

# East Belfast Area Working Group

Wednesday, 16th May, 2018

## SPECIAL MEETING OF EAST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

- Members present: Alderman Haire (Chairperson);  
The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Copeland;  
Aldermen Rodgers and Sandford; and  
Councillors Graham, Long and Mullan.
- In attendance: Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources;  
Mr. N. Grimshaw, Director of City and  
Neighbourhood Services;  
Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;  
Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;  
Mr. C. Campbell, Divisional Solicitor; and  
Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.
- Also attended: Mr. J. Gilchrist, Morrow Gilchrist Associates and  
Mrs. S. Morrow, Morrow Gilchrist Associates.

### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Councillors Armitage, Dorrian, Milne, Newton, McReynolds, O'Donnell and O'Neill.

### **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were recorded.

### **Robinson Centre update**

The Working Group viewed a 3D fly-through video interpretation of the new Robinson Leisure Centre.

### **Future Management of the Templemore Baths**

The Chairperson advised the Members that Ms. S. Morrow and Mr. J. Gilchrist, Morrow Gilchrist Associates (MGA), were in attendance.

The Director of Finance and Resources reminded the Working Group that, at its meeting on 10th April, it had agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:

- the Council would enter into a contractual relationship with the Templemore Users Trust (TUT) for the interpretative area and the existing pool only, with the new build being outsourced for management by the Council's strategic partner (namely "Option

- 4”), be adopted as the future management option for the Templemore Baths;
- the Working Group noted the tight timescale and the potential impact that a loss of Heritage Lottery Funding would have on the overall leisure provision in East Belfast;
  - “Option 6”, namely, to outsource the entire Templemore Baths to a single operator, would be the fall back option in the event that consensus on Option 4 could not satisfactorily be reached; and
  - the Council would continue to use Morrow Gilchrist Associates, as an independent body, to agree the Heads of Terms between the Council and the Templemore Users Trust.

He advised the Working Group that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 20th April, had adopted the Working Group’s recommendations.

The Working Group was provided with an update on the subsequent discussions which had taken place between the Templemore Users Trust (TUT), Morrow Gilchrist Associates and the Council.

He outlined to the Members a number of issues which had arisen over the past four weeks and explained that the Trust had not agreed the required Heads of Terms in order for the Council to proceed with Option 4.

He explained to the Working Group that the design and management arrangements had to be agreed in advance of 10th August, in order that the Council could meet the deadline to receive the £5million Heritage Lottery Funding for the delivery of the Templemore Baths redevelopment project.

He advised the Working Group that Option 4 was now no longer viable, as agreement had not been reached on the Heads of Terms and that, given the tight timescales and the priority of securing HLF funding, the Council should proceed with Option 6.

He outlined that the Templemore Users Trust had managed the baths through a management agreement with the Council which was due to expire in 2019. He explained to the Working Group that officers could investigate ways in which the Trust would continue to have access to the existing pool once the development had been completed through, for example, an ‘*anchor user*’ agreement on a rental basis which would fall under Option 6.

The Director of Property and Projects added that the redevelopment of the Avoniel Leisure Centre was also dependent upon the redevelopment of the Templemore Baths as, once the replacement Robinson Centre was reopened to the public, both Templemore and Avoniel would be closed simultaneously, in order that the work could commence to create wet leisure facilities for the east of the City at Templemore and dry leisure facilities at Avoniel.

A Member suggested that the Templemore Users Trust be invited to attend a Special meeting of the Area Working Group the following day, in order that Members could hear from the Trust.

The Director of Property and Projects advised the Working Group that the Council had already agreed that the Templemore Baths would be outsourced to a single operator if consensus on Option 4 could not satisfactorily be reached.

After further discussion, the Working Group:

- agreed that a Special meeting be held the following day, on 17th May at 12.30pm, with representatives from the TUT invited to attend;
- noted the advice from senior officers that the Council option 4 could not satisfactorily be reached as the management option for the Templemore Baths; and
- agreed that officers would look at ways in which the Council could preserve TUT's access to the existing pool, potentially through a an '*anchor user*' agreement on a rental basis under Option 6.

Chairperson

# East Belfast Area Working Group

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## SPECIAL MEETING OF EAST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

- Members present: Alderman Haire (Chairperson);  
Aldermen Rodgers and Sandford; and  
Councillors Armitage, Graham, Hussey  
and Johnston.
- In attendance: Mr. R. Cregan, Director of Finance and Resources;  
Mr. N. Grimshaw, Director of City and  
Neighbourhood Services;  
Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;  
Mr. C. Campbell, Divisional Solicitor; and  
Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.
- Also attended: Mr. J. Gilchrist, Morrow Gilchrist Associates (MGA); and  
Mr. G. Proctor, Templemore Users Trust.

### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Copeland and Councillors Dorrian, Long, McReynolds, Mullan, Newton and O'Neill.

### **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were recorded.

### **Future Management of the Templemore Baths**

The Director of Finance and Resources reminded the Working Group that the redevelopment of the Templemore Baths was at risk due to the imminent deadline for the £5million of Heritage Lottery Funding which the project was reliant upon. He advised the Members of the potential impact that a loss of Heritage Lottery Funding would have on the overall leisure provision in East Belfast.

The Director outlined to the Members that, while the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee had agreed to adopt the Working Group's recommendation that the Council would enter into a contractual relationship with the Templemore Users Trust (the Trust) for the interpretative area and the existing pool only, namely Option 4, that agreement had not been reached on the required Heads of Terms. He also outlined a number of additional issues, including the fact that a basic object audit had not been carried out due to the removal of artefacts from the building.

Given the circumstances he had, at its meeting on 16th May, advised the Working Group that the Council should therefore proceed with the agreed fallback option, that being, that the Council would outsource the entire Templemore Baths to a single operator (namely, Option 6).

The Chairperson advised the Working Group that it had agreed to hold a second Special meeting, for the purposes of hearing from the Trust.

He welcomed Mr. G. Proctor to the meeting and thanked him for his attendance.

The Director of Finance and Resources advised the Members that, in his opinion, there was no longer enough time to complete the detailed pieces of work, such as the Business Plan, which were required in order to progress Option 4 before the Heritage Lottery Funding deadline of 10th August.

Given that the Members had expressed a desire to maintain the Trust's involvement with the Baths, the Director advised the Working Group that the Council would investigate ways as to how the Trust could continue to have access to the existing pool once the development had been completed through, for example, an 'anchor user' agreement on a rental basis which would fall under Option 6.

A Member stated that, if the Templemore site was to be outsourced to a single operator, he had believed that the contract would go out to tender and that it would not necessarily be GLL.

