

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY, 6th NOVEMBER, 2017

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);
Alderman Sandford; and Councillors Attwood,
Johnston, Nicholl and Walsh.

External Members: Ms. O. Barron, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust;
Ms. A. Chada, Voluntary/Community Sector;
Mrs. G. Duggan, Belfast City Centre Management; and
Mr. P. Scott, Catholic Church.

In attendance: Mrs. R. Crozier, Assistant Director;
Miss. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;
Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Mrs. J. Hawthorne and Mr. M. O'Donnell.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 9th October were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Schedule of Meeting 2018

The Partnership approved the following schedule of meetings for the Shared City Partnership during 2018, with all meetings scheduled to commence at 1.30 pm:

- Monday, 8th January
- Monday, 5th February
- Monday, 5th March
- Monday, 9th April
- Monday, 14th May
- Monday, 11th June
- No meeting in July
- Monday, 6th August
- Monday, 10th September
- Monday, 8th October
- Monday, 5th November
- Monday, 10th December

Update on Peace IV Programme

The Programme Manager provided the Partnership with an update report in respect of the Peace IV Action Plan.

She advised the Partnership that the SEUPB Peace IV Programme Steering Committee had considered the Belfast Peace IV Action Plan on 13th September and had approved an indicative funding allocation to the Council, with varying degrees of conditions, in respect of a number of projects. The officer advised that the Peace IV and project leads were continuing to work through the electronic monitoring system (EMS) and the approval conditions to enable SEUPB to issue a Letter of Offer to the Council.

The Programme Manager reminded the Partnership that a half day governance review session was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 21st November from 12.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the Council Offices, Room AD1H – 9 Adelaide Street. She reported that SJ Consulting would be facilitating this process/session and she circulated an agenda for the workshop for Members' information. She advised that the role of the Shared City Partnership and its fit with the wider strategic context of good relations and the current format and future membership of the Partnership would all be considered and she stressed the importance of the Members attending.

The officer also advised that the Special EU Programme Body (SEUPB) had recently delivered two training sessions in relation to the management and implementation of PEACE IV. She outlined that it intended to deliver further training for Partnerships throughout 2017/18 as follows:

- Eligibility of Expenditure – October/November 2017;
- Information and Publicity – October 2017;
- Effective Delivery of Public Services – 2018;
- Effective Corporate Governance/Fraud Awareness – November/December 2017;
- Effective Management of Capital Projects – September/October 2017/February 2018; and
- Capital Procurement – November/December 2017

The Programme Manager advised that a training programme for the Members would be rolled out in line with PEACE IV requirements and following the Shared City Partnership review.

The Partnership noted the update provided.

Good Relations Grant Aid – St Patrick's Day Celebration Grants

The Partnership was informed that £30,000.00 had been allocated from the current Good Relations Programme's budget to organisations wishing to host small-scale St. Patrick's Day events and educational activities in 2018.

The Good Relations Manager reported that the application process had closed on 7th July and that, by that date, forty-three applications had been received, requesting in total £37,814.00. Those had been assessed using pre-agreed criteria, following which forty-one submissions, which had achieved a score of 50 and over, had been recommended for funding totalling £22,347.50. The officer advised that, following the publication of the agenda pack, an application from Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain, had been reviewed and deemed to be eligible, therefore, forty-two submissions, were now being recommended for funding totalling £22,647.50

The Members were reminded that, following the award in 2015/16, the Partnership had recommended that the criteria would be enhanced to ensure that all funded projects demonstrated an increased knowledge of St. Patrick and she confirmed that this requirement had been applied and stated that this might account for the reduction in applications. The officer also reminded the Members that they had previously approved a consultation exercise with all former recipients of a St Patrick's Day Celebration Grant, this was to identify if the small grants programme was the best way to meet the needs of recipients in developing events to mark St Patrick's Day and to promote good relations outcomes. The Partnership was asked to note that all former applicants, both successful and unsuccessful, had been sent a questionnaire and as part of the engagement process an event was being held in Grosvenor House, Belfast Central Mission, 5 Glengall Street on Monday, 13th November at 10.00 a.m.

Several Members welcomed the consultation exercise and stated that they would be keen to be involved in the engagement process.

The officer encouraged Members to attend the event. She stated that she would collate the results of the research and a report would be submitted to the December meeting of the Partnership.

Accordingly, the Shared City Partnership noted the list of 42 organisations as set out below, which had been approved for funding totalling £22,647.50 through the St Patrick's Day Celebration Grants Scheme under the delegated authority of the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services.

