

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY, 6th AUGUST, 2018

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);
Councillors Attwood and Walsh.

External Members: Ms. O. Barron, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust;
Mr. M. Baker, Education Authority;
Mrs. G. Duggan, Belfast City Centre Management
Mr. K. Gibson, Church of Ireland;
Mrs. J. Hawthorne, Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;
Ms. G. Killen, Head of Good Relations, TEO; and
Mr. M. O'Donnell, Department for Communities.

In attendance: Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;
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.

Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Alderman Sandford, Superintendent Murdie, Mr. Scott and Ms. White.

Minutes

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

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Attwood declared an interest in agenda item 4, viz., 50th Anniversary of Civil Rights Movement, in that he was associated with the Civil Rights Movement.

Update on Peace IV

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 in respect of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report, specifically the risk in terms of achievement of 2018 interim

targets, and to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee to:

- confirm the areas selected for the Creative Legacies II project based on the cultural mapping exercise and LoO Conditions;
- agree the stakeholder engagement approach; and
- proceed at risk with the mobilisation of projects within the rebid.

3.0 Main Report

3.1 Background

As members are aware implementation and delivery of the Belfast PEACE IV Local Action Plan is progressing.

3.2 Programme Update

Nil responses to recent procurement exercises has negatively impacted the achievement of interim targets (by December 2018) of 1,060 children and young people participating in projects.

A recently meeting with Gina McIntyre, CE of SEUPB and the CNS Director highlighted the issue and BCC requested an amendment to the interim target. SEUPB acknowledged that due to restructuring within SEUPB affected support available to the Council and agreed to consider the interim targets. However a further meeting with Mark Feeney, SEUPB Director advised that as SEUPB cannot reduce their interim target (5,000 participants) with the EU Commission there is no scope to reduce targets for BCC at this point. A different approach to achieve the targets needed to be considered. Subsequently SEUPB agreed for BCC to re-scope contact hours and include a range of participant targets in tender documents for affected projects

Achievement of 2018 interim targets for CYP theme remains as a major risk to implementation given the narrowing timeframe. As such consideration for Council to underwrite PEACE IV project activity is currently being explored and a further report will be presented to SCP.

Children and Young People (CYP)

Approval of rescoped tender documents was accelerated by SEUPB and tender opportunities for the re-scope CYP projects TechConnects and Playing Our Part are currently open. Pre market engagement sessions for both projects took place on 27 June 2018 attended by 8 suppliers. Alternative delivery approaches are also being identified in the event of Nil returns.

Following a procurement exercise the contract for the CYP Young Advocates project has just been awarded to Co-Operation Ireland for the delivery of the project and a project initiation meeting is being established.

NIHE CYP Local Area Networks (LAN) project has commenced engagement with key youth organisations in targeted areas. Discussions to formalise the West Belfast and North Belfast LAN is ongoing.

Building Positive Relations (BPR)

Revised procurement documents for two aspects of BPR 5 Supporting Communities Project (Connected Communities (BME) and Traveller and Roma Communities x 4 lots) are being finalised, with pre-market engagement sessions taking place on 1 August 2018.

The launch of Belfast and the World 2018-2021 (centenaries project) is currently being finalised with Corrymeela Community. Members will be notified of and invited to the launch of the project.

The target areas for the delivery of the Creative Legacies II project has been identified through a cultural mapping exercise (mapping levels of sectarianism, racism, interfaces, socio-economic deprivation, arts engagement and existing capacity) and testing and verification by council colleagues. The areas identified are:

- Lower Ormeau, Sandy Row, Donegall Pass, Markets
- South West (Broadway/Village)
- Woodvale/Ardoyne
- Divis/Lower Shankill (Townsend Street to Northumberland Street)
- Clonard/Mid-Shankill (North Howard Street to Lanark Way)
- Short Strand/Inner East
- Carlisle Circus
- Colin/Dunmurry

Members are aware that a key condition of the LoO is that targeted actions within this project must be specific to the shared space objective such as flags, emblems, graffiti and other related peace building issues. To minimise the risk of ineligibility single identity areas have not been included in this project, although there is potential for single identify groups to be involved in other aspects of the PEACE IV programme.

It is requested that the SCP confirm the areas selected for the Creative Legacies II project on the basis of the cultural mapping exercise and LoO Conditions.