The Divisional Solicitor explained to the Members that the Council had investigated a range of options in relation to the future management option for the Baths and that the AWG had been taken through the options in detail at its previous meeting, on 10th April. He outlined that the options examined had included carrying out an open tender exercise, entering into a contractual relationship with the Templemore Users Trust (the Trust) for the interpretative area and the existing pool only and outsourcing the building in its entirety to GLL, as the Council's current strategic partner for Leisure services. He outlined to the Working Group that an open tender exercise would not have been possible within the timescales required as part of the HLF funding application. He advised the Members that GLL's contract with the Council permitted additional venues to be added.

The Director of Finance and Resources reminded the Working Group that it had been advised that GLL would be the strategic operator as described under Option 6 at its meeting on 10th April.

Mr. Proctor stated that Morrow Gilchrist Associates had advised the Trust that the Terms were to be agreed by the end of June 2018. He added that the Trust had requested to see the Council's policies in relation to pricing and monitoring arrangements and that they had not been provided. He explained that he felt it would have been unreasonable for the trust to sign up to policies which it had not seen.

In response, Mr. Gilchrist advised the Working Group that, when he had met with the Trust two weeks previously, it had agreed to alter two words in its consideration of the agreement with the Council. He then explained to the Members that the Trust's written follow up response had been significantly different to the changes which the Trust had agreed to at the meeting. He outlined that the Trust had wanted to agree to a "suitable" design for the proposed redevelopment of the Baths. He pointed out to the Members that the Trust would have no input into the design given that it was a joint investment between the Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

After discussion, the Chairperson thanked Mr. Proctor for his attendance and he retired from the meeting.

The Working Group noted that, given the tight timescales and the priority of securing the heritage funding for the project, the Council had no option now but to progress "Option 6" as the future management option for the Templemore Baths, namely, to outsource the entire Templemore Baths to a single operator, GLL, in line with its

previous decision. In order to recognise the important role that the Trust had played to date, the Working Group agreed that the Council would continue to work with the Trust, with the aim of looking at access to the existing pool once the development had been completed through, for example, an *'anchor user'* agreement on a rental basis which would fall under Option 6

Chairperson

# South Belfast Area Working Group

Monday, 21st May, 2018

## MEETING OF SOUTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Dudgeon (Chairperson); and  
Councillors Boyle, Craig, Lyons and McAteer.

In attendance: Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects; and  
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

An apology was reported on behalf of Councillor Hargey.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd April were approved.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Publication of Area Working Group Minutes**

The Working Group noted that its recommendation that a page be added to the Council's website displaying the minutes of meetings of the Area Working Groups had been approved by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 18th May.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Craig declared an interest in advance of the Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme presentation in that he was the Council's representative on the Northern Ireland Drainage Council, which monitored the DfI Rivers' drainage and flood defence programme.

Councillor McAteer declared an interest prior to the RVH Children's Hospital presentation, in that she was a member of the Planning Committee, which would be required to determine a planning application for the project.

### **Presentations**

#### **Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The Working Group was informed that Mr. P. Aldridge, Atkins Global, project consultants, together with Mr. I. Coulter, DfI Rivers Agency, were in attendance in order to provide details around the above-mentioned scheme and they were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Aldridge highlighted the fact that 1,000 properties in the City were considered to be at risk currently from tidal flooding and that that figure would by 2085 be likely to rise to 8,400, as a consequence of climate change. In order to mitigate against that impact, DfI Rivers had commissioned Atkins Global to deliver a flood alleviation scheme along the lower part of the River Lagan, stretching approximately from Stranmillis to the Belfast Harbour. He outlined the key elements of the project, which would seek to build upon the value of the river environment and integrate with riverside developments, and drew the Members' attention to various types of defences which could be deployed.

He provided details around the consultation process which would inform the design of the scheme and confirmed that it was anticipated that a contractor would be appointed in 2019, with a view to having it completed by mid-2020.

During discussion, the representatives confirmed that funding of around £13 million had been committed to the scheme and that it would focus upon providing protection from tidal flooding, as opposed to other sources.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Coulter for their presentation.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided and agreed that representatives of the Living with Water Programme be invited to attend a future meeting in order to outline the extent of its work.

### **Royal Victoria Hospital Children's Hospital**

The Chairperson welcomed to the meeting Ms. K. Jenkinson, AECOM Planning Consultants, and Ms. E. Montgomery, Isherwood and Ellis Architects, together with Ms. K. Brookes and Mr. S. Daly, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, who were in attendance to provide information around the new RVH Children's Hospital.

Ms. Jenkinson explained that the new regional facility was deemed to be a major development and, therefore, there was a statutory requirement to undertake an extensive community consultation process in advance of the planning application being submitted. That process was now concluding and had involved children's charities, community groups, youth groups, schools and churches, residents and business owners, as well as Elected Representatives through the Council's Area Working Groups.

Ms. Montgomery provided details around the design of the new facility, which would be built upon the site occupied currently by Bostock House, be linked to the adjacent new maternity hospital and be likely to be completed by 2023. In summary:

- the new facility would occupy ten floors and floor space would increase from 15,000 m<sup>2</sup> to 55,000 m<sup>2</sup>;
- the number of beds would increase from 97 to 155;
- the number of paediatric intensive care unit beds would rise from 12 to 26;



- the number of theatres would increase from 3 to 10;
- the number of single rooms would rise from 31 to approximately 124;
- the capacity of the emergency department would increase from 30,000 to 45,000 patients; and
- children would be treated up until their 16th birthday and, in some cases, until their 18th birthday.

The representatives then addressed a number of issues which had been raised by Members around the new facility and were thanked by the Chairperson.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

### **Update on Physical Programme**

The Working Group considered the following report:

**“1. Introduction**

**The Council’s Physical Programme covers projects under a range of funding streams including the Capital Programme, the Leisure Transformation Programme, LIF, BIF, Social Outcome Fund (SOF) and the projects that the Council is delivering in behalf of other agencies. This report outlines the status of projects under the Physical Programme.**

**2. Recommendation**

**The Working Group is requested to note the contents of this report and the updates on LIF, which has been circulated.**

**3. Local Investment Fund**

**To date, 24 projects have received in principle support under LIF1 and LIF2. A summary of the status of the LIF projects is outlined below and a full progress report has been circulated.**

Stage/ Description	LIF 1		LIF 2	
	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)
Number of Projects Completed	10 (77%)	£932,600	8 (55%)	£653,000
Number of Projects in Delivery	1 (8%)	51,000	1 (27%)	£23,000
Number of Projects in Pre-construction	1 (8%)	£70,000	1 (9%)	£80,000
Number of Project in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)	1 (8%)	£30,000	1 (9%)	£40,000
<b>Total Number of Approved Projects</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>£1,083,600</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>£796,000</b>

- **SLIF064 Taughmonagh Community Forum – AWG will note that Taughmonagh Community Forum- purchase of new gym equipment for the community was through Due Diligence on 19th April 2018. The funding agreement is being processed and the procurement exercise will follow.**
- **SLIF2-13 LORAG - John Murray Lock house – Project proposal was approved by SP&R Committee on 16th February 2018. A Project Sponsor has been assigned to check the feasibility of the project and will report back to AWG in due course.**
- **SLIF2-05 Sandy Row Orange Hall – external and internal upgrades of existing premises are completed.**
- **SLIF2-09 Ballynafeigh Community House – renovations at the ground floor of the BCDA building are completed.**

Further, Members are asked to note that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 20th April, agreed to the holding of a ceremony to mark the extent and success of LIF. The full details of this are still being worked up and Members will be kept up to date on proposals.