Good Relations St Patrick's Small Grants 2017

Threshold score for award 50 and above

	Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	12035	East Belfast Mission / Turas	East Belfast's St Patrick's Celebration	This project will build on the work of Turas in promoting the Gaelic history of east Belfast and in building cross-community understanding and tolerance. The project will do this in three ways. Firstly, through organising a public talk to explore the Gaelic history and legacy of east Belfast, focusing on the life of Conn O Neill, the last Gaelic Chieftain of Belfast and his links to	97.5	£1,000.00	£1,000.00

				<p>St Patrick (through his relative, St Colmcille). The focus on Conn O Neill and his local legacy (Conns Bridge, Inauguration chair, Castle and Grave) makes their Gaelic heritage accessible and relevant to the people of east Belfast and helps to overcome any resistance or unwillingness on their part to explore this aspect of their history. The second strand of the project will provide a series of arts workshops for local children to increase their awareness of their Gaelic heritage. We propose to have six workshops each two hours long. Through these workshops, the children will learn about St Patrick, St Brigid and St Colmcille. They will be facilitated to create items associated with these, such as St Brigids Crosses, Shamrocks etc. They will also create artifacts associated with Conn O Neill such as cloaks and swords. . The project will culminate in the final strand of the project which is the construction of a small replica of Conn's castle which will be built on a float. The children, their parents and</p>		
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				<p>other participants take part in the St Patrick's Day Parade 2018 with the float as a centre piece.. The children and other participants will wear costumes made during the childrens arts workshops. . The overall objective of the project is to increase awareness of the shared heritage of the people of Belfast and to encourage them to celebrate St Patrick</p>			
2	4301	Feile An Phobail	The Story of St Pat	<p>This project will work with 10 young people in creating a small book that tells the story of St Patrick. This will be a graphic novel style in which the young people will be involved in creating the artwork, the narrative and its publication. The book will then be made available for free to local youth and community projects.</p>	86.25	£1,000.00	£930.00
3	12159	Chinese Welfare Association	Not a Snake in Sight! St.Patrick's Celebration Event	<p>This project seeks to use this traditional Irish festival to facilitate engagement between the indigenous, Chinese and other BME Communities in Belfast.</p>	83.75	£875.00	£660.00
4	12203	Poleglass Community Association @ Sally Gardens	St Patricks Family Fun Day	<p>Sally Gardens plan to hold a family fun day celebrating St Patrick, a fun filled day of traditional music,</p>	83.75	£950.00	£300.00

				dance and shared culture. The programme will be a cross community event.			
5	10148	Ionad Uibh Eachach	'Aistear' (Journey)	<p>It is proposed to build on the success of the 'Aistear/Journey' project last year by continuing this project in 2018. The project aims to highlight the theme of immigration and the journey that is made by immigrants through the story of St Patrick.</p> <p>'Aistear/Journey' will use storytelling and an art project in the after-schools club as ways of highlighting these themes - there will also be a multi-cultural ceili involving adults. Aistear will develop themes of a journey, undertaken by all, whether from one land and culture to another or a journey through one evolving culture. Throughout the project, the notion of coming together of people and cultures and the vibrancy this allows, will be developed - this will be the theme of the cultural diversity workshops.</p>	78.75	£840.00	£780.00
6	3223	The Tuesday Club	St Patrick celebration	A bus trip to see St Patricks origins in Ireland, a lecture and an inclusive social night.	75	£940.00	£550.00

7	11264	Belfast City Mission (Island Street)	St. Patrick's 'Fun, Food, and Friendship'	We plan to host a community event where over 100+ local people will be given the opportunity to come and enjoy some Irish Stew and Desserts as well as a Ceili / Dance involving a local Irish Dancing troupe. We also plan to take a visit to the St Patrick Centre in Downpatrick where around 40 local people will be given the opportunity to deepen their understanding of St. Patrick and perhaps even challenge their misunderstanding about Ireland's Patron Saint. This aspect of the project will be a huge opportunity to demythologise and depoliticise Patrick and consider his contribution to early life in Ireland in context. It will also be an opportunity to build and strengthen relationships, improve confidence and deepen understanding of Irish social, cultural and religious history.	75	£995.00	£685.00
8	11982	FRIENDS OF CAREERS N KIDS	Celebrate St Patrick and cultures	Friends of Careers n kids are hoping to help the children learn and st Patrick, Irish Traditions and festivals celebrated on both sides of the peace wall. We will take the children on a trip to St Patrick's museum and library.	75	£1,000.00	£630.00

				We will host a fun day for the children and families			
9	11842	Glenbank Community Association	Building Communities	As a follow on from our Flags and Emblems project which will run in January 2018, we would hope to take the group of inter-generational and cross community people to Dublin to participate in the St Patrick's Day Event there.	73.75	£999.75	£560.00
10	12055	Lower Oldpark Community Association	COMMON ROOTS - ST. PATRICK'S EVENT	This project will involve 24 women-12 from each side of the Lower Oldpark / Thornade Duncairn & Kinnaird area in North Belfast. The participants will have the opportunity to explore St Patrick and his contribution to Ireland, based on a guided day visit to St Patrick's grave in Downpatrick, Saul Church followed by subsequent discussion group and a cultural workshop.	73.75	£792.00	£532.00
11	12221	Dunmurry Community Association	St. Patricks Celebration	We like to host a special project dedicated to exploring the story and legend of St. Patrick from a cross community perspective. We believe this project would help raise awareness of the importance of St. Patrick to our common culture and to use the occasion to build better community relations. The project would	72.5	£950.00	£530.00

