

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY, 8th JANUARY, 2018

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

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

External Members: Mrs. O. Barron, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust;
Mrs. A. Chada, Voluntary/Community Sector;
Ms. J. Hawthorne, Northern Ireland Housing Executive; and
Mr. P. Mackel, Belfast and District Trade Union Council;

In attendance: Mr. N. Grimshaw, Director of City and
Neighbourhood Services;
Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;
Mrs. R. Crozier, Assistant Director;
Mrs. M. Higgins, Senior Good Relations Officer;
Miss. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;
Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Also in attendance: Kallia King exchange student from Nashville.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillor Nicholl and Mrs. G. Duggan,
Mr. K. Gibson and Mr. P. Scott.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 11th December were taken as read and signed as
correct.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Items Withdrawn from Agenda

Review of Events and Festivals

The Committee was advised that the above item had been withdrawn from the
agenda to enable it to be considered initially by the City Growth and Regeneration
Committee.

Following a query, the Good Relations Manager confirmed that a report on the
review would be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership, before its final
consideration by the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.

Noted.

**Presentation by the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
and the Director of Property and Development**

The Chairman reminded the Partnership that it had requested a presentation providing an update on the progress of the Belfast Agenda from a Good Relations and Shared Space perspective.

The Director of City and Neighbourhood Services commenced by reaffirming the Council's commitment to improving neighbourhoods and the City living experience. He stated that the baseline for the implementation of many of these goals was improving good relations throughout the City and he noted that much of this work was being progressed via interagency approaches to regeneration, the City and Neighbourhood Community Safety Programme, Good Relations, Shared Space, the Peace IV Programme and Interface Work.

He then drew the Members' attention to a one-page summary of the Vision 2035, which highlighted the key outcomes and predications for Belfast by 2035, as follows:

- the economy would support 45,000 additional jobs;
- the City would be 'home' to an additional 55,000 people;
- there would be a 33 percent reduction in the life expectancy gap between the most and least deprived neighbourhoods; and
- every young person leaving school would have a destination that would fulfil their potential;

The Director of Property and Projects then provided an overview of the various projects that the Council had already undertaken and he made specific reference to the success of the following two shared spaces, the Girdwood Community Hub and the Innovation Factory. He advised that whilst achieving a shared city and a shared spaced was challenging, the community plan had created a vehicle by which to achieve the aim.

The Partnership noted that Peace IV would also provide new opportunities. He stated that there would be a focus on using shared space, linking communities and progressing how people moved around the City and he stressed that there would be many opportunities available through the use of positive area planning.

The Director then provided the Members with an overview of the works which had already been completed across the City in respect of the Leisure Transformation Programme and also in preparation for the Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) project which would link the East/West of the City, he advised that this was scheduled to completed by September, 2018.

In response to a Member's question as to whether the BRT would be expanded to include a North/South line, the Director confirmed that this would ultimately be the Department's aim but it would be dependent on funding.

The Assistant Director reiterated the importance of good relations, community relations and diversity. She stated that the Shared City Partnership assisted with the Governance of these aims as it required assurance that the good relations and peace building outcomes were being met through the various projects.

The Chairperson thanked the Directors for the update provided.

Noted.

Update on Peace IV Programme

The Partnership considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report with respect to the PEACE IV Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members are requested to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee the rebid process and timeframe for the PEACE IV Action Plan.

Members are also requested to note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main Report

3.1 Background

As detailed in previous reports to the Shared City Partnership in March and June 2017, Council submitted a redrafted application form and revised business plan to SEUPB in February 2017. The SEUPB Steering Committee considered the Belfast PEACE IV Action Plan on 13 September 2017 and has approved an indicative funding allocation to the Council, with *varying degrees of conditions*.

3.2 Programme Update

Letter of Offer

All updates and information required by SEUPB in relation to the QA and approval conditions have been submitted to SEUPB.

The projects will be formally contracted on the eMS system and SEUPB has advised that Letters of Offer are ready for release.

At a meeting with SEUPB in December 2017, SEUPB requested that implementation and delivery of the PEACE IV Programme is accelerated and also requested that a proposal for rebidding for funding is submitted.

3.3 PEACE IV Programme Launch

The launch of the PEACE IV Programme will take place on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 10am in the City Hall, Belfast.