#### 4. **Belfast Investment Fund**

To date 6 projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under BIF. There is 1 project on the BIF list that has no commitment.

<b>South</b>	Stage 3—Lagan Gateway—£2.1m; Lanyon Tunnels—£1.3m; Bredagh GAC- £700k Stage 2— Gilpins— £1.3m Stage 1— <i>Belfast Islamic Centre—no commitment</i>
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<b>Balmoral DEA</b>	Stage 1— <i>Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC—£250k; Knockbreda Parish Church Hall—£250k</i>
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**Below are the brief updates on the projects that have received in-principle funding.**

Project	Status and update
Lagan Gateway	Project works on site has been stopped as the contractor went into administration. Discussion with contractor, administrator and legal is ongoing to resolve the situation.
Lanyon Tunnels	Project has been delayed due to legal proceedings regarding the adjacent development. Officer is looking at the feasibility for an alternative solution with a single access from the Lanyon side.

Project	Status and update
Bredagh GAC	Design team has been appointed. The club is working with the Residents Committee from the adjacent Belltowers apartment complex to agree appropriate access arrangements.
Gilpins	Meetings took place with Department for Communities and community stakeholders. DfC to formally confirm commitment as Lead Partner. There is a requirement to fully scope out project in terms of community and political requirements for the scheme.
Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC *	BIF support to focus on Phase 1A of the sports hub project i.e. replacement of Belvoir FCs grass football with associated widen of adjacent road access and resurface of existing car park. Officer engagement ongoing. Awaiting information from their consultants before initial assessment can be completed.
Knockbreda Parish Church Hall *	Project at initial stage. Planning to take through Due Diligence on the 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018.

\* *Outer South projects*

## 5. Capital Programme

**The Capital Programme is the rolling programme of enhancing existing Council assets or building / buying new ones. Below are the updates on the projects under the programme in South.**

Project	Status and update
LTP- Olympia	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground. Project opening scheduled for May 2018
Alleygating Phase 4 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground
Playground Refurbishment Programme 2017/2018 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground
Pitches Programme- Ulidia Playing Fields	Stage 3 – Committed.
Palm House, Botanic Gardens	Stage 1- Emerging. Link to Tropical Ravine

- **Blythefield playground – AWG will note that Blythefield playground improvements is part of the citywide Playground Refurbishment Programme 2017/2018. The works at Blythefield have just recently completed on April 2018.**
- **Arellian Nursery School – Members will note that on 26th March 2018 AWG agreed that an officer would be**

assigned to look at the proposals for the Nursery and to assist the school in applying for funding, including an application to the Alpha Programme. A project sponsor met the group on April 2018 and assisted them in the funding application with Groundwork/ Alpha Programme. Work is on progress towards the Alpha Programme application deadline set on 27th July 2018.

Members will be aware the South AWG has recommended a number of projects are looked at in terms of the Capital Programme - Members are asked to note that these are required to go through the Council's governance processes, in keeping with all other proposed capital projects, before being taken into Committee as the Capital Programme is a city-wide programme.

**6. Social Outcomes Fund**

To date projects have received in-principle funding commitments under SOF. Below are the brief updates on the projects. Projects sponsors have now been assigned to all these projects and are working with the groups.

Project	Status and update
Coffee Culture (Transport Hub)	Development of a social economy café designed to support investment in tourism infrastructure including the Transport Hub and Gilpins. Project Proposal Form being worked up. Work progressing with group
Assembly Buildings Conference Centre (Transport Hub)	Exhibition and Genealogical Research Space. To be discussed at Due Diligence Board on 17/5/18. Work progressing with group
Sandy Row Community Forum (Transport Hub)	Development of a Tourism Trail (with digital element) to complement the Transport Hub. To be discussed at Due Diligence Board on 17/5/18. Work progressing with group

**7. Externally- Funded Programmes**

**Social Investment Fund- Design teams have been appointed and the TEO have given permission to start on a number of projects including Mornington Community Project (£214,879) and South City Resource and Development Centre (St. Simon's) (£486,905). Officers are continuing to work with the Executive Office on the remaining SIF project in South (Lanyon Tunnels).**

**Urban Villages - Members are asked to note that officers are continuing to work with UV on the Rev Robert Bradford Memorial Playground project and other emerging UV projects."**

After discussion, the Working Group adopted the recommendation.

### **Workshop**

Arising from discussion in the foregoing item, the Working Group agreed that a workshop be held in the near future to identify its future priorities. It agreed also that, since the promotion of tourism in South Belfast should feature prominently in its discussions, the Council's Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Arts Development Manager should be invited to attend.

### **Other Business**

#### **Lagan Valley Regional Park**

At the request of Councillor McAteer, the Working Group agreed to receive at a future meeting a presentation from representatives of the Lagan Valley Regional Park Board/Management Committee.

Chairperson

# West Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 24th May 2018

## MEETING OF WEST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Magennis (Chairperson);  
Alderman Kingston; and  
Councillors Attwood, Baker, Beattie, Canavan,  
Collins, Corr, Garrett, Heading, Hutchinson,  
McConville, O'Hara and Walsh.

In attendance: Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;  
Mrs. R. Crozier; Director of Neighbourhood Services;  
Mr. G. Dickson, Policy and Performance Analyst; and  
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors Carson, Groves and Nic Biorna.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 26th April were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Alderman Kingston declared an interest in agenda item 4, Presentation in relation to Paisley Park Sportsplex, in that he was a member of Albertville Harriers.

### **Decision Tracker**

The Director of Property and Projects explained that the Decision Tracker document had been emailed to Members before the meeting and he provided the Working Group with a brief overview of actions taken since the last meeting held on 26th April.

Noted.

### **Peace IV Update, Springfield Road and Springfield Dam – Presentation by the Director of Property and Projects**

The Director of Property and Projects advised that the Springfield Dam initiative had been driven by the Peace IV Programme and the need to provide new shared spaces and services and to progress projects that would build positive relations with people from different communities and backgrounds. He reported that the Department for Communities (DfC) had made a funding commitment of £500k, however, there were very tight delivery deadlines associated with the funding.

He then provided an overview of the various projects that the Council had already undertaken and he proceeded to detail other programmes of work that were also ongoing. He advised that much of this work was being progressed via interagency approaches to regeneration, including Shared Space, the Peace IV Programme and Interface Work. He stated that there would be a focus on using shared space, linking communities and progressing how people moved around the City and he advised that there would be many opportunities available through the use of positive area planning.

