circulated to the Working Group.

TOTAL LIF ALLOCATION	AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO DATE	AMOUNT REMAINING
£1,127,500	£1,083,600	£43,900*

2. Local Investment Fund 2

Given the success of the original LIF it was agreed in March 2015 that a £4m LIF2 would be established and allocated to Area Working Groups (AWGs) on a proportional basis.