The Mayor and Chief Executive will be present at the launch. Invites to the launch will be issued to Elected Members, Shared City Partnership and partner organisations.

Invitations will also be issued to relevant SEUPB, The Executive Office, Department of Rural and Community Development and North South Ministerial Council.

The launch will outline the content of the programme, opportunities for communities, organisations and individuals to get involved in peace building programmes and will also highlight the opportunities for external organisations / parties to deliver services across a range of projects within the programme.

3.4 Governance

In line with the Governance Framework for PEACE IV, Steering Groups (at an officer level) for each of the strategic themes of the programme have been established.

Partners involved in the delivery of the programme (NIHE) will be invited to nominate suitable representatives to the relevant Children & Young People Steering Group.

The Steering Groups will report into the Programme Board, which will subsequently report on progress to the SCP.

AGRS is currently undertaking a desk top review of the Governance Structure for the management and implementation of the PEACE IV Programme. The report and recommendations from this review will be presented to members.

Following this review the SCP will be required to nominate relevant representative to the appropriate Thematic Steering Groups.

3.5 Procurement

To coincide with the launch of the Programme, tender opportunities for the following approved projects will be opened.

CYP1: Tech for Good Project
CYP2: Playing Our Part in the City Project
CYP4: Young Advocates Project
BPR4: Centenaries
BPR5: Supporting Communities

In line with SEUPB requirements and due to the value of the contracts the tenders must be advertised in the European Journal (OJEU).

Westminster Procurement Services and the Council's Procurement Department are providing assistance with the procurement of contracts.

The proposed timeframe for procurement is as follows:

Issue of Tender - January 2018

Submission of Tender - February 2018

Assessment of Tender - February 2018

Award of Tender - March 2018

Commencement of Delivery - April 2018

3.6 Rebid

SEUPB has requested that the Council submit a proposal for rebidding for approx £5.5m funding that was not approved. SEUPB advised that proposals for the rebid will be subject to the same level of detail and scrutiny as the approved projects.

The rebid may be for unapproved projects or new projects, however the need for projects must have been identified through a consultation process. The assessment timeframe for proposals will be approximately 22 weeks. To enable a project start date of Summer 2018, project proposals should be submitted to SEUPB by mid February 2018. The rebid must be within the financial allocations for each theme, there is no scope to realign funding across the strategic themes.

Children and Young People - £1.2m

Shared Space and Services - £73,000

Building Positive Relations - £3.7m

Given the time constraints and previous the PEACE IV consultation it is proposed that the rebid for funding focuses on the following

- (i) Increase existing projects budgets with elements that were previously removed by SEUPB
 - CYP - Tech for Good - Equipment (£20K)
 - BPR - Centenaries - EU Study Visits (£65K)
- (ii) SSS - add value to existing scheme by including a resource allocation scheme for each of the 12 SS sites (approx. £6,000)
- (iii) Resubmit proposals that were not approved by addressing SEUPB concerns
 - Multi Sport - Value for Money
 - Leadership - Limited Peace Building Outcomes
 - Networks Partner Delivery - NIHE - Limited Peace Building Outcomes

The Assistant Director and Good Relations Manager will be the lead officers responsible for the rebid proposal.

4.0 Resource Implications

- 4.1 Three staff members are now in post. The process of recruitment for other posts, as approved in the PEACE IV Local Action Plan, will continue and staffing associated with programme delivery will be also be recruited on a phased basis, subject to SEUPB approved budget and regulations.**

5.0 Equality and Good Relations Implications

- 5.1 The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The development of the local action plan has been screened out with anticipated positive impacts across section 75 categories regarding equality of opportunity and promotion of good relations. Council officers undertook a robust consultation exercise in formulating the proposed projects and format of the forthcoming Peace IV programming period. In line with feedback from this exercise external recruitment will be fully utilised to maximise community interest in advertised vacancies.”**

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee the rebid process and timeframe for the PEACE IV Action Plan.