The Director of Neighbourhood Services reiterated these comments. She reported that, in addition to the existing funding, a further bid for unapproved funding of approximately £5.5m had been submitted to the SEUPB and she undertook to keep the Members informed of its progress.

A Member highlighted that there was concern within the local community regarding the draft masterplan for the Springfield Dam. He stated that some residents were concerned about the potential for it to become a 'hot spot' for incidents of antisocial behaviour.

The Director of Property and Projects stressed that this was a draft masterplan. He advised that extensive stakeholder engagement and consultation would be undertaken with the local community and that a wider feasibility study would be undertaken before any decisions were taken in respect of the proposal. He then referred the Working Group to the following table which detailed the proposed consultation process.

<b>Engagement method</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Audience</b>
<b>Drop in session (end June)</b>	Hold one drop in session, widely promoted and advertised (local newspapers); view and discuss proposals; complete hard copy questionnaire	All
<b>Meetings (June to Sept)</b>	Offer to community networks/organisations; Disability groups; and special interest groups (fishing; outdoor activities) to discuss design proposal; complete hard copy questionnaire.	All
<b>On- line questionnaire (from launch)</b>	Hosted on Council's Citizen space via BCC website; view concept design plans; read more information about project; respond to questions about design	All
<b>Display boards (of masterplan design) at public venues (from launch)</b>	Large display boards of the draft concept design; Community Centres; E3; Farset; IF; Public Libraries; (additional available upon request); sign post to BCC website for information and links to questionnaire	All

The Working Group noted that the consultation would be launched during June and would run for a period of three months.

## **Presentation – Paisley Park Sportsplex**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. D. Allen (Albertville Harriers), Mr. S. Andrews (Chair), Mr. J. Larmour (Albert Foundry Football Club) and Mr. D. McBride who all were Members of the Board of Paisley Park Sportsplex.

Mr. McBride provided the Working Group with a brief background to Paisley Park which had opened in 1973. He advised that the park was now in the ownership of the Department for Communities (DfC). The Paisley Park Sportsplex Board managed the day-to-day running of the complex, under a licence agreement from the DfC. The Working Group was advised that a Service Level Agreement (SLA) was also in place with Belfast City Council, as it maintained the football pitch and bowling green.

Each of the representatives present then provided an overview of the following organisations association and use of the facility and the work that they undertook with the local community:

- Albert Foundry Bowling Club;
- Albert Foundry Boxing Club;
- Albert Foundry Football Club; and
- Albert Foundry Athletics Club.

The Working Group was apprised of the Board's vision for the future which included the following priorities/schemes:

- restoration of artificial pitch as a 3G surface;
- restoration of the existing running track; and
- participation in the Council's Peace IV Programme.

After discussion the Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the money previously allocated to the North Belfast Men's Club of £24,000 be reallocated to the Paisley Park Sportsplex Board to be used towards the restoration of the running track.

## **Leisure Transformation Programme**

The Working Group viewed a 3D fly-through video interpretation of what the new Andersonstown Centre and Brook Centre would look like upon completion.

Noted.

## **Belfast Rapid Transport**

The Area Working Group welcomed Mr. P. McParland, representing the Department for Infrastructure (DfI), to the meeting.

Mr. McParland provided the Members with an overview in respect of the recently completed works across the west of the city in preparation for the introduction of the Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme, which was due to launch in September 2018.

Mr. McParland explained that it was necessary, due to the size of Glider, to provide a complementary feeder service (using smaller buses) which would connect to Dundonald



and Colin residential areas. The representative drew the Members' attention to maps which detailed the proposed feeder routes for Twinbrook, Poleglass and Mount Eagles/Lagmore, along with the timetables for each of these services.

The Dfl representative explained the Department's rationale behind the proposed routes, he advised that legislation stated that the majority of dwellings should be no more than 200m from a bus stop and the maximum walking distance should be around 400m and it was this legislation that dictated the proposed route change in Mount Eagles/Lagmore. He acknowledged that complaints had been received from residents regarding the safety of the proposed route and agreed that, if necessary, Dfl would measure the route to ensure that it was 6m wide to the comply with health and safety requirements.

A Member advised that, following discussions with some residents, he felt that there appeared to be confusion regarding the proposed change in route and he urged the Department of Infrastructure to consult with the local residents to try and address those concerns. In addition, he sought an assurance that the proposed route would not be formally agreed until consultation had been undertaken.

The Dfl representative advised the Working Group that changes to a bus route did not require public consultation, however, he stressed that the Department was keen to work with the local community to achieve a compromise and ensure that an efficient service was provided.

A further Member highlighted the fact that there was no feeder services in either Twinbrook or Dunmurry Village. The Dfl representative advised that additional feeder services could be considered, if there was demand, once the BRT was operational.

Following discussion, the Dfl representative clarified that the route had yet to be formally approved and he agreed that the Dfl would participate in community-led discussions regarding the proposal before a final decision was taken.

After discussion, the Chairperson thanked the representative for his attendance and he left the meeting.

Noted.

### **Hammer Playground Design Concept**

A draft copy of the design concept for the proposed Hammer Playground on Agnes Street was circulated at the meeting. The Working Group was advised that consultation would be undertaken with the local community and a design would be submitted to the Working Group in due course for its consideration.

Noted.

### **Permanent Memorial to mark Plat Z1 in the City Cemetery**

(Ms. S. Kalke, Project Sponsor Officer, was in attendance for this item.)

The Working Group considered the following report:

#### **"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on progress of the process to design, produce and install process for a permanent memorial at Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery, commonly known as Baby Public.

## 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to note the update provided.

## 3.0 Main report

### 3.1 Background

Members are reminded that regular updates on this project are brought to the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group, whose recommendations are then considered and agreed by the People and Communities Committee. The People and Communities Committee at its meeting in January 2018 agreed the tender document for the commissioning of a stonemason to design, produce and install a memorial for Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery.

Following a tender process Making Marks was appointed to undertake the work. Making Marks was established in 2005 and undertakes public commissions, memorials and private commissions. Their work ranges from small hand carved house names, memorials and garden sculpture to large scale public art projects. Charlotte Howarth who is a sculptor, designer, stone carver and letterer will be undertaking the work. Examples of their work can be accessed at their website [www.making-marks.com](http://www.making-marks.com)

### Progress to date

Members may be aware that it was agreed to establish a Focus Group made up of representatives of families that had relatives buried in the plot. It was agreed that the Focus Group would be set up as an informal advisory body and its purpose will be to ensure that the views of the families of those who are buried in Plot Z1 are reflected in the process.

The Focus Group has met regularly over the past few months and inputted into the brief for the sculptor. They have also met with the sculptor twice and have put forward their ideas for the memorial which have been incorporated into the proposed design.