				<p>be used to educate, and provide information to the community on the person, history, and relevance of St Patrick to our communities. It would be used as a means of helping the community to improve their knowledge and understanding of the story and cultural celebrations associated with it and to help dispel myths, and break down stereotypes and the contentions around the St. Patrick tradition. Our project aims to create new interactions and open dialogues that would facilitate better community relations and help engage young people and help tackle tendencies of sectarianism which emanates from the misconceptions and misrepresentations of the St. Patrick Story. This project would engage participants from all different community backgrounds and traditions. We would hold a series of community workshops focused on addressing the theme of St Patrick from a cross community perspective and encourage engagement by the community with the St Patrick tradition.</p>			
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				<p>We will also host a community St Patricks family fun and information day bringing together people from all cultural and religious backgrounds.</p>			
12	12195	Ballynaveigh Community Development Association	St Patricks day Mini Carnival	<p>BCDA' s St Patrick's Day Mini Carnival Project will be a bright and colourful initiative for everyone in the neighbourhood to enjoy, enabling children, young and old, to celebrate St Patrick Day and to herald in the brighter days of summer, which hopefully lie ahead. The Project will utilise Saint Patrick and associated themes of Snakes and Sinners, to underpin interactive and dynamic dialogue and discussion workshops for children and young adults. These will explore the story of Saint Patrick and the many myths surrounding him. The goal is to facilitate a better understanding and awareness of Saint Patrick's story, while encouraging a sense of collective ownership over the</p>	71.25	£960.00	£635.00

				<p>celebration within our shared and diverse neighbourhood of Ballynafeigh. The creative and practical elements of the workshops will enable the participants, children, young people and local volunteers, to acquire new skills in carnival music, dance, drumming and costume making. In addition, the workshops will represent a significant opportunity for everyone involved to work together in order to design a fun cultural display and performance. Working together in this way will also encourage the development of trust and the building of relationships and friendships among all the participants, impacting positively on the neighbourhood as a whole by enhancing community spirit and morale. Participation in the Mini Carnival Project will also encourage the participants to participate in the city Centre Parade with enhanced confidence and pride in their personal achievements. As part of the project evaluation, BCDA alongside project volunteers and</p>			
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				participants, will explore the potential of developing a specific Urban Ballet group which can perform within Ballynafeigh and at other community events. Should sufficient interest be demonstrated in this idea, BCDA will assist with the establishment of the group and enable it to seek appropriate funding and support.			
13	12197	Hannahstown Cultural And Heritage Society	St Patrick. His impact on modern Ireland	We will visit the historical sites of Slane and Tara where St Patrick's influence on Ireland really changed. We will have a lecture on Irish law and customs at that time and how it is reflected today.	71.25	£860.00	£780.00
14	11199	Willowfield Parish Community Association	Celebrating the Life and Faith of St Patrick	We are planning to run a community-wide Family Fun Day with BBQ, bouncy castles, face painting etc. and a separate cross-community event for Senior Citizens with Irish stew and a singalong of some Irish tunes.	70	£700.00	£580.00

15	12124	Ligoniel Improvement Association	St Patrick for All	<p>The project will consist of three workshops i.e. women, youths, and families culminating in a community celebration that will encourage social cohesion regardless of religious, political, cultural or ethnic background.</p> <p>We intend to run 3 x 2hr workshops in the run up to St. Patricks day. The facilitated workshops (for the aforementioned groups) will present opportunities for informal discussions on what St. Patricks day means to the community today. This will encourage conversation on myths and labels associated with St Patrick within communities across Northern Ireland e.g. St Patrick is only for the CNR community. In addition, the participants will be encouraged to think about how St Patrick is often seen as a contentious subject. We know that there have been many times when the truth has been blurred e.g. St Patrick is a catholic saint, in an attempt to claim ownership and exclude others. the sessions will provide factual information about the Saint and encourage dialogue and discussion to look at why there is</p>	68.75	£999.00	£420.00
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				division on the matter and how to promote inclusivity.			
16	12208	DREAMSCHEME NORTHERN IRELAND	SPATS - (St Patrick And The Snakes)	This project will help young people and the community understand more about St Patrick through a number of activities including:- 1. Know the Snake - Facilitated discussion / workshop on contested issues 2. Mind the Snake - A trip to walk in St Patrick's footsteps in Downpatrick and 3. Hear the Snake - Traditional music evening - sing-a-long	66.25	£1,000.00	£650.00
17	7446	Focus Club	Celebration of St Patricks day	Celebration day with traditional music, dance and talk and related outing	65	£910.00	£510.00
18	11215	Lagan Village Youth And Community Group	Lagan Village Saint Patrick Youth Trip	A day out to visit the Saint Patrick Centre and the Down County museum in Downpatrick to help the young people of the area to learn the history of Saint Patrick and his history. We would like to make a day trip out of it and get food for the young people.	65	£474.50	£400.50
19	12156	Southcity Resource And Development Centre	Discovering St Patrick 2018.	To increase awareness of the historical context of St Patrick and dispel the modern day myths of community representation. To	65	£1,000.00	£590.00

				provide information to ensure there is informed debate and participation in the celebration of St Patrick			
20	12184	Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich	St Patrick's Day 2018	A family fun day for St Patrick's festival in the Culturlann with the emphasis on Irish language events and activities	65	£1,000.00	£500.00
21	12223	Sandy Row Residents Association	Everbody's Saint	The bringing together of the local community including the ethnic residents who our now established members of our community to celebrate St. Patrick's Day a fun day in the local park and a fancy dress parade and evening of celebration for the older members of the community.	65	£1,000.00	£450.00
22	12109	All Nations Ministries	St Patrick's Journeys	Following on from last year's event where we visited Armagh, with its numerous historical sites and understood more about the history and ministry of St Patrick. In 2018 we plan to visit Downpatrick again to encourage more of our community to attend the annual St Patrick's Day Parade and Visitor's centre - and then host an Irish meal in some of our community members houses . Downpatrick is the oldest and most venerated of Irish	63.75	£640.00	£450.00

