

West Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 23rd August 2018

MEETING OF WEST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Baker (Chairperson);
Aldermen Kingston and McCoubrey; and
Councillors Attwood, Beattie, Canavan, Carson,
Collins, Corr, Garrett, Heading, Hutchinson,
McConville, Nic Biorna 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.

Election of Chairperson

It was proposed by Councillor Beattie, seconded by Councillor Carson and agreed that Councillor Baker would be appointed as the Chairperson for the period to end on the date of the Local Government Election in May, 2019.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors Groves, Magennis and O'Hara.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 24th May were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were reported.

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 24th May.

The Director of Neighbourhood Services advised that the Belfast Hills Partnership Board had agreed, in principle, to appoint a second Council representative and this was currently being progressed through its Board.

Noted.

Physical Programme Update

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), Peace IV 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. Recommendations

Members are asked to

- Note the contents of this report and the updates on LIF attached (Appendix 1)
- note the progress on Saints Youth Club (WLIF2-21), Woodvale Cricket Club (WLIF2-18) and Paisley Park Sportsplex (WLIF2-24)
- note the completion of two BIF projects - Raidió Fáilte and Davitts GAC

3. Local Investment Fund

To date 44 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 is attached to this report at Appendix 1.

Stage/ Description	LIF 1		LIF 2	
	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)
Number of Project Completed	25 (100%)	£1,567,500	10 (53%)	£809,788
Number of Project On-going Delivery			2 (11%)	£41,000
Number of Project in Pre-construction			2 (11%)	£75,000
Number of Project in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)			5 (26%)	£274,212
Total Number of Approved Project	25	£1,567,500	19	£1,200,000

- **WLIF2-22 Saints Youth Club** – The improvement works at the Saints Youth Club at Twinbrook has been recently completed. The final payment is being processed.
- **WLIF2-18 Woodvale Cricket Club** – The purchase and installation of electronic scoreboard and associated

works at Woodvale Cricket Club has been recently completed. The final payment is being processed.

- **WLIF2-24 Paisley Park** – Members will note that the restoration of the running track at Paisley Park (£24k) was approved by the SP&R Committee on 22nd June 2018. The project has been scored against the prioritisation matrix and above the threshold (Appendix 2). Members are asked to note that the project is now progressing to next Due Diligence stage. In addition, Members are asked to note that based on very initial costs from the group, the estimated cost of the project is around £56k plus VAT and the current £24k LIF funding is not sufficient. The group is seeking extra funding to DfC and resubmitting the bid for Alpha Fund to address the shortfall.

4. Belfast Investment Fund

To date six projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under BIF. There are four projects on the longer BIF list.

West	Stage 3—Davitts GAC—£1m; Raidió Fáilte—£950k; St Comgall's-£3.5m; Colin Glen Forest Park—£2.5m
	Stage 2—Glencairn Community Project— £700k; St Mary's CBS— no commitment
	Stage 1— Royal British Legion—£500k; An Sportslann; Suffolk Community Forum; Belfast Hills- Black Mountain Access—no commitment

Below are the brief updates on the projects that have received in-principle funding.

Project	Status and update
Davitts GAC	Construction of a full size GAA pitch, spectator stand, changing pavilion, 3G MUGA and community park – the project works were completed in August, with grass pitch still bedding in. Officers continue to engage with the group to review closure of all funding Special Conditions. In addition Officers are liaising with group on a formal opening of the site – part of the works on the site were funded by Space and Place Programme (trim trial and playground) who have stipulated a separate launch. Discussions ongoing.
Raidió Fáilte	Construction of 3 storey Irish language broadcast, recording, training and archive facility – the project works were completed in August. Officers continue to engage with the group to review closure of all funding Special Conditions. In addition, the group are in the

	process of planning a number of 'welcome events' for the new building, with a formal launch to be worked up. Ongoing communication between the group and officers.
St Comgall's	The project is progressing well with enabling works expected to be on-site in September /October 2018. The design process is at stage three and it is anticipated that in the Autumn 2018 we will commenced the procurement of the contractor and submitted a planning application.
Colin Glen Trust	Masterplan projects include Alpine Toboggan, zipline, driving range improvements and 3G pitch dome. Match funding of £500k from Rural Tourism Fund for the Alpine Toboggan on progress. Given the ongoing delay in securing match funding BCC is proceeding with pitch and golf elements with work on the other two element to commence once match funding is secured. Contractors on site for pitch and golf elements from early August 2018- both due for completion by Nov/Dec 18.
Glencairn Community Project	Ongoing engagement with group. Education Authority have offered £500k towards a capital development partnership scheme - logistics of this to be discussed with BCC. Council to meet with EA on September 2018 as there are proposals for a number of similar partnerships with BCC. Implications to be determined. Ongoing engagement with group.
Royal British Legion	A number of meetings held with the group who have independently commissioned a consultant to complete an EA. EA to be finalised in order to confirm preferred option.

5. Capital Programme

The Capital Programme is the rolling programme of enhancing existing Council assets or building / buying new ones. Below is the status of the projects in West under the programme.