SSS

Public consultation focusing on the Springfield Dam/ Park element is currently open. The feasibility study for the project is being concluded and will be presented to SCP once finalised. Procurement for an Integrated Design Team and Cost manager is underway.

Stakeholder Engagement

Critical to implementation of the PEACE IV programme is engagement of key stakeholders to aid participation in the programme. The attached Stakeholder Engagement plan aggregates the communication plans for individual projects into an overarching plan, that outlines the identified key stakeholders that are to be engaged during programme implementation. The key aims of the plan are to:

- co-ordinate engagement on PEACE IV, minimise the burden on stakeholders and avoid duplication
- build more trust and credibility about engagement between the Council, communities and stakeholders
- promote and support clear, concise, and consistent message that responds to questions about PEACE IV from all interested parties
- improve resource management and decision-making
- support programme implementation by providing communities with opportunities to build positive relations and work on a cross community basis through various approaches.

In addition, the Engagement Plan is aligned to the Belfast Agenda through integrated community working. The stakeholder engagement plan is a live working document that will be further developed as delivery agents are appointed and implementation continues. It is requested that the SCP recommend to agree the integrated stakeholder engagement approach as outlined.

Rebid

SEUPB has advised that assessment of the rebid for the further £5.5m (approx.) of funding is complete and recommendations are to be considered by the Casework Committee and SEUPB Steering Committee. SEUPB has indicated that they are favourably disposed to the rebid, however it is likely that the decision will now be delayed until September 2018. This will have a negative impact on achievement of targets for 2018, as the submission was based on implementation commencing in July 2018. Initial steps to mobilise the projects within the rebid have commenced and Senior Management is considering the delay. Preliminary discussions with NIHE regarding mobilisation of BPR LAN project have taken place and will be

ongoing. It is requested that the SCP recommend that Council proceed at risk with the mobilisation of projects within the rebid.

3.3 Financial Management

Processing of claims by SEUPB is ongoing. To date the total value of claims submitted to SEUPB (Periods 1-14) is confirmed as £203,085 of which £29,470 has been reimbursed to Council. To date all expenditure has been deemed eligible.

Processing of project claims for Period 15 (May-Jul 18) is underway to meet the next claims deadline of 28 August 2018.

3.4 Governance

Implementation of AGRS recommendations are continuing with a Fraud Workshop taking place on 24 July 2018.

4.0 Resource Implications

4.1 The SSS Thematic Project Manager has been appointed and recruitment of the remaining two managers and Project Development Officer for the Secretariat is underway. Recruitment is in line with that approved in the PEACE IV Local Action Plan and therefore there are no resource implications. Should the Council agree to progress at risk recruitment of 3 officers is required, although associated costs will be claimable once approval is granted.

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 Partnership adopted the recommendations.

Review of Shared City Partnership

The Good Relations Manager provided the Members with an update in respect of the review of the Shared City Partnership.

She advised that, further to the recent advertisement for representation from the community and voluntary sector, interviews had been held on 14th and 22nd June and the following individuals had been selected to represent the sector:

- North Belfast - Mr. Ian McLaughlin;
- South Belfast – Ms. Briege Arthurs; and
- East Belfast – Mr. Jonny Currie.

She confirmed that, subject to the endorsement of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, these representatives would be invited to attend the September meeting of the Shared City Partnership.

The Good Relations Manager reported that, despite public advertisement, a representative had not been appointed to represent the west of the City. Therefore, as previously agreed, the above exercise would be repeated with a more targeted approach, applications would be available from 1st August, with a return deadline of 4.00 p.m. on 31st August. The Members were encouraged to circulate this information within their sectors.

She advised that she hoped to be in a position to provide a further update in respect of the nomination from the Faith Sector at the September meeting.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it endorse the aforementioned individuals being appointed to represent the community and voluntary sector on the Shared City Partnership.

50th Anniversary of Civil Rights Movement

The Partnership was advised that, at recent meetings of the Party Group Leaders Forum, discussion had taken place regarding the development and delivery of a programme of events to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement.

The Good Relations Manager detailed that the following proposals were being progressed:

- to locate the exhibition “Voices of ‘68” exhibition in the City Hall from 22nd – 26th October, with a launch event on the 22nd October in the evening. The exhibition would be open to the public during the duration of the event; and
- other events looking at the role of women and young people in Civil Rights, including a panel discussion.