				<p>cities and has a long Christian heritage. We hope Dr Gerard McCann can join us this year is giving a talk and seminar on the history and culture of St Patrick and taking a tour of local churches with historical links to Ireland's patron saint. Draft Timetable: 17th March 2018 (Saturday)10am - Leave Belfast - Downpatrick11am - Tour of Visitors Centre & Local Churches1pm - Lunch2pm - Attend Parade3pm - Seminar & Discussion - Dr Gerard McCann4:30 pm depart Downpatrick</p>			
23	12232	The HUBB Community Resource Centre	St Patrick celebration	<p>To deliver a St. Patrick's event on the , Shore Road area of North Belfast, a talk to the public surrounding the life and legacy of St. Patrick for Britain and Ireland. The event will further have music, poetry and food for the participants. One hundred and fifty people will attend form the local community including women, children and older people. This grant application further includes .three be-spoke workshops on the life and impact of St Patrick on our shared past</p>	63.75	£1,000.00	£450.00

24	12174	Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain	Fleadh Phadraig	Fleadh Phadraig is a unique, open, welcoming and inclusive celebration of St. Patrick. It will celebrate the patron saint of Ireland, Irish literature, prose, poetry, traditional indigenous food, and traditional and contemporary indigenous music in a non-threatening and welcoming social setting. Once the literary lunch and traditional music session has finished, all participants have the option to attend a first rate concert in the concert hall featuring the best of musical talent Ireland has to offer. Other members of the public are also able to avail of the concert. Fleadh Phadraig will take place (from early afternoon until late evening) on the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day every year. It is a positive expression of culture and a welcoming and inclusive celebration.	63.75	£1,000.00	£300.00
25	147	Knocknagoney Community Centre Committee	St Patrick's Irish (Tea) Dance	St Patricks Irish (Tea) Dance Members from the Knocknagoney and Ligoniel communities will be invited to participate in a Tea Dance at Knocknagoney Community Centre. Entertainment will include a display of	61.25	£405.00	£330.00

				Irish Dancing and Irish Folk songs. Irish stew will be on offer as light refreshment.			
26	11674	Lower Andersonstown Mothers Support Group	If you are Irish Celebration	A celebration in song, dance poetry an music, all day through to the evening. poetry readings, myths and legends stories followed by buffet and music.	61.25	£480.00	£480.00
27	12002	Lagan Village Youth And Community Group	Celebrating St Patrick	We would like to hold 4 x 2 hour workshops around Irish dancing, Food and music that would tell the story of the life and times of St Patrick here in Ireland. The workshops would have a weekly theme such dancing, storytelling and food that would tell the participants the story of Ireland and St Patrick around that period of time. The group participants would learn dancing and then be able to do a demonstration at the final event which would be a full community celebration of St Patrick that day for 4 hours.	61.25	£805.00	£580.00
28	12005	Avoniel Over 50s Club	ST Patrick celebration	A tour of Armagh cathedrals, lecture and celebration night	60	£1,000.00	£775.00

29	12192	Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group (LORAG)	Lorag St. Patricks Day celebration	<p>This event will be intercultural and inclusive to all communities and cultures it will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bouncy Castle - Story telling - Face painting - Inter cultural food fest - Sports for all ages and competitions - Barbeque - Taking part in festival in Belfast city centre <p>This event will hold open discussions about St. Patrick and relevant issues. It will include intercultural stories and community relations activities with Nicras, Roma Community and An Droichead and all members of the community/area.</p>	60	£1,000.00	£450.00
30	12214	Markets Development Association	Market St Patrick's Day Celebrations 2018	<p>The MDA have organised St Patrick's Day Celebrations in the Market area for the last 4 years in collaboration with St Malachy's Youth Centre and the Market Community Centre. The project provides a St Patrick's themed family fun day in St Malachy's Youth Centre and offers face painting, arts & crafts, balloon modelling, music and dancing, bouncy castles, go karts, games and food. In</p>	60	£1,000.00	£470.00

				addition the St Patrick's Day Celebrations also include a Senior Citizens lunch and tea dance in the Market Community Centre.			
31	4981	CLARAWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	Clarawood St Patricks Events	Events to mark St Patricks day, promote better understanding of Ireland's patron saint and to use the opportunity to enhance community relations	57.5	£1,000.00	£675.00
32	11230	Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Seniors St Patricks Cross Community Event	Seniors from the Colin & Greater Dunmurry area will come together to celebrate St Patricks day with an event held in Dunmurry. Through Irish & Scottish Music, Dance and social interaction we will bring together both these communities to build up trust, respect and understanding of each others cultures	57.5	£720.00	£480.00
33	11712	Greater Village Regeneration Trust	Celebrating St Patrick	An arts education project with Donegall Road Primary School to learn about St Patrick and create artwork to be displayed in the Greater Village community.	57.5	£1,000.00	£500.00
34	11895	Whitecity Over 50's Group	Celebration of St Patrick	To celebrate St Patrick through a cross community tea dance	57.5	£400.00	£215.00