Project	Status and update
Pitches Strategy - Falls Park - New pitch and pavilion	Stage 3 – Committed. Project recently completed. Handed over to City and Neighbourhood Services
Falls Park Open Space	Stage 3 – Committed. Project completed. Handed over to City and Neighbourhood Services
Clarendon Playing Fields	Stage 3 – Committed. Project completed and operational. Handed over to City and Neighbourhood Services
LTP - Andersonstown Regeneration	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground. West £spend Street Fair held 18th August. Five hundred people from all ages attended the event. There was widespread coverage before the event on and offline and some businesses reported an increase in sales. Work is underway with other planned support/ programme of events.
Whiterock Community Corridor	Stage 3 – Committed. Phase 1 and 2 completed

Alleygating Phase 4 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground
Playground Refurbishment Programme 2017/2018 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground West - Hammer Playground – Start October 2018 – Completion January 2019
LTP- Brook	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground
City Cemetery - Baby Plot Memorial	Stage 3 – Committed. Tender preparation stage. Drop-in information event to be held on 23rd August 2018 at 9 Adelaide. Public consultation via BCC citizens' space closes on 31st August 2018.
City Cemetery – HLF	Stage 3 – Committed. Scheme at Risk. HLF have awarded funding for the project
Falls Park Service Yard (part of Falls Park Masterplan)	Stage 2 – Uncommitted. OBC being worked up.
Falls Park Masterplan	Stage 1 – Emerging project.
Hammer Development Playground	Concept design worked up
Old Golf Course Road (LGR)	Project at Tender preparation stage. Planned to be onsite October 2018
White Rise MUGA (LGR)	Project at initial stage

6. Social Outcome Fund

To date projects have received an in-principle funding commitment 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
Roddy McCorley Museum	Development of a modern interpretative museum and existing grounds. SOC being worked up. Work progressing with group
James Connolly Interpretative Centre	Development of a dedicated interactive exhibition, study area, library of Connolly's writing and tourist facilities. Discussed at Due Diligence on 21/6/18. Work progressing with group
Shankill Mission	Development of a social economy training hotel. SOC being worked up. Work progressing with group. To be discussed at Due Diligence on August 2018
Rock Centre	Development of new tourism visitor centre. Project through Due Diligence Board on 19/4/18. Funding agreement on process

Belfast Orange Hall Museum	Disability Access to Museum/ Renovation of frontage on the Cultural Corridor. Work progressing with group. To be discussed at Due Diligence in September 2018
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7. Externally- funded programme

Urban Villages Initiatives

Members are asked to note that Letters of Offer from Urban Villages have been received, for the Council as delivery agent, for the following projects;

Project	Status and update	Total Grant Award
C.C.07	Colin Allotments and Healthy Living Centre Improvements Project	£64,709
C.C.08	Footprints Women’s Centre	£80,133

In addition to the above projects, Council Officers are working with the UV team on the New Park at Colin project.”

A Member referred to the excellent work and number of projects that the Council had delivered through both LIF and BIF and he stated that these projects needed to be better publicised and promoted.

The Working Group noted the update provided.

Peace IV Update (Report circulated at meeting)

The Director of Neighbourhood Services provided the Working Group with an update on Peace IV and Good Relations Activities in West Belfast which included a specific update in respect of the following projects:

- CYP Local Area Networks – Partner delivery with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)

This project was aimed at young people in NIHE areas to form cross community networks. The focus of the CYP LAN was to establish 6 local level networks to deliver a range of community planning activities including exchange visits, environmental clean ups, storytelling, personal development, civic leadership and active citizenship training. This project was similar to the Peace III BRIC Project.

- CYP Young Advocates Project – tender to be delivered by Co-operation Ireland

The Director reported that the aim of this project was to establish Youth Leadership/Citizenship Programme specifically targeting young people from NRA/Areas of Deprivation. The programme would aim to build the capacity and skills of young people, to tackle social issues and enable young people to build

positive relations on a cross community basis. All programmes had to be cross community 50/50 in order to reflect the makeup of Belfast.

- Belfast and the World 1918 – 2021 Centenaries – tender to be delivered by Corrymeela

The Director advised that the project was about Building Positive Relations (BPR). It would explore centenaries at a local level on a cross community basis and it was currently identifying participant groups.

- Creative Legacies II – BPR – Direct delivery through Council's Tourism, Culture, Arts and Heritage Unit

The aim of this project was to use creative arts as a medium to build positive relations. Local projects would have to be specific to the shared space objective with targeted actions on flags, emblems, graffiti and peace building issues.

During discussion in respect of the Creative Legacies Project, a Member highlighted the need to ensure that the correct community groups and organisations were consulted.

The Director advised that a cultural mapping exercise had commenced. She explained that this required mapping the levels of sectarianism, racism, interfaces and socio-economic deprivation, arts engagement, along with considering the existing capacity. She advised that core areas for delivery had already been identified and that initial discussions with these groups had commenced. She undertook to liaise with the Member directly to ensure that all relevant groups had/would be consulted.

The Director concluded by advising that each of the Peace IV projects had been designed to target different groups to ensure that maximum benefit was realised in the area and she also highlighted the tight timescales to ensure delivery of the programmes.

Noted.

Date of Next Meeting

The Working Group noted that the next meeting would take place at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27th September.

Chairperson