The Partnership requested that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee recommend the allocation of financial provision of up to £7,800 from existing funds towards the programme costs to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Association and note that the remaining £1,000 would be allocated from the existing Good Relations budget.

Update on Shared Housing

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Partnership that the Together: Building a United Community Strategy had four key priorities, one of which was Our Shared Community. The aim of this priority was to create a community where division would not restrict the life opportunities of individuals and where all areas would open and accessible to everyone.

She continued that, whilst it was recognised that many agencies had a role to play in developing areas of shared housing, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) had been given the lead to deliver the headline action of the above shared neighbourhood developments.

The Partnership was reminded that, at its meeting held on 11th June, it had agreed that an update report would be sought from the NIHE regarding the headline action in the Together: Building a United Community Strategy – to create 10 new-shared neighbourhood developments.

Mrs. J. Hawthorne, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's representative on the Shared City Partnership, then proceeded to take the Members through the following paper and provided a comprehensive update on the progress around the headline action.

Appendix 1

Update on Shared Housing in Belfast

Background/Context

Twenty years after the Good Friday Agreement social housing remains deeply segregated. Within Housing Executive estates recent research indicates that in 2011 82.29% of households across NI live in segregated estates¹ (93.81%.in Belfast). This represents a small decrease compared to 2001 when the percentages were 84.11% (all NI) and 95.76% (Belfast).

There is no doubt that community division and segregation exerts a high price which, in housing terms, prevents the best use being made of existing housing and land. To support post conflict transformation and meet the changing demographics of Northern Ireland (NI) those who need housing in the social and affordable sectors must have greater choice. In this context the promotion of good relations continues to be a key Housing Executive objective.

NIHE Community Cohesion Strategy

When the Housing Executive launched our first Community Relations strategy in 2004 we made an explicit commitment to promote equality and good relations and this has continued in the intervening years.

The Housing Executive continues to make a significant contribution through its policies, partnerships, investment and resource allocation to speed up the pace of change to a more cohesive society. Underpinning the Housing Executive's overarching aims and objectives, our Community Cohesion Unit is charged with translating our community relations objectives into practical actions on the ground through the implementation of the Community Cohesion Strategy under the following 5 themes:

1. Segregation/Integration
2. Race Relations
3. Communities in Transition
4. Interface Areas
5. Flags, Emblems and Sectional Symbols

Under the theme of segregation/integration the Housing Executive promote mixed housing in the social and affordable sector where it is practicable, desirable and safe. This involves a twin track approach of:

1. Shared new build and
2. Programme delivery within existing estates

Delivery can be broken down into 3 distinct programmes/time-frames.

¹Calculated as either more than 80% or less than 20% Catholic or Protestant as a proportion of the total number of households living in Housing Executive estates.

Pre-TBUC

The Shared New build programme saw delivery of 11 schemes across NI between 2006 and 2013 (when TBUC was introduced). These schemes were developed in collaboration with the appointed Housing Association. These schemes follow Shared Future principles of a signed Community Charter supporting good relations and the right to diversity within the estate. The shared new build scheme brought forward as part of this programme in Belfast was the Curzon in Ballynafeigh.

Within existing estates the Shared Neighbourhood Programme and Shared Communities Programme worked with a total of 50 estates, including upwards of 60,000 people. The programmes aimed to secure and protect shared neighbourhoods across NI and produced a ripple effect for sharing.

TBUC Shared Housing

Together Building a United Community (TBUC) Shared Housing - a programme of 10 TBUC shared neighbourhood schemes in social housing was supported by OFMDFM TBUC strategy and we worked with the Department for Communities (DfC) to develop further projects to support shared new build and existing NIHE estates.

The Housing Executive's Head of Income and Communities is the chair of the Together Building a United Community (TBUC) Housing oversight group facilitated by the DfC Housing Branch. This is made up of representatives from NIFHA, statutory agencies, private agencies, and community and voluntary organisations.

The Housing Executive's role is to provide support and assist the Housing Associations in the implementation and delivery of the programme. The initial TBUC commitment to deliver 10 shared schemes has resulted in 6 schemes being completed with a further 4 currently on site.

Programme for Government 2016 – 2021 – 'Housing for All'

The delivery of shared housing is now a commitment in the 2016-2021 PfG, and DfC is committed to delivering 200 shared social housing units each year, as part of the Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP). Effectively, this is the second phase of Government's Shared Neighbourhood Programme, and it will be badged as 'Housing for All'.