35	11280	Cumann Naomh Eoin GAC	St Patrick's Day Family Celebration	<p>It is aimed to run a Family Fun Day in Corrigan Park, Whiterock Road on 17th March 2017 to celebrate the life of St Patrick and his prominent position in our culture. We will run activities for the children including sports and games in in Sports Hall and Sports Field. Everyone, young and old, will be invited to arrive in fancy dress, or, at least dressed in green. A children's entertainer (balloon artist or face painter) will attend. There will be Irish Traditional Music playing in the main function room and an exhibition of Irish Dancing. A caterer will provide food for all. There will be a history lecture on St Patrick in our Coffee Lounge. The event will be promoted locally via posters in local shops and community centres and a leaflet drop in the local schools, as well as through our website and local media outlets (especially the West Belfast Festival).</p>	56.25	£1,000.00	£545.00
36	12212	An Droichead Ltd	CeiliÁradh Naomh PÁdraig 2018	<p>We will hold a series of events around St. Patricks Day to mark the annual celebrations. These events will showcase to the residents and visitors the arts that</p>	55	£820.00	£450.00

				our heritage has to offer.			
37	7657	Manor Street Cliftonville Community Group	Saint Patrick Celebration	We are going to celebrate the culture and life of our patron saint of Ireland by having a ceilei with traditional irish music for children and their families and local residents. We will be having bouncy castles and glitter tattoos. Arts and crafts to include card making, crowns, snakes and shamrocks and face painting. We will provide food to include, stew and champ.	52.5	£993.75	£375.00
38	11748	Whitcity Community Development Association	Under Standing St Patrick	Bringing people together from different age groups to under stand the life of St Patrick. there will be a St Patrick's lunch Disco for the young people center will be decorated	52.5	£555.00	£355.00
39	12091	Groundwork Northern Ireland	St Patricks for the gardener	St Patricks day is an important time in the gardening year - it signifies the start of the growing season and is a traditional date for planting potatoes. We would like to run a project in our East Belfast Connswater Street garden to celebrate St Patrick. The project has different elements, there will be a visit to the cathedral in Downpatrick, we will be growing shamrock to be distributed to various	52.5	£950.00	£500.00

				communities, we will be carrying out the traditional planting of spuds in the week of St Patricks day and also celebrating the potato and its part in our food heritage and food culture			
40	12161	St. Luke's Family Centre	St. Patrick's Day Celebration	St. Lukes Family Centre aim to deliver a programme to celebrate St. Patricks life. The programme will be held throughout a fun-filled week leading up to St. Patricks Day as we host a range of activities building on good relations, awareness of his life including trips, workshops and entertainment.	51.25	£1,000.00	£575.00
41	11957	Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association (Belfast Branch)	Visit to Down County Museum for Day Trip organised by St Patricks Visitor Centre	A day trip organised by Dr Tim Campbell of St Patrick's Visitor Centre which includes a tour of High Cross Gallery and Museum, tour of Down Cathedral and St Patrick's Grave, visit St Patrick's Centre to discover the story of Ireland's Patron Saint	50	£800.00	£570.00
42	12217	45th Belfast Scout Group	Celebration of St Patrick by Scout Group	Celebration of the Patron Saint of Ireland	50	£1,000.00	£450.00
43	11973	Clanmil Housing Association (Ineligible-missing information not supplied)	St Patricks Day at the Hub	A celebration of St Patricks at Clanmils Hub in South and West Belfast for Clanmil tenants and friends. this will include childrens activity including bouncy castle, arts and crafts, food and soft	0	£1,000.00	£0.00

				drinks. We will also provide our own St Patricks Day trial. For adults we provide traditional music along side some traditional storytelling.			
						£37,814.00	£22,647.50

Update on Interface Working

The Partnership was reminded that the sum of £50,000 had been ring-fenced within the District Council Good Relations Action Plan to invite submissions from interface communities to develop shared space at the local level.

The Good Relations Manager reported that the invite for submissions had been issued on 12th September to the Good Relations mailing list, with a deadline of 11th November. A total of six eligible submissions had been received from a variety of organisations with a total funding request of £41,444.00. Those had been assessed by three officers from Good Relations, using a scoring matrix that was in line with previous matrices that had been used in similar exercises.

All six organisations had exceeded the threshold score of 50 and were awarded a total of £40,869.00 (with one allocation reduced by £705.00 in line with capped rates). The officer advised that, given that the allocation was less than the ring-fenced amount, officers were seeking approval to commission a film that would capture the progress and outcomes of these projects. The film would be used to share best practice and to capture the support that the Council provided for projects in interface communities. She added that officers were also seeking approval to host a launch event for the projects in a local shared space. It was anticipated that the costs for the film and the launch would not exceed £4000.00 which would be in line with the allocation for this area of work within the action plan.