Review of Shared City Partnership

The Partnership considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

- 1.1 To present Members with the findings of the workshop on the review of the Shared City Partnership held on 21st November 2017 and to seek Members’ views on the proposed actions**

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Partnership review the content of the attached report which includes a draft terms of reference and if content, recommend to Strategic Policy and Resources (SP&R) committee:**

- the adoption of the reviewed Terms of Reference to include the role, remit and criteria for membership of the Shared City Partnership (SCP)**
- approval for officers to review attendance of members over the last 12 months and contact those who have not attended or sent written comments to 3 or more meetings over this timeframe to ascertain that they are an appropriate representative and their commitment to the revised terms of reference**

- contact existing membership organisations to ensure that their SCP representative is the most appropriate in line with the reviewed Terms of Reference and that the organisation is committed to ongoing participation on the Partnership
- Endorse the recommendations outlined in 3.6 and 3.9 in relation to the current level of representation from church organisations and trade unions and recruitment of new members as outlined in 3.6 and 3.9.
- Approve that Option 1 be adopted as the mechanism to recruit new members.
- Approval for officers to develop an induction programme that will be delivered to all members of SCP by 31 March 2018

3.0 Main Report

Key Issues

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the Partnership had agreed to undertake a review of the role and membership of the Shared City Partnership (SCP) in the light of the Belfast Agenda and the responsibility for oversight of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan as well as the District Council Good Relations Action Plan (DCGRP).**

In order to meet the outcomes detailed in the Agenda, the PEACE IV Plan and the TBUC Strategy, the Partnership wished to consider if the current composition of the Partnership was fit for purpose and could strategically advise the Council on the promotion of good relations within the City.

The outcomes which fall under the remit of the above Plans and Strategies are:

- 3.2 Belfast Agenda:**

The Belfast Agenda, our community plan for Belfast, recognises the importance of good relations; one of its aims is that Belfast will be a culturally rich and diverse city that is open, safe and welcoming to all.

The draft Belfast Agenda plan outlines a commitment to working through the Shared City Partnership and within our individual organisations, to build upon and refocus our collective work to deal with the issues of division and segregation that directly impact on individual life opportunities and the ability of organisations to deliver effective public services. The plan includes key targets in relation to Interfaces, shared space and PEACE IV.

3.3 TBUC/DCGRP:

The work of the Good Relations Unit is aligned with the objectives of the 'Together: Building a United Community' strategy launched in 2013 by OFMDFM now The Executive Office (TEO). The strategy reflects the Northern Ireland Executive's commitment to improving community relations and continuing the journey towards a more united and shared society. The strategy is focused on four priority areas of action: children and young people shared community, safe community, and cultural expression.

3.4 PEACE IV:

The Council's PEACE IV Local Action Plan identifies projects within three priority themes of Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Services, and Building Positive Relations that contribute towards the promotion of greater levels of peace and reconciliation. Funded through the EU's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB),

The overarching aim of the PEACE IV Action Plan is to improve community relations to position Belfast as a welcoming, safe, fair and inclusive city, guided by the following objectives:

1. To increase engagement of marginalised communities to participate in peace building and conflict transformation activities for the long term benefit of the city;
2. To enhance understanding and appreciation of other cultures and heritage leading to an increased acceptance of difference and respect for cultural diversity; and
3. To work effectively with local communities to create and maintain shared space; increasing usage and access to facilities across the city.

The Action Plan places a strong emphasis on promoting cross community relations and understanding to create a more cohesive society.

3.5 As advised at the last meeting, SJ Consulting were appointed to deliver a participatory workshop and associated report to review the current membership of the Shared City Partnership (SCP) and advise on options for identification and recruitment of new members.

The workshop took place on Tuesday 21st November and a copy of the report which contains the findings and a draft terms of reference is attached at Appendix 1 for Member's consideration.

In particular members are asked to discuss and agree the following:

- the adoption of the reviewed Terms of Reference to include the role, remit and criteria for membership of the Shared City Partnership (SCP)
- approval for officers to review attendance of members over the last 12 months and contact those who have not attended or sent written comments to 3 or more meetings over this timeframe to ascertain their commitment to the revised Terms of Reference
- contact existing membership organisations to ensure that their SCP representative is the most appropriate in line with the reviewed Terms of Reference and that the organisation is committed to ongoing participation on the Partnership
- Approval for officers to develop an induction programme that will be delivered to all members of SCP by 31 March 2018

3.6 The report identified a need to augment the existing membership with new members, and the report recommends membership should include:

- The Executive Office - it was suggested that the remit of the SCP may be better suited to the work of the TEO rather than the Department for Communities given their respective portfolios within Government.
- Community and Voluntary Sector potentially from 4 quadrants of the City given the area planning model
- Education Authority and Youth Service to represent the views of children and young people
- Community Relations Council
- PSNI (It was noted a new District Commander had been appointed over the City Centre and North & South) or the most strategically focused representative from the Belfast PCSP to be considered.
- Migrant Forum representative to encourage ethnic and cultural diversity.
- Business in the Community – to represent businesses which are focused on societal issues.
- Arts Council / Arts-based organisation – to reflect importance of arts as a medium to improve good relations.
- To enhance the voice of children and young people, it was further suggested that an annual submission of key issues from the Children’s Young People Fora within Council could be provided to the SCP.