The Housing Executive has responsibility for supporting the management of the Programme through its Community Cohesion Unit (CCU) and Development Programme Group (DPG), having responsibility for:

- Supporting the Oversight Group in the analysis and assessment of Schemes for inclusion to the Programme;
- Processing of Good Relations Support payments to the HAs;
- Providing support and guidance to the HAs on the development and delivery of good relations, including programme/project design;
- Providing support to ensure joined up delivery, at local community and Housing Executive Area office levels, for the Schemes;
- Working with adjoining Housing Executive estates and communities to develop 'bridging' events and opportunities, in order to develop relationships and support community capacity and cohesion; and
- Chairing the Ministerial Panel Housing Thematic Sub-Group.

In terms of funding, Housing Associations are funded to deliver new build via Housing Association Grant (HAG), but for shared housing they can also receive a Good Relations Incentive support payment of up to 10% of the schemes Total Cost Indicator. Further details of the criteria for selecting shared housing schemes and the Good Relations Incentive Support is set out in appendices 1 and 2.

Belfast Delivery:

- Three of the 10 TBUC developments are in Belfast and a further scheme has been identified in the 18/19 programme.
- Global Crescent (Ravenhill Avenue) and Ballynavoy Close (Ravenhill Road) - both schemes have met the criteria of no one community being more than 70% in the dominance. Ballynavoy Close has 67 units and was completed in December 2014. Global Crescent has 86 units and was completed in October 2016.
- A further scheme is currently on site; Embankment, Ballynafeigh in Belfast. There are 55 units available with an expected completion date of January 19.
- Areema Drive, Dunmurry (24 units) and has been identified in the 18/19 programme as having shared potential. The Housing Association will be asked if they are happy for the scheme to be taken forward as a 'Housing for All' scheme.

Next steps / way forward

- The Housing Executive will continue to facilitate and encourage mixed housing schemes (as far as this is practical, desirable and safe)
- The shared housing ethos will be further embedded via delivery of the target of 200 shared social housing units each year – we will continue to work closely with colleagues in the DfC and Housing Associations to ensure delivery
- All new schemes will be fully integrated into the local area via development and delivery of the Good Relations Plans for each scheme
- The Housing Executive will continue its work to improve segregation in existing Housing Executive Estates via our team of Good Relations Officers across NI and the delivery of our cohesion strategy and associated programmes.

During discussion in respect of progressing shared housing initiatives, which included discussion in respect of city centre living, several Members emphasised the important role of the Shared City Partnership in terms of feeding into the Local Development Plan.

Discussion also ensued in respect of shared education. The Partnership agreed that it would be useful if the Education Authority would provide an update in respect of shared education at the September meeting of the Partnership.

The Partnership requested that officers submit a report to the September meeting detailing how the Shared City Partnership could feed its views and comments into the consultation on the draft Local Development Plan Strategy.

Interfaces

Update on the International Fund for Ireland Peace Walls Programme Draft Consent paper

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To forward a request from the International Fund for Ireland’s Peace Walls Programme groups to the Shared City Partnership to consider and comment on a Draft Paper which looks at the issue of consent at Peace Walls.

2.0 Recommendations

That the Partnership note the paper and provide comment/feedback on the attached draft consent paper from the International Fund for Ireland’s Peace Walls Programme–funded groups.

3.0 Main report

3.1 The Partnership will be familiar with the interface working at the local level by groups funded by the International Fund for Ireland’s (IFI) Peace Walls Programme (PWP) to deliver on the T:BUC policy headline action of, ‘removal of all barriers by 2023’. The Partnership recently benefited from a presentation by Manus Maguire on behalf of the IFI PWP (March 2018).

3.2 IFI PWP currently funds 5 x groups in Belfast:

- TASCIT: Twaddell/Ardoyne Communities in Transition
- BMSS: Black Mountain Shared Space Project
- DCP: Duncairn Community Partnership
- GWCS: Greater Whitwell Community Surgery
- Imagine Project: Lower Oldpark and Cliftonville

3.3 The above groups are funded to assist communities impacted by peace walls and physical barriers to engage in the difficult dialogue around barrier transformation and ultimate removal.