The Partnership was also requested to consider the allocation of £2,350.00 to facilitate the relocation of Peace III funded artwork to the shared space in the ABC Health and Leisure Trust in Ardoyne. The officer explained this art work had been due to be installed as part of the Peace III Interfaces project but a lack of progress in relation to the Ardoyne/Woodvale element of the project had resulted in this not happening.

The Good Relations Manager advised that there had been ongoing engagement with the local community in relation to the relocation of the art piece in this developing shared space and officers were recommending that it should be installed at this location as it was in public use. The costs would include relocation fees as well as an additional payment of £865.00 for the delivery of four cross community art workshops and the design of an additional bespoke panel to the artwork for the ABC Trust.

The officer also asked the Members to note that the International Fund for Ireland had held an event on 24th October at which the Peace Walls Programme attitudinal survey had been launched. She stated that, given the relevance of the findings to the work of the Partnership, it might be useful if representatives were invited to present at a future meeting.

Following a query from a Member, the Programme Manager confirmed that work on progressing the East Belfast Interface would be undertaken as part of the Peace IV Programme.

The officer then answered a number of questions around Area Planning and the Belfast Agenda from a Good Relations perspective. A Member suggested that it would be beneficial for the Council's Directors to periodically attend future meetings of the Partnership to continue to engage with the Members and to update them on the progress made departmentally.

The Good Relations Manager advised that the Director of City and Neighborhood Services and the Director of Property and Projects would be attending a future meeting of the Partnership.

It was also suggested that within the context of the ongoing work on Area Planning that it would be useful if, at some stage in the future, the Partnership were to receive a presentation in respect of the Local Development Plan.

The Assistant Director advised that the strategic direction of the Shared City Partnership would be considered at the workshop on the 21st November and she reiterated the importance of the Members attending this event.

Discussion ensued, following which:

- the Shared City Partnership agreed to endorse the funding allocations and additional work under the Expression of Interest exercise re: developing shared space at the local level and approved the cost outlined for the additional work in relation to the relocation of an artwork to the shared community space at the ABC Health and Leisure Trust (Ardoyne);
- agreed to invite the International Fund for Ireland to present its findings on the Peace Walls Programme Attitudinal Survey to a future meeting; and
- agreed that the relevant Council officers be asked to do an update presentation in respect of the Local Development Plan within the context of Good Relations to a future meeting.

Belfast City Council Decade of Centenaries Programme 2017 - 2022

The Partnership considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To inform Members on the agreed governance and content for the final phase of the Decade of Centenaries Programme.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Members note that Council has agreed that the Decade of Centenaries programme be delivered by the Good Relations Unit with the governance emanating from the Shared City Partnership, Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, and party group leaders.

2.2 That Members also note the agreed programme for delivery over the coming six years.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Members will be aware of the programme of work in relation to the Decade of Centenaries, which has been ongoing since 2011. The then Historic Centenaries Working Group agreed a three phased approach to the Decade, to be divided into 3 stages. The first stage, 1912-1914, was entitled “Shared History, Differing Allegiances”. The second stage, 1914-1918, covered the period of World War I, including the Somme and the Easter Rising. This activity, under the banner of ‘Belfast; Reflections on 1916’ was hugely successful. The third period, 1918-1922, will cover the end of WWI, the 1918 elections and the establishment of parliaments in Belfast and Dublin.

3.2 Major exhibitions were commissioned for the Covenant, the Somme and the Easter Rising and that there was a Civic Dinner to mark each of these three major historical events. All of this activity, and more, has been delivered thus far.

3.3 At the August 2016 meeting of the Councils Diversity Working Group, Members requested that officers develop a programme for the remainder of the Decade, until 2022. In line with this request, a programme was developed, in consultation with the Parties and the Diversity Working Group regarding the key events to be delivered for the remainder of the Decade. The programme contains a number of themes and a series of events to be delivered within each theme (see appendices 1 and 2).

3.4 Members also requested that the following would underpin all activity would continue with the objective of having a strong Belfast focus, exploring the human stories of lost lives and be respectful and that the current Principles, agreed in 2011, will apply to all activity.

3.5 In discussions with Party Group Leaders, they have also requested that officers explore the possibility of delivering a large exhibition covering the themes within appendix 1 during this final phase of the Decade of Centenaries.

3.6 Since the beginning of the Centenaries period, the Good Relations Unit has been the main council unit responsible for the delivery this work. In addition to this, the Partnership will also be aware that the PEACE IV local action plan also contains a community focused piece of work in relation to the Decade of Centenaries, which again will be driven out of the Councils overall Good Relations work.

3.7 At its Council meeting in November, Members approved the governance and themes and activities for delivery over the remainder of the Decade of Centenaries. It also agreed that all other proposed commemorative activities, outside of the Decade of Centenaries, be considered by the newly formed Historic Working Group.

3.8 Financial and Resource Implications

All programme activity for the 2017/2018 financial year is fully funded. No agreement on funding beyond March 2018 has been made. Potential costings are detailed in appendix 2 and would need to be considered through the estimate setting process.

3.9 Equality or Good Relations Implications

The Decade of Centenaries programme is included within the Good Relations Action Plan, which was screened out following an Equality Screening exercise.