3.7 The recruitment exercise undertaken to appoint new members would have to be transparent and robust and ensure that the new membership of the Shared City Partnership provided a representative and balanced group with the requisite skills and attributes as outlined in the terms of reference.

3.8 Members are asked to consider the following options in relation to the recruitment of new members:

Option 1 - Appoint an external, independent organisation through a quotation exercise to undertake a recruitment exercise to appoint new members.

Pros	Cons
This would ensure a fair, open and transparent process for SCP recruitment	The procurement of an independent contractor would incur an additional cost although this could be recouped from existing budgets
This would provide a dedicated expert resource to carry out the exercise	

Option 2 - The Shared City Partnership makes recommendations on new members for recommendation by SP&R.

Pros	Cons
This would not incur any additional costs	The fairness, openness and transparency of the process could be challenged.
	The final composition of the Partnership may not be balanced and representative
	There could be perceived conflicts of interest.

Option 3 – The Good Relations Unit invites expressions of interest to sit on the Shared City Partnership from organisations on its existing mailing lists.

Pros	Cons
This would not incur any additional costs	The fairness, openness and transparency of the process could be challenged.
	The final composition of the Partnership may not be balanced and representative
	The Good Relations Unit does not have a dedicated expert resource to carry out the exercise.

3.9 Based on the considerations outlined above, it is recommended that that Partnership should recommend Option 1 as the best option to deliver a recruitment exercise for the new members of the SCP. The report also advised that

the Partnership should consider review of the current level of representation from church organisations and trade unions. Members are asked to consider the recommendations that:

- **the Irish Council of Churches should be asked to nominate either one/two representative(s).**
- **One Trade Union representative rather than two should be considered. Advice should be sought from the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) on which would be the most appropriate.**

Finance and Resource Implications

Costs for recruitment exercise could be claimed from existing budgets.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

The aim of the review of the membership of the Partnership is to ensure that the appropriate partners are involved in decision-making, paying particular attention to the involvement of those groups detailed under Section 75. This should ensure there is a positive impact on good relations within the City. Officers will liaise with the Equality and Diversity Officer to ensure the process does not adversely impact any Section 75 groups.”

Following a query by a Member, the Good Relations Manager confirmed that the number of Members on the Partnership would not be restricted to twenty and that the final Membership was more likely to be in the region of twenty-four/twenty-five. She advised that the review was about adding value to the Partnership by ensuring that there was a cross-section of representatives that would offer a range of experience, skill and expertise from the various sectors identified.

In addition, Members highlighted several points in relation to the proposed review of the membership of the Partnership, a number of which are set out hereunder:

- it was suggested that as well as receiving an annual submission of key issues from the Children's Young People Fora that one would also be requested from the Children and Young People's Commissioner;
- the introduction of a formal process outlining a Code of Conduct for Members of the Partnership, it was suggested that this should be signed on an annual basis;
- that consideration be given to the appointment of a representative from a business association such as the Federation of Small Businesses and also from the Interfaith Forum;
- it was noted that, should Option 1 be adopted as the mechanism to recruit new Members, some of the existing external Members of the Partnership would have been recruited using a different process and officers were asked to clarify if this would be acceptable under equality; and
- the Good Relations Manager advised that similar processes had been adopted previously in the formation of the Good Relations Partnership and as such there would be no equality implications.