3.4 As a result of the presentation and the following discussion, the Partnership agreed to send a letter endorsing the findings of the recent IFI PWP, ‘Community Attitudes to Peace Walls’ survey, to the Department of Justice (DoJ) and to request an update on actions to date delivered in support of the target of ‘removal of all barriers’ by 2023.

3.5 The IFI PWP has now drafted the attached ‘Consent paper’ to address the situation where community consensus cannot be achieved, and have asked for any comment or feedback from the Shared City Partnership in advance of their next cluster meeting in September.

3.6 At present, the T:BUC (Together: Building United Communities) policy, under the key headline action of ‘removal of all barriers by 2023’, states only that:

- Taking down interface barriers is not something that can be achieved without engagement with, consent and support of the people who live there.
- 3.7 To date there has been no definition provided at Executive level as to what constitutes consent. Recent KESS (Knowledge Exchange Seminars series: UUU, QUB and the OU: 2016) policy papers have questioned the lack of clarity around what constitutes ‘community consent’:
- What are the responsibilities of residents, community leaders and interface projects in delivering the TBUC target and how are they to be engaged?
 - While the TBUC strategy identifies a central role for local communities, our research suggests that the boundaries of ‘community’ and the level of required consent are vague and confusing. The requirement for co-operation between statutory bodies and local communities in delivering this contentious target requires mechanisms for mutual accountability which are widely accepted and understood, including clear roles for funded interface projects and workers. At present, the question of how community consent is measured and at what point has not been fully articulated leaving potential for confusion and destructive interference.
- 3.8 The attached Draft Consent Paper is the IFI PWP collective response to that lack of clarity and proposes that where consensus cannot be reached that an oversight panel, comprising a representative from The Executive Office (TEO) and 2 x independent social partners.
- 3.9 The Partnership will be aware that responsibility for delivery on the target of barrier removal by 2023 lies with the DoJ and the TEO (under T:BUC); and that the majority of barriers currently lie within the ownership of the DoJ and the NI Housing Executive.
- 3.10 Council is currently working with the Greater Whitewell IFI PWP group to deliver a regeneration scheme in Navarra Playpark (Whitewell Road) which will see the ‘normalisation’ of an existing DoJ-owned barrier as a regular park boundary fence. This regeneration work is being co-funded by DoJ in association with Council.”

The Partnership perused the draft Consent Paper and several Members expressed concern at the proposed procedure to be used in situations where community consensus was not achieved.

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Partnership that, following the presentation at the March meeting from the International Fund for Ireland, as agreed, a letter had been forwarded to the Department for Justice Permanent Secretary, endorsing the Community Attitudes to Peace Walls Survey findings and requesting an update in

respect of what provision had been made to support action plans which would assist the target of removing barriers by 2023.

The officer reported that a response had recently been received from the Permanent Secretary. In this correspondence it had been suggested that the Interface Team could attend a future meeting of the Partnership to provide an update.

Following discussion the Partnership:

- agreed that the Members would forward any comments in respect of the draft Consent Paper to the Good Relations Manager who would compile these and submit a further report to the September meeting for consideration; and
- agreed to receive a presentation from the Department of Justice Interface Team at a future meeting.

Community Led Cross Interface Event at Townsend Street for International Day of Peace

The Senior Good Relations Officer advised the Partnership that the Department of Justice (DoJ) had recently reconvened the Lower Falls/Lower Shankill Forum to explore a number of issues relating to the interface gates at Townsend Street, Dover Street/Percy Street, Northumberland Street and North Howard Street.

She outlined that the Forum comprised of Residents' groups and community associations. In addition, both the Council and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive were also represented and the Forum was chaired by an independent consultant procured by the DoJ.

She advised that the meetings to date had been very positive. The neighbouring communities on either side of the barriers were keen to work in collaboration and to deliver a cross-interface community-led festival on Townsend Street on 21st September to celebrate International Day of Peace and to promote Townsend Street as a shared space. The DoJ and NIHE had also committed to match fund the event.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it authorises funding of up to £4,000 for the delivery of a community-led cross-interface festival on Townsend Street.

Update on DCGRP Interfaces Expression of Interest 2018/19

The Partnership was reminded that in 2017/18 the Good Relations Unit had piloted an Expression of Interest funding exercise to support those communities engaging in conversations around barrier transformation. This work was related to the Together: Building United Communities (T:BUC) headline action in respect of the 'removal of all barriers by 2023'.