- 4.0** Appendix 1 – Themes for activity from 1917 – 1922
Appendix 2 – Planned activities from 1917 – 1922
Appendix 3 – Programme delivered this financial year

Appendix 1: Proposed themes from 1917 – 1922

In preparing the programme of events and activities for 1916, Members had requested that any Council activity should focus on the following elements:

- That any activity would have a strong Belfast focus
- That the human stories of lost lives would be explored, as a common thread
- That commemoration activity would be respectful

Thematic approach:

Following consultations with Parties in 2016 and early 2017 the following significant events have been agreed for inclusion within the remainder of the Decade under a number of themes:

- 1. Politics and Parliaments**
The Irish Convention of August 1917 – March 1918. The Convention met in City Hall. General Election of 1918. First meeting of Dáil Eireann in the Mansion House in January 1919.
- 2. The end of World War I**
Post war Belfast, changing roles, injury, trauma and loss. Treaty of Versailles. European Borders redrawn.

3. **The politicisation of women**
In 1918, women over 30 had the vote for the first time in a General Election. First woman MP elected. Women in the Trade Union movement.
4. **Labour must wait**
Both in Ulster and in the rest of Ireland, advances in the labour movement had to take second place to the constitutional issues of the day.
5. **Violence, conflict, militarisation and displacement**
Between July 1920 and September 1922, Belfast experienced a series of outbreaks of rioting, violence and killing, resulting in huge loss of life and displacement of people from neighbourhoods across the City. 450 people died violently during this period. In October 1920, the Ulster Special Constabulary was founded and by 1922, the A, B and C specials numbered 32,000. On 22nd June 1922, the RUC was founded.
6. **The Kings Speech**
June 1921, opening of the new Northern Ireland Parliament at City Hall by King George V. In his speech, he called on Irishmen 'to forgive and forget and to seek for the land loved a new era of peace, contentment and good will'.
7. **Anglo Irish Treaty. Partition of Ulster; Partition of Ireland**
In February 1920, the Government of Ireland Act (4th Home Rule Bill) provided for the setting up of two parliaments on the island. The Kings speech of 1921 was seen as paving the way for the truce on 11th July 1921 in the Anglo-Irish war, leading directly to the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations.

These themes incorporate similar popular themes that have been woven through the Council's Decade of Centenaries Programmes over the first two phases: Women, the Labour movement, Politics, conflict, the social life of the City, as well as forthcoming key momentous events such as the opening of the new NI Parliament in City Hall. The themes, with a strong Belfast connection, could be reflected through any style of activity similar to the first two phases, such as talks, lectures, exhibitions and drama.

Appendix 2: Outline activity and broad costs for programme from 2017 – 2022

Based on previous programmes the following indicative costs would be required in the delivery of work around the Decade of Centenaries over the period covered by the proposals in this report.

Politics and Parliaments

Activity	Date	Potential cost
An exploration of the Irish Convention of August. (Talk/lecture) Possible re-enactment of the Convention, using drama and use of the Council Chamber as a venue, subject to agreement and approval	October 2017	£10,000
An analysis of the General Election of 1918 and the First meeting of Dáil Eireann in the Mansion House in January 1919. (Talk/Lecture)	January 2018	£2,500

The end of World War I

Activity	Date	Potential cost
End of the First World War (Talk/lecture/candle event)	November 2018	£1,500
Belfast after the First World War (Talk/lecture)	November 2018	£1,500
Europe after the First World War (Talk/lecture)	February 2019	£1,500

The politicisation of women

Activity	Date	Potential cost
Women and politics in post war Belfast, Representation of the People Act Feb 1918 (Talk and drama evening)	February 2018	£2,500

Labour must wait

Activity	Date	Potential cost
Evening event on “Labour must wait”, to explore the interface between the labour movement and the constitutional priorities of the day for Unionism and Nationalism. (Talk and drama evening)	May 2019	£2,500

Violence, conflict, militarisation and displacement

Activity	Date	Potential cost
Militarisation. The early years of the RUC. Relocation of personnel. Establishment of the Special constabulary (Talk/lecture)	Oct 2020	£1,500
Violence, conflict and displacement in Belfast from 1920 – 1922 (Talk/lecture)	April 2021	£1,500

The Kings Speech

Activity	Date	Potential cost
Re-enactment of the Official Opening of the Parliament of Northern Ireland, using the Council Chamber	June 2021	£5,000

Anglo Irish Treaty. Partition of Ulster; Partition of Ireland

Activity	Date	Potential cost
War, treaty and the Craig Collins Pact (Talk and drama evening)	November 2021	£2,500
An exploration of the impact of partition on Northern Nationalists and Ulster Unionists within Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal (Talk/lecture)	February 2022	£1,500
The end of the Decade of Centenaries (Conference)	March 2022	£5,000

The costs could be borne by the Council's District Council's Good Relations Programme, which is 75% funded by the Executive Office and core Council costs.

An exhibition to capture the above themes into one exhibit would cost in the region of £60,000, based on previous experience. A suitable timeframe for this has been identified as being best delivered within the period 2019 – 2021, but incorporating all of the themes within the whole of the third phase. There is currently no resource for this.

Previous Civic Dinners have cost in the region of £20,000 each. Currently there are no plans for any civic dinners in the final phase.