Following discussion, the Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:

- Option 1 – to appoint an external, independent organisation through a quotation exercise to undertake a recruitment exercise to appoint new external members from the community and voluntary sector to the Partnership be adopted as the mechanism by which to recruit;
- officers to review the attendance of members over the last 12 months and contact those who had not attended or sent written comments to three or more meetings over this timeframe, this would ascertain if they were an appropriate representative and assess their commitment to the revised terms of reference;
- existing membership organisations be contacted to ensure that their nominated Shared City Partnership (SCP) representative was the most appropriate, in line with the reviewed Terms of Reference, and establish if the organisation was committed to ongoing participation on the Partnership;
- representation from the Trade Unions would be one member from Belfast and District Trades Union Council;
- approval be granted for officers to develop an induction programme that would be delivered to all members of SCP by 31st March 2018;
- these processes would commence following ratification of the decision by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee; and
- a revised report be submitted to the next meeting which would give to the aforementioned suggestions. consideration

At this stage in proceedings the Chairperson, Councillor Kyle left the meeting and the Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Attwood took the Chair.

Good Relations Action Plan 2018/19

The Senior Good Relations Officer reminded the Members that, each year, the Council submitted an annual Action Plan to The Executive Office (TEO) based on the good relations audit in order to draw down funding for the Good Relations work of the Council. The Action Plan would be 75% funded by TEO, while the remaining 25% had been included in the Council's 2018/19 budget. She explained that correspondence had been received advising that the Action Plan must be submitted by late February in order to be scored and assessed.

The officer advised that the Action Plan had to demonstrate complementarity with the Peace IV Action Plan and the work of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP). Officers had therefore liaised with the relevant units in the development of the plan to ensure that the work delivered by each of the sections had been aligned. The format of the action plan submissions contained a focus on the achievement of the T;BUC outcomes. The District Council's Good Relations Programme (DCGRP) used an Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) approach which allowed for complementarity with the Belfast Agenda.

She advised the Partnership that the 2017 good relations audit had highlighted a need to target engagement across interface and deprived communities, to develop shared spaces in local areas and to continue to support new communities. The Partnership was asked to note that the development of meaningful, sustained and purposeful cross community activities and the provision of opportunities for people to come together and learn about diversity in the City had been reflected in the projects that would be delivered through the action plan.

The officer reminded the Partnership that it had previously indicated that it would welcome greater involvement in the development of the Action Plan and she encouraged the members to review and comment on the content of the draft plan. For ease of reference she detailed that the draft programme contained a total of thirteen recommended programmes which she proceeded to break down by theme.

The Partnership was also asked to note that that a Cultural Expression Programme which would provide support for community events, training and awareness raising had been included in the draft Action plan. The officer referred to the ongoing review of approaches at bonfires sites in 2017 and the future approach to bonfires across the city. She advised that, as the Members would be aware, the review had not yet concluded and there had been no agreement on the 2018 approach to bonfires. However, given that this programme had featured in the DCGRP for a number of years, it had been included so that there would be a resource to support this work, if required.

The Partnership noted that this budget could be re-profiled should the Members consider at a later date that they did not wish to proceed with the bonfire programme in 2018.

She advised that the Programme bid to TEO totalled £681,000, with £510,000 being requested from TEO. The Council had made provision to support good relations activity within the estimates for 2017/18.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it approves the draft Good Relations Action Plan 2018/2019 for submission to TEO. The Partnership also noted that the Action Plan submission would be subject to alteration and amendment during the assessing and scoring process which would be undertaken by TEO and that the Partnership would be notified of any changes in the final approved Action Plan at a later date.

Good Relations Action Plan 2017/18

The Senior Good Relations Officer reminded the Partnership that District Councils had been identified within the Together: Building a United Community Strategy as a key delivery agent. She outlined that this delivery was through the District Council's Good Relations Strategic Programme (DCGRP) which was 75% funded by The Executive Office (TEO).

She reported that Action Plans had to be aligned with the Government Strategy Together; Building a United Community, under the following key priority areas:

- Children and Young people;
- Our Shared Community;
- Our Safe Community; and
- Our Cultural Expression;

She advised that officers had identified a project underspend of approximately £15,000 in relation to the 2017/18 budget. This was primarily a consequence of a lower than anticipated uptake for the Reimaging Programme and the ring-fenced programme of work with interface communities.

The Senior Good Relations Officer suggested that this be allocated to the following activity:

- to commission a piece of work to record and map the good relations outcomes that had been delivered by the DCGRP in 2017/18. This would include the establishment of a mechanism to measure long term attitudinal change which would demonstrate the impact of the work supported by the Good Relations Unit over a number of years; and
- provide an additional £5,000 towards the research piece on Islamophobia in Belfast that had been approved by the Partnership at its meeting on 6th November, 2017. Feedback had suggested that the initial allocation of £10,000 would not be sufficient to complete this work.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it approve the suggested additional projects under the District Council Good Relations Programme 2017/18.