### Proposed Design

The sculptor has now produced a proposed design for the permanent memorial which has been agreed by the Focus

**Group. A copy of the proposed design is attached as appendix 1 and a sample of the stone with carving will be brought to the meeting.**

**Members should note that there is ongoing discussion around the inscription on the memorial and this may change as a result of the wider consultation process.**

### **Next steps**

**In line with the project plan agreed with the Focus Group the next steps in the project are:**

- **Proposed design is brought to the People and Communities Committee for consideration and approval to proceed to public consultation – 5th June**
- **Public consultation on the proposed design – July and August (subject to Council agreement of the proposed design)**

**At this point it is anticipated that the findings of the public consultation and the final design will be brought to the October meeting of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group for their consideration.”**

The Working Group noted the update provided.

### **Future Agenda Items**

The Working Group agreed that representatives from the Upper Springfield Integrated Partnership would be invited to present at the June meeting.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Working Group noted that the next meeting would take place at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 21st June.

Chairperson

# North Belfast Area Working Group

Tuesday, 29th May, 2018

## NORTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Campbell (Chairperson);  
Aldermen Convery and Spence;  
Councillors Clarke, Corr Johnston,  
Magee, Murphy and Pankhurst.

In attendance: Mr. N. Grimshaw, Director of City and Neighbourhoods;  
Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;  
Mr. G. Dickson, Policy Analyst; and  
Ms E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of the Lord Mayor, Councillor McAllister.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 30th April were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

In relation to Mountain Biking on Cavehill Country Park, one Member questioned why the Special Meeting, scheduled for 21st May, had been cancelled. The Director of City and Neighbourhoods advised that work was continuing with all of the stakeholders and another meeting would be scheduled in due course.

During discussion, it was noted that Hillview Boxing Club, which had previously received a in-principle funding agreement under the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF), had confirmed that they wished to withdraw from the BIF Programme.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note that Hillview was withdrawn from the BIF programme and that a new project, Marrowbone Millennium Park be added as a Stage 1 – Emerging with up to £500k to be ring-fenced in principle.

### **Declaration of Interest**

No declarations of interest were reported.

### **Decision Tracker**

The Working Group noted that the Decision Tracker document had been emailed to Members before the meeting which provided Members with a brief overview of actions since the last meeting held on 30th April.

### **Presentation – Voice of Young People In Care (VOYPIC)**

The Chairperson welcomed to the meeting Mr. L. McStravick, Copius Consulting, Ms. V. McConvey, Chief Executive of VOYPIC and Mr. P. Mooney, Director of Include Youth.

Ms. McConvey and Mr. Mooney provided an overview of their vision for a new city-centre youth space. They informed the Group that the space would be used for young people to meet, share experiences and help change the system, but would assist both organisations by joint working and adding value. They highlighted the development would also reduce costs as they would have shared operational costs.

They presented illustrations of their plans to transform a derelict space in Great Patrick Street into a purpose built youth space. They advised that they had purchased the building in August, 2016 with Planning approval and secured some funding to progress the development, however there was a shortfall of £249,600. They invited the Working Group to visit the development and consider funding assistance.

During discussion, one Member questioned whether Developer Contributions from recent student accommodation developments on Great Patrick Street could be used to assist such projects. The Director of Property and Projects advised he would discuss this with the City Solicitor and provide an update on the matter.

During points of clarification, Ms. McConvey advised that they worked closely with other youth organisations and envisage that their partners could rent and use the space also.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance and they retired from the meeting.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided and that Groups who request to present to the Working Group should be advised that all of the Local Investment Fund has been allocated.

### **Presentation – Iontaobhas Bheann Mhadagáin**

The Chairperson welcomed to the meeting, Mr. T. O'Neill and Mr. C. Stiobhard, representing Iontaobhas Bheann Mhadagáin (IBM).

Mr. O'Neill provided background of the Irish education sector in Belfast, together with an overview of IBM, the new umbrella trust for the development of support services for Irish speaking children and their families in North Belfast. He advised that IBM was made up of representatives from various Irish language groups and providers in the area including community, health and language sectors.

He informed the Working Group that they wished to establish a family and cultural hub which would provide support services to Irish speaking families and the wider community, promote social and cultural interactions and help develop young children, particularly those who were disadvantaged.

He suggested that the complex would include:

- Childcare through the medium of Irish (0-4 years);

- A programme for children aged two years, focusing on Preschool preparation;
- Afterschool and homework support;
- A space to develop an Irish Language Youth Service;
- Parenting Support Programme;
- A Café and Meeting Rooms;
- An Outdoor Learning Area; and
- Additional space for future development.

He highlighted that the project was part of an Urban Villages Initiative which was at the Business Plan Stage and £73K had been secured from Foras na Gaeilge for Day Care, as well as a Live Here Love Here small grant for the outdoor space and garden.

He suggested that the Council could become involved with the project as the delivery partner, as this would assist their skills, reduce the cost of the project by approximately £100K and help attain further funding from other organisations.

During discussion, the representatives advised that they had good relationships with the Grace Centre and the local Irish language organisations. Mr. Stiobhard explained that they had worked with Urban Villages to progress the initial plans which had a total estimated cost of £900k - £1.2m.

After discussion, the Chairperson thanked the representatives for attending and they left the meeting.

The Working Group agreed to defer consideration of the request so that the Director of Property and Projects could investigate the feasibility of the Council as a Delivery Partner of the Project and submit an update to a future Working Group.

### **Presentation – Belfast Tidal Project**

The Working Group was informed that Mr. P. Aldridge, and Ms. R. XXX, Atkins Global, Project Consultants, together with Mr. I. Coulter, DfI Rivers Agency, were in attendance in order to provide details around the above-mentioned scheme and they were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Aldridge highlighted that 1,000 properties in the City were considered to be at risk currently from tidal flooding and that that figure would be likely to rise to 8,400, as a consequence of climate change by 2085. In order to mitigate against that impact, DfI Rivers had commissioned Atkins Global to deliver a flood alleviation scheme along the lower part of the River Lagan, stretching approximately from Stranmillis to the Belfast Harbour. He outlined the key elements of the project, which would seek to build upon the value of the river environment and integrate with riverside developments.

He presented various types of defences which could be deployed and provided details around the consultation process which would inform the design of the scheme. He confirmed that it was anticipated that a contractor would be appointed in 2019, with a view to completing it by mid-2020.

During discussion, the representatives confirmed that different types of defences would be used across Belfast as the current characteristics of the sites and land uses would be taken into consideration and they would ensure that de-mountable types of defences would be kept to a minimum.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their presentation and they retired from the meeting.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

### **Social Innovation Challenge Programme**

(Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager, attended the meeting in connection with this item.)

