



Subject:	Peace IV – Update on Capital Projects under Theme 3.1 - Shared Spaces and Services
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Members will recall that the Council agreed on 1 September to act as partner for delivery of Shankill Women’s Centre and Black Mountain Shared Space Project which were being submitted for Peace IV funding under theme 3.1 Shared Space and Services. Both the Black Mountain Shared Space and Shankill Women’s Centre have now been advised by SEUPB that their relevant proposal has now being progressed to Stage 2 of the Peace IV funding process following successful completion at Stage 1.
1.2	Members are asked to note that 13 applications out of 33 have been successful in reaching Stage 2 of the application process under this call for funding. This includes one other Belfast based project – the Greater Whitewell Community Surgery for a project at the

	former Ballygoland Primary School. Members will be aware this theme remains extremely competitive and the total of the shortlisted bids is approx. £90m and that there is only £45m available under the theme. It should therefore be noted that progression to Stage 2 is not a guarantee of funding and that no grant has been allocated yet to any projects including the Shankill Women’s Centre and the Black Mountain Shared Space Project
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the update on the current status of the Peace IV capital projects and that three Belfast based projects have been shortlisted through to Stage 2. This includes the Shankill Women’s Centre and the Blackmountain Shared Space projects which the Committee has previously agreed that the Council will act as the delivery partner for - Note that this funding stream remains extremely competitive and that progression to Stage 2 is not a guarantee of funding and that no grant has been allocated yet to any projects - that officers will continue to work with the Shankill Women’s Centre and Black Mountain Shared Space to facilitate the development of their Stage 2 applications - note that the agreement is that the Council acts as the delivery agent for these projects – no Council budget has been allocated to these projects and the conditions under the Letter of Offer will remain with the individual groups as Led Partner - further updates will be brought back to Committee as required
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Members are asked to note that each Group is now required to complete a Stage 2 application form for submission by Monday 16 May 2017. Council Officers will provide assistance to the groups in completion of these Stage 2 applications. To help inform this a workshop for successful applicants took place on Thursday 30 March 2017 attended by both Groups and their appointed Council Project Sponsor Officer.
3.2	In relation to each project SEUPB have requested a number of specific issues to be further addressed as part of the Stage 2 applications. These issues are pertinent to each project and includes issues such as clarification on costs and how the scheme may be scaled back (Blackmountain) and further details on programming and consultation (Shankill Women’s Centre). The Groups are currently working through these issues and Council officers are advising where this is appropriate
3.3	Members will be aware that the Council has only agreed to act as delivery partner for these projects. There are also a number of general issues which have been raised in regard to the

	delivery of projects including the need for a robust legal agreement with each group if projects are successful at Stage 2, contract novation for the construction phase of each project and VAT which Council officers from Property & Projects are currently working through with both Financial Services and Legal Services.
3.4	A general issue in relation to what happens in the scenario that the construction costs exceed budget has also been raised by SEUPB. Members are asked to note that these projects will continue to be led by the applicant organisation as the lead partner and that the Council is acting as the delivery agent. The Council has not agreed any funding for these projects and therefore if costs are exceeded then it will be the responsibility of the lead applicant to manage this within the overall governance of the project.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	Resources – ongoing resources from Property & Projects Department together with Legal Services and Financial Services
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.6	Peace IV is administered through SEUPB and all equality/good relations considerations are part of their role as the funders
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None