Diversecity Programme

The Partnership was reminded that as part of the District Council Good Relations Programme, the Good Relations Unit had been running a DiverseCity Programme, with a diversity event taking place each month.

The Good Relations Manager advised that the purpose of the programme was to create opportunities for participants to learn about the people, places, cultures and communities that shape Belfast. It provided people with the opportunity to visit spaces and places that traditionally they might not have had the opportunity to visit and to help open conversations around diversity.

She advised that feedback from the 2017 Programme had been very positive, with a diversity event having been held every month.

The Good Relations Unit would propose to continue the programme during 2018 and had included the project in the Good Relations Action Plan 2018/19. The Partnership noted that it was proposed that the following events would be included in the programme:

- Refugee and Arabic Awareness Training;
- Roma Awareness Training;
- Traveller Awareness Training;
- Visit to Chinese Resource Centre;
- Visit to Indian Community Centre;
- Visit to Belfast Islamic Centre;
- Visit to Jewish Synagogue;
- Visit to Windsor Park;
- Visit to Irish Republican History Museum;
- Visit to Clifton Street Orange Hall;
- Visit to Andy Tyrie Interpretative Centre;
- Tour of the City Cemetery;
- An introduction to sexual orientation and gender;
- Living library;
- Irish cultural and linguistic experience; and
- Discover Ulster-Scots, history and cultural experience.

The Partnership noted that total cost budgeted for this proposal was £10,000, which would be recouped at 75% 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 to the continuation of the DiverseCity Programme.

Request from TURAS

The Good Relations Manager advised that TURAS was an Irish language project based at the East Belfast Mission. She explained that the project was designed to connect people from a Protestant community to their own history with the Irish Language. The programme offered weekly language classes for a range of ability levels, as well as cultural activities and heritage themed sessions.

The officer reported that correspondence had been received from the organisation seeking financial support towards the development, production and launch of a map in the form of a booklet which would denote Irish place names for the townland of Belfast and illustrate key sites of Irish Language interest in the City.

The Partnership noted that the map would be made available to visitors to the City Hall and also at other venues throughout the City. The map and supplementary information would make the language relevant to everyone in the City and celebrate the involvement of communities across the city in the language.

It was anticipated that the project would take seven months to complete and that a launch event could be held in the City Hall in the Autumn of 2018.

In addition, the Committee was also asked to approve an amount of £1,000 towards an event in the City Hall (or another venue should the City Hall not be available) during Seachtain na Gaeilge which was held 1st – 17th March every year. The Partnership was advised that the Council had supported an event for the festival for the last three years and officers were currently liaising with the Irish speaking community regarding what format this could take.

It was noted that both of these projects would feed into the cultural and linguistic diversity elements of the Good Relations Programme and would contribute to the outcomes identified in the Together Building a United Community Strategy in relation to Shared Community and Cultural Expression.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that

- an amount of £5,000 be awarded to TURAS to produce and launch a map of Belfast denoting the Irish place names for the associated townlands, together with the Irish Language sources of their names; and
- an amount of £1,000 be awarded towards an event in the City Hall (or another venue should the City Hall not be available) during Seachtain na Gaeilge which was held 1st – 17th March every year.

International Women's Day 2018

The Partnership was advised that next year's International Women's Day would take place on 8th March and that the Council had previously financially supported activities to mark the event. The Good Relations Manager reported that the main event would take the form of a public rally at the front of the City Hall on Saturday, 10th March, which would focus upon the theme 'Leave No Women Behind'.

The officer outlined, in terms of the event being planned for 10th March, the cost of erecting a temporary stage and sound system, hiring singers and providing afterwards a light lunch in the City Hall for up to 200 women would be in the region of £6,500. It was proposed that that expenditure be met from within the Council's Organisational Development budget, as had been the case for the 2017 event.

The Good Relations Manager suggested that, as this was likely to be a recurring annual event, the Partnership would recommend the use of the City Hall and cobbled area as a venue for the next three years, until March 2020.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that approval be granted for the hosting of the aforementioned event to mark International Women's Day 2018 and also that it agree to the use of the City Hall and cobbled area as a venue for event for the next three years, until March 2020.

Chairperson