The Working Group considered the following report:

#### **“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

**To provide members with an update on the New Lodge Social Innovation Challenge Programme.**

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

**To seek approval that the following projects receive funding from the Social Innovation Challenge Programme as follows;**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Community Ideas Platform</b>	<b>New Lodge CEP (Residents)</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
<b>Innovative Youth Space</b>	<b>New Lodge Youth Centre</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
<b>Steps Regeneration</b>	<b>New Lodge CEP (Residents)</b>	<b>£15,000</b>

#### **3.0 Main report**

##### **Key Issues**

**Belfast City Council agreed to do Locality Planning pilots to test how Community Planning might be applied at the local area level and to help inform future neighbourhood working in the following areas;**

- 1. Whiterock, 2. Inner East, 3. Belvoir & Milltown, 4. New Lodge**

**To support this work, Council agreed to commission the Young Foundation to work with officers to develop a ‘social innovation model.’ The term ‘social innovation’ refers to new ideas or ways of working that aim to fulfil unmet social needs or tackle social problems.**

**As part of this model, a Challenge Programme is being implemented with funding available in each locality planning area for up to four projects that can be delivered within the area with a maximum £15,000 per project.**

**For the purposes of this report we are seeking authority to award funding for the three groups who successfully pitched**

their ideas at a recent pitching workshop, subject to council approval and carrying out the relevant financial and legal processes.

### **New Lodge**

Local residents and community groups have been working with the Young Foundation and Council officers to develop potential Socially Innovative projects and have successfully completed the following two stage process;

#### **Stage 1 Accelerator Workshops**

Local residents and community groups have participated in the accelerator workshops to develop ideas linked to local priorities (1) Young People (2) Urban Regeneration

#### **Stage 2 Pitching**

Participated in a pitching session to 'pitch' their idea to the following panels.

1. Independent panel which will included practitioners working in the field of innovation.
2. Local DEA elected members panel.

The following projects successfully pitched their ideas to the above decision panels on the 22 May 2018. We are asking the North Area Working Group to make recommendation that they receive funding;

#### **1. Community Ideas Platform (CIP)**

The New Lodge CIP is a new innovative project that will establish a community ideas platform led by the community, for the community. This new ideas platform led and managed by the local New Lodge community will work together to come up with new ideas and possible solutions to a wide range of social and physical issues. The project is committed to working with the residents and associated resident groups and community organisations to re-connect local connections and create motivated residents who will co-create to develop new ideas to address issues in a positive way, focusing on the opportunities rather than the problems they are faced with.

#### **2. Innovative Youth Space**

The young people would like to develop the process to allow them develop ideas around transforming a local space to be used initially for young women in the area. The young women want to have a space for themselves to grow and develop their own programmes including OCNs in youth work. They want to develop their skills to provide affordable services for the local community in this space, developing small scale social enterprises to be used for sustainability and further development of the project.



### **3. Steps Regeneration**

**The project idea is to establish and empower a localised group of local residents to lead (with relevant statutory partners support and consent) on the re-design of the North Queen Street steps area within the New Lodge into a new dynamic space that the whole community can enjoy. The re-design of this blighted space will identify future opportunities for sustainable community engagement and development of small social enterprises managed by the local community. Working with partners including DFI part of this project will be to undertake design work, develop possible solutions in order to create a much improved space which will turn into a valuable community asset.**

#### **Next Steps**

**Subject to approval at council, officers will work with internal colleagues in legal to draw up Letters of Offer to progress this work. The residents will require an umbrella organisation to managing the funding (if successful) and are proposing that the Ashton Trust undertake this work.**

#### **Financial & Resource Implications**

**Resourcing for this project is already included in budget estimates**

#### **Equality or Good Relations Implications**

**Equality and good relations implications have been taken into consideration in relation to the social innovation model.”**

During discussion, the Programme Manager advised that the aforementioned projects were three separate projects, however the residents would require an umbrella organisation to manage the funding and were proposing that the Ashton Trust undertook this work.

The Director of City and Neighbourhoods clarified that the initial funding would be used by the project groups to build their capacity, organise good practice visits and gain technical support to help finalise their ideas and proposals but the funding could not be used for physical assets.

In relation to the possible inclusion of Sailortown residents in the programme, the Director of City and Neighbourhoods advised that other wider community work was on-going in this area and that localised interventions such as the Social Innovation Challenge Programme would hopefully continue across the city, if this pilot was successful.

During further discussion, one Member requested an update and timeline in relation to progressing the pilot to Tigers Bay/Duncairn Area which had been discussed in January, 2017.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the following projects receive funding from the Social Innovation Challenge Programme:

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Community Ideas Platform</b>	<b>New Lodge CEP (Residents)</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
<b>Innovative Youth Space</b>	<b>New Lodge Youth Centre</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
<b>Steps Regeneration</b>	<b>New Lodge CEP (Residents)</b>	<b>£15,000</b>

### **Local Investment Fund – Update**

The Director of Property and Projects provided an update on the progress of those projects which had yet to be completed under the Local Investment Funds (LIF phase 1 and LIF phase 2).

He advised that the Somme Group – Cross Community Memorial proposed project for a Garden of Reflection located at Glenbank Drive had been assessed for viability and it had been confirmed this was feasible. He highlighted that as part of the due diligence requirements that land ownership would need to be confirmed and that the project would be subject to all relevant statutory approvals.

Councillor Corr Johnston provided information on the land ownership and advised that the Somme Group would be willing to maintain the memorial.

Councillor Corr Johnston also advised that she would like to take forward the Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership project for new play equipment which had been previously raised by Councillor McCusker.

During discussion, the Working Group agreed to recommend the following projects for in principle LIF funding to the SP&R Committee. It was noted that both projects would be subject to the Council's due diligence process.

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Proposed By</b>	<b>Up to £</b>
Somme Group – cross community memorial	Cllr Corr Johnston	£21,667
Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership project – Play Equipment	Cllr Corr Johnston	£15,000

### **Future Agenda Items**

The Working Group noted the following future deputations and agenda items:

- Information sessions on Inner North Belfast Projects;
- Zoo Update;
- Harbour Commissioner Update;
- York Street Interchange Update;
- Quarterly updates from Ulster University regarding its community engagement and programme of building work; and
- Special Meeting – Mountain Biking on Cavehill Country Park.

Chairperson

# East Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 7th June, 2018

## MEETING OF EAST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Alderman Haire (Chairperson);  
The High Sheriff, Councillor Howard;  
Aldermen Rodgers and Sandford; and  
Councillors Armitage, Graham, Hussey,  
Johnston, Kyle, Long, McReynolds and  
O'Donnell.

In attendance: Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;  
Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;  
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager; and  
Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.

### **Election of Chairperson**

The Area Working Group noted that it was required to elect a Chairperson for the coming year.

Moved by Alderman Rodgers,  
Seconded by Alderman Sandford and

Resolved – that Alderman Haire be re-elected to serve as Chairperson to the East Belfast Area Working Group until the Local Government Elections in May, 2019.

### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Aldermen Copeland and McGimpsey and Councillors Dorrian, Mullan, Newton and O'Neill.

### **Minutes**

The Working Group agreed that the minutes of the meetings of 3rd, 16th and 17th May, 2018 were an accurate record of proceedings.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Alderman Rodgers declared an interest in Item 5, King George V Playing Fields Update, in that he was a shareholder of Glentoran Football Club, and he left the room for the duration of the item.

Alderman Sandford declared an interest in Item 3, Belfast Investment Fund (Outer East), in that he was on the Board of Cregagh Primary School.

## Social Innovation Challenge

The Working Group considered the undernoted report:

**“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

**To provide members with an update on the Inner East Social Innovation Challenge Programme.**

**2.0 Recommendations**

**To seek approval that the following projects receive funding from the Social Innovation Challenge Programme as follows;**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Holiday Hunger programme	Scaffolding Project (Eastside partnership)	£15,000

**3.0 Main report**

**Key Issues**

**Belfast City Council agreed to do Locality Planning pilots to test how Community Planning might be applied at the local area level and to help inform future neighbourhood working in the following areas;**

- 1. Whiterock;**
- 2. Inner East;**
- 3. Belvoir & Milltown; and**
- 4. New Lodge**

**To support this work, Council agreed to commission the Young Foundation to work with officers to develop a ‘social innovation model.’ The term ‘social innovation’ refers to new ideas or ways of working that aim to fulfil unmet social needs or tackle social problems.**

**As part of this model, a Challenge Programme is being implemented with funding available in each locality planning area for up to four projects that can be delivered within the area with a maximum £15,000 per project.**

**For the purposes of this report we are seeking a recommendation that funding will be awarded to the above project who successfully pitched their idea at a recent pitching workshop. Any funding awarded is subject to council approval and carrying out the relevant financial and legal due diligence.**

As part of this process groups and local residents have been working with the Young Foundation and Council officers to complete the following two stage process;

#### **Stage 1 Accelerator Workshops**

Local residents and community groups have participated in the accelerator workshops to develop ideas.

#### **Stage 2 Pitching**

Participated in a pitching session to “pitch” their idea to an Independent panel which will included practitioners working in the field of innovation.

As part of this process, local DEA members were also invited to be part of a scoring panel for this project which successfully pitched on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, unfortunately, due to other commitments, members were unable to attend. However, we are asking members consider recommending that we proceed as the project is due to start in August.

A summary of the project is outlined below;

#### **1. Holiday Hunger programme**

The Scaffolding Project which has 13 members made up of community and voluntary organisations providing a variety of services in the local community will oversee this project via the Eastside Partnership. This project will provide a socially innovative food programme to support children attending summer activities across a number of localities in Inner East Belfast. Evidence exists that some parents struggle to provide healthy eating to children in the absence of free school meals over the summer holidays.

The overarching aim of the project is to help address this issue by maintaining the nutritional health of children during school holidays and to promote positive mental health among parents through engagement in outdoor activities and social events.

The project will support children to make healthy food choices through parents engaging in social and educational activities and programmes. Parents and volunteers will develop skills through accredited Basic Food Hygiene course with a view to supporting ongoing initiatives within the community. It is worth noting that this project has been co-designed with parents in the local area via focus groups and workshops to establish agreement on elements of the proposed programme.

#### **Next Steps**

Subject to approval at council, officers will work with internal colleagues in the Legal Services unit to draw up Letters of Offer to progress this work.

### **Financial & Resource Implications**

**Resourcing for this project is already included in budget estimates**

### **Equality or Good Relations Implications**

**Equality and good relations implications will be taken into consideration in relation to the social innovation model.”**

During discussion, a number of Members expressed their support for the project.

A Member asked why the project would only commence in August, given that the school year ends in June. In response, the Programme Manager outlined to the Members that it would take a number of weeks after Council approval for the project to be set up. He outlined that regular updates on the project could be provided to the Working Group.

In response to further questions in relation to the details of the project, he advised the Working Group that he would circulate more detailed information on the project and would endeavour to provide similar information on future proposals to the Members.

The Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the Holiday Hunger Programme should receive £15,000 of funding from the Social Innovation Challenge Programme.

### **Outer East Belfast Investment Fund (including Lisnasharragh Schools Project)**

The Working Group considered the undernoted report:

#### **“1.0 Introduction**

**This brief paper provides an update to East AWG on the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF) projects in the East.**

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

**Members are asked to:**

- 1. note the contents of this report;**
- 2. agree that Lisnasharragh Schools Community cluster project moves to “Stage 3- Committed”, with a maximum budget allocation as outlined in Section 3 below; and**
- 3. note that this project, in line with the BIF Outer East Projects that have already moved to Stage 3, will be subject to the Council’s due diligence process.**

#### **3.0 Belfast Investment Fund**

**£5.5m was allocated to East under BIF with a further £2m ringfenced for projects in the Outer East Area following LGR. To date 9 projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under BIF. There are 4 projects on the longer BIF list.**

<b>East</b>	<p><b>Stage 3</b> Willowfield—£560k (completed); H&amp;W Welders—£2.37m; Strand—£1.8m; and Bloomfield—£440k.</p> <p><b>Stage 2</b> <i>Lagan Village Youth &amp; Community—no commitment</i></p> <p><b>Stage 1</b> <i>East Belfast Mission and Belmont Bowling Club—no commitment</i></p>
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<b>Outer East</b>	<p><b>Stage 3</b> TAGIT- £434k; Braniel—£390k; Hanwood—£396k; and Castlereagh Presbyterian Church—£382k.</p> <p><b>Stage 2</b> Lisnasharragh Community Schools—£398k</p>
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Project	Status and update
Willowfield Church	Completed
Strand Cinema Community Arts Project	Major refurbishment of the last remaining art deco cinema building. An Integrated Design Team has been appointed. DfC have provided initial support of £36k in 17/18. Discussions with group ongoing. The East AWG have agreed that the £1.8m funding be ring-fenced for a period of two years (up to October 2018) to allow the Group the opportunity to secure the necessary match funding – it was agreed that there would be an option to extend this by a further year.
H&W Welders Club- Blanchflower Playing Fields	Detailed designs have been developed and costed. Tender process underway. Current project costs are approx. £3.2m (excluding fees). Officer is working with the group to

	explore how funding gap can be bridged. Discussions are taking place with UV and DfC in this regard.
Bloomfield Community Association	The preferred option leaves a shortfall of £178,000. AWG agreed to give BCA 6-9 months to secure funding from other sources. Discussions have been with DfC but to date no additional funding has been secured. Discussions with group ongoing.
Braniel Church	Move to Stage 3- Committed approved by SP&R on 23/3/18. Project was presented at Due Diligence on 17/4/18. Group have their own Due Diligence process through the Church Executive to complete in tandem with Council. Church Council special meeting to take place on 25 June
Hanwood Project	Move to Stage 3- Committed approved by SP&R on 23/3/18. Works ongoing with to comply with the DD requirements i.e. land needs boundary rectification, financial accounts. Due to be presented to the Due Diligence on 21/06/18.
TAGIT Boxing Club	Move to Stage 3- Committed approved by SP&R on 23/3/18. Discussed at Due Diligence on 17/4/18. Works ongoing with to comply with the DD requirements i.e. land titles and financial accounts.
Castlereagh Presbyterian Church	Move to Stage 3- Committed approved by SP&R on 23/3/18. To be discussed at Due Diligence on 21/06/18. Work ongoing with group.