Appendix 3 – Programme delivered in this financial year

At Budget Panel and subsequently at the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 24th March 2017, agreement was reached on a series of events and activities to be delivered within the 2017 – 2018 financial year, as follows:

Theme: Politics and Parliaments

Activity	Date	Potential cost
An exploration of the Irish Convention of August. (Talk/lecture)/Possible re-enactment of the Convention,	October 2017	£10,000

using drama and use of the Council Chamber as a venue, subject to agreement and approval		
An analysis of the General Election of 1918 and the First meeting of Dáil Eireann in the Mansion House in January 1919. (Talk/Lecture)	January 2018	£2,500

Theme: The End of World War I

Activity	Date	Potential cost
Battle of Messines and Passchendaele	May/June 2017	£4,000
The World and the First World War- Russian Revolutions (Talk/lecture)	November 2017	£1,000

Theme: The Politicisation of Women

Activity	Date	Potential cost
Women and politics in post war Belfast (Talk and drama evening)	February 2018	£3,000

Events around the Battle of Messines and Passchendaele were delivered by external organisations, namely the 36th Ulster Division Memorial Association and the Fellowship of Messines Association in May and June this year. Members will also be aware that at its August meeting, it approved a small sum of money for a series of events to be delivered later on in the year by Clifton House. This was funded through the Good Relations Action Plan.

The remaining events, which are being delivered by the Council are as follows:

1. **The Irish Convention of 1917-1918: The Last Hope of Averting Partition? Thursday 26th October 2017, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber.**
2. **The Russian Revolutions and World War I; Monday 27th November 2017, 6.30 pm, Banqueting Hall.**
3. **An analysis of the General Election of 1918 and the first meeting of Dáil Eireann in the Mansion House in January 1919; Thursday 18th January 2018, 6.30 pm, Banqueting Hall.**
4. **The Representation of the People Act 1918, and its impact on women in politics; Thursday 8th February 2018, 6.30 pm.**

The Chairman congratulated the Good Relations Unit on the delivery of the programme so far.

The Partnership noted the update provided.

Research and Engagement on the experience of the Muslim community in Belfast

The Partnership was advised that in the past few months' representatives from the Islamic Centre and other minority ethnic support organisations had raised concern about the growing level of Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim hate crime in Belfast. The Good Relations Manager detailed that there was particular concern relating to incidents of hate against women wearing traditional Islamic clothing. She advised that support organisations had noted that many of the incidents had not been reported to the PSNI.

The officer detailed that the Good Relations Unit was proposing to commission a research and engagement project in accordance with the Council's procurement procedures, to understand further the extent of Anti-Muslim hate in Belfast and to hear the experiences of the Islamic community in relation to hate crime. It was proposed that the research would also provide recommendations on how people from the Muslim community could be supported to report incidents as well as providing recommendations on practical initiatives to help foster better understanding and contact between the Muslim community and other communities in Belfast.

The Partnership noted that the proposed cost for the project would be £10,000.00. This could be met from within the Good Relations Unit's revenue budget and 75% could be recouped from the Executive Office through the District Council's Good Relations Programme.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it approve the commissioning of research on the experience of the Muslim community in Belfast.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Partnership that Holocaust Memorial Day was an internationally recognised event which sought to honour and remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in other countries across the world. She reported that it was proposed that this year the Council would host two events which would focus upon the theme 'The Power of Words'.

She stated that the Good Relations Unit was proposing to link with Queen's University to run an event in the City Hall on Tuesday, 30th January. This event would be facilitated by James Waller, Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College in New Hampshire. She reported that this event would explore the motivation of those who committed genocide and how intergroup conflict could lead to extreme atrocities.

In addition, it was also proposed that a visit would be organised, as part of the Diversecity Programme, to the Belfast Jewish Synagogue on Thursday, 25th January. This visit would provide participants with the opportunity to hear more about the history of the Jewish community in Belfast as well as understanding the Holocaust and its implications today.

It was reported that the proposed costs for both events would be in the region of £2,000 and that there was sufficient funding available within the existing Good Relations Budget.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it approve the hosting of two events to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day as part of the Good Relations Unit's Diversecity Programme and noted that the Good Relations Unit had developed a small Holocaust Memorial Display which would be located in the City Hall.

Future Presentations – verbal update

The Good Relations Manager advised that a request had been received from the East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) seeking permission to address the Partnership on its work promoting community development in East Belfast.

The Partnership agreed to receive the presentation at a future meeting and also agreed that representatives from the Northern Ireland Community for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (NICRAS) be invited to provide an update on its work.

Mural Programme

The Partnership was reminded that it had allocated up to £20,000 towards a mural transformation programme, under the theme 'Our Safe Community', within the current Good Relations Action Plan.

The Good Relations Manager reported that two recommended projects were part of ongoing engagement on local related issues of physical demarcations: vis, bonfires and graffiti.

She provided details to the Members in respect of these projects and recommended that the Shared City Partnership commend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:

- funding of up to £5,000.00 be allocated to reimage a mural at Bradbury Place (the men heading to the shipyard); and
- up to £2000.00 be allocated to the erection of a mental health mural on the upper Springfield Road at Whiterock to counter local graffiti.

Chairperson