The Senior Good Relations Officer advised that £50,000 had been ring fenced from the District Council Good Relations Action Plan for the Interface Expression of Interest exercise in 2017/18. She reported that this had been an extremely successful pilot and the positive evaluations that had been returned to the Unit had prompted officers to repeat the exercise.

The officer outlined that £50,000 had been set aside for the 2018/19 Expression of Interest exercise which had been launched at an event at the Crumlin Road Gaol on Friday, 21st June with a closing date of Friday, 27th July.

The Partnership was advised that five applications had been received by the closing date and noted that these applications had been assessed at the end of last week but that there had been insufficient time to prepare a full report on the successful applications. A paper detailing the successful groups and their awards would be submitted to the September meeting of the Partnership.

The officer explained that, in order to ensure that the successful groups would receive their Letter of Officer at the beginning of September, the Partnership was being asked to grant delegated authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to approve the awards, up to a maximum of £10,000.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it grant authority to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to approve successful applications to the programme under delegated authority.

District Council Good Relations Action Plan **2018/19 – Request for Reallocation**

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 advised that a Letter of Offer for the Belfast City Council's Good Relations Programme had been received from the TEO. This detailed that a £506,893 contribution had been allocated from the TEO which represented 75% funding, with the additional Belfast City Council allocation the total value of the programme was £675,000. The partnership noted that this would cover programme activity and staff costs.

She explained that in the current action plan for the Programme £215,400 had been allocated towards grant aid costs which had been provided through two tranches of funding. The Partnership noted that from April – September 2017 and October – March 2018 £167,700 had been allocated to support 31 organisations to deliver Good Relations projects in Tranche 1. The Partnership was advised that, generally, 90% of the budget was claimed by funded groups, which would give an estimated spend of £150,000 for this level of award in Tranche 1. This would leave a £65,000 spend for Tranche 2 grants.

The officer reported that, by the closing date, Tranche 2 of the Good Relations Small Grants Fund had received 55 applications totalling almost £337,000. The Partnership was advised that officers had already commenced assessment of the projects and many were of a very high standard.

The Senior Good Relations Officer outlined that, in an endeavour to support grass roots good relations activity, officers were requesting that £37,000 be redirected from other elements of the DCGRP to the grant aid programme. This would be drawn from the Safe Community theme and there would be a remaining allocation of approximately £80,000 to this theme through other projects in the Action Plan.

- £15,000 from BCC 6 - Good Relations approach to Hate Crime; and
- £22,000 from BCC 8 - Hate Crime Awareness (Holocaust Project).

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it approves the reallocation of £37,000 from the aforementioned two funds to Tranche 2 of the good relations small grants programme.

Central Good Relations Fund - Good Relations Capacity Building Pilot Programme 2018/19

The Senior Good Relations Officer reminded the Partnership that, at the May meeting of the Shared City Partnership, The Executive Office (TEO) had sought feedback on its proposals to develop a pilot good relations capacity building programme for 2018/19 and how to identify areas of need.

She reported that, following the award of the 2018/19 TEO Central Good Relations Funding Programme, a detailed area based analysis had been undertaken by TEO in order to identify gaps and areas in need of good relations provision. The analysis had shown that there was fewer applications for good relations funding from East Belfast than what would be expected, therefore, the East Belfast Assembly Area had been identified as one of the areas to be included in the pilot. Liaison with a number of stakeholders had also indicated that groups in East Belfast would welcome the pilot and that there was a real need for local good relations interventions which would address local good relations issues.

The Partnership was advised that the Pilot Programme had opened on 20th July and would close on 7th September and that both the application form and guidance document were available on the TEO website. In addition, TEO had organised an information session regarding the Programme which took place on Tuesday, 31st July from 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

The Members were encouraged to circulate this opportunity within their sectors.

Noted.

Forthcoming Events

The Partnership was advised of the following events:

- Good Relations Strategy Workshop – 10th August from 9.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. in 9 Adelaide;
- Genocide Day Reception – 25th August in the City Hall at 2.00 p.m.;
- Living Library -17th September at 10.00 a.m. The Partnership was advised that the Living Library was similar to a normal library, except the books were people who individuals could talk to for 20 minutes. There were 13 'Living Books' available to sample, a full list was available [here](#)
- Good Relations Week 2018 – 17th – 23rd September. The theme for the week: Then, Now Next? 20 years after the Agreement.

Noted.

Chairperson