### **OUTER EAST PROJECTS**

**Members will recall that they agreed in August 2017 to move 5 projects in the Outer East area to Stage 2 – Uncommitted under BIF - TAGIT Boxing Club; Braniel Church; Hanwood; Castlereagh Presbyterian Church and Lisnasharragh Community Schools project. In March 2018, four projects were**



agreed to move to Stage 3 (TAGIT Boxing Club; Braniel Church; Hanwood; Castlereagh Presbyterian Church).

In with the Council's three-stage approval process, an Economic Appraisal has now been completed for Lisnasharragh Schools community cluster project. An overview of the outcome of the appraisals is available on modern.gov.

Members are asked to note that the figures in the EA's are indicative only at this stage and are based on estimates and are currently being followed up to ensure a number costs having been considered (e.g. statutory fees; utility fees, specialist surveys such as asbestos). The final figures will only be known upon tenders are returned. Members are asked to note that if this project is moved to Stage 3 – Committed that a maximum BIF allocation is recommended and that the project will be subject to a satisfactory tender being returned within budgetary limits. This project is also being moved subject to a number of caveats, including confirmation of council vires, and will be subject to going through the Council's due-diligence process.

**Summary of proposals and proposed recommendations**

PROJECT	PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Lisnasharragh School Community cluster project</b>	<b>Move to Stage 3 – Committed with a maximum allocation of £398,000 -</b> Members will note that the estimated costs for the preferred option for this project are above the maximum proposed allocation – the schools are aware of this. This project will be subject to confirmation of affordability i.e. confirmed funding from the other sources to close the funding gap; and negotiations to confirm an agreed delivery lead.

The Director of Property and Projects advised the Members that the proposed Lisnasharragh Schools Project had the potential to meet a range of community needs and demands in the Lisnasharragh area by providing more suitable community space to:

- Enable a number of existing groups to expand their services;
- Enable some groups to extend their offering to other locations;
- Enable existing users to run their activity in a more appropriate size space; and
- Enable groups to develop new services or activities in this area.

He outlined to the Working Group that two sites had been proposed and that the options analysis had focused on the options at each site, with four options having been identified, as follows:

1	Do nothing
2	<i>Lisnasharragh PS</i> – remodel existing ground floor space adjacent to entrance lobby to provide a Community Room <i>Cregagh PS</i> – construct a modular building Community room approx. 100m2 with 2 office/consultation rooms (on former nature education area)
3	<i>Lisnasharragh PS</i> – remodel existing classroom as a Community room <i>Cregagh PS</i> – Construct a community room approx. 100m2, with 2 office/consultation room. Construct a set of raised bed allotments (10/12) and a sensory garden
4	<i>Lisnasharragh PS</i> - Re-model the existing ground floor space as a community room. And Construct a first floor community room above the ground floor space <i>Cregagh PS</i> - Construct a community room, with 2 office/consultation rooms within. Construct a set of raised bed allotments (10/12) and a Sensory Garden.

He explained to the Working Group that the preferred Option was number 4, where the estimated costs were £501,738. He highlighted to the Members that the estimated costs were above the maximum proposed allocation and that the Schools had been made aware of this.

The Working Group was advised that the estimated costs comprised a 'traditional build' community room at Cregagh Primary School and that the costs could be reduced to around £443,000 if a two-storey modular building was to be built at Cregagh Primary School instead. He also explained that the Education Authority had stated that it would consider making up the difference of £102,000, if the Council contributed £398,000.

After discussion, the Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the Lisnasharragh Schools Cluster project be moved to Stage 3 under the BIF (Outer East), with a maximum budget allocation of £398,000.

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

The Area Working Group agreed that it would meet at 5p.m. on the following dates in 2018:

- Thursday, 2nd August;
- Thursday, 6th September;
- Thursday, 4th October;
- Thursday, 8th November; and
- Thursday, 6th December.

### **King George V Playing Fields Update (Tabled)**

(Alderman Rodgers declared an interest and left the room for the duration of the discussion on this item)

The Director of Neighbourhood Services explained that she had been discussing pitch availability in east Belfast with Glentoran Football Club over the past few weeks and she tabled a letter which she had received from the club.

She outlined to the Working Group that Glentoran FC had expressed a desire to work with the Council to try and obtain a facility in East Belfast for its Academy at the King George V Playing Fields.

The Members were advised that the Club had made the following proposal for the Council's consideration:

“that the Council would provide fencing and a gate around the two football pitches in the King George V Playing Fields, similar to that in the Cregagh Estate, with a door to each along with their existing goalposts; and

that Glentoran FC would provide:

- initial remedial work to both pitches with soil, grass seed etc. and level
- lighting, car parking at the Oval along with changing facilities which it would maintain at its costs;
- all costs of light, heat and power for the above;
- insurance costs for injuries to players or officials;
- cleaning and maintenance of changing rooms and shower areas on an ongoing basis;
- weekly programme of marking, cutting and maintaining both pitches with an annual refurbishment and a 4/5 year major refurbishment as recommended by its landscaping and pitch experts; and
- locks and all maintenance to fencing.”

She explained that the Club had estimated that it would be required to invest £125,000 over seven years for the arrangement.

The Members noted that Glentoran FC, in return for such an investment, stated that it would be requesting a preferential use arrangement for the two pitches, two or three times a week, weather and ground conditions permitting.

A Member expressed concern that he had requested information from officers on what Glentoran FC needed, particularly in relation to its required hours of pitch use. The Director advised the Members that officers required time to understand the costings which had been provided by the Club.

She also reminded the Working Group that the King George V Playing Fields were protected under a deed of dedication, by virtue of Fields in Trust, which necessitated consultation before any development work could be progressed.

In response to a further question in relation to how the Council would fund such a proposal from the Club, the Director advised the Members that there was no budget for these works.

The Director of Property and Projects explained to the Members that officers needed time to research a number of legal and technical queries in relation to the Club's request, and that a due diligence exercise would need to be carried out.

After further discussion, the Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that officers would:

1. liaise with Fields in Trust in relation to the proposals regarding the King George V Playing Fields; and
2. investigate the technical and legal issues surrounding the proposals;
3. carry out a due diligence exercise; and
4. submit an update report for consideration at a future meeting.

Chairperson