

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 8th OCTOBER, 2018

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

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

External Members: Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. J. Currie, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. G. Duggan, Belfast City Centre Management;
Mr. K. Gibson, Church of Ireland;
Mrs. J. Hawthorne, Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
M Yousuf Hannore, Interfaith Partnership;
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;
Mr. P. Mackel, Belfast and District Trades Union Council;
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. A. M. White, British Red Cross.

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

Councillor Armitage, Mrs. O. Barron, Mr. B. Baker, Mr. A Cole, Mr. M. O'Donnell and Mr. P. Scott.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 10th September were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

Mr. P. Mackel declared an interest in agenda item 4, viz., Good Relations Grants – Tranche 2, as he was associated with the Northern Ireland Trade Union who had received grant funding.

Update on PEACE IV

The Partnership considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

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:

- agree to accept the additional £5,784,517.37 of funding from SEUPB
- approve the implementation of the Monitoring and Evaluation framework.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

Implementation and delivery of the Belfast PEACE IV Local Action Plan is progressing.

Children and Young People (CYP)

Ashton Community Trust in partnership with Belfast Met, W5, Fablab, New Lodge Youth Centre and New Lodge Art has been awarded the contract for the delivery of the TechConnects project. Delivery to achieve the interim target of 416 participants by December 2018 is commencing imminently.

Contract award for the Playing Our Part progress is progressing through the approval process.

Building Positive Relations (BPR)

Four submissions were received for the tender opportunity for BPR 5 Supporting Communities Minority Ethnic element. The assessment process is underway and the contract award is expected to be made by end October 2018.

The rescoping of the Traveller and Roma element is underway and will be submitted to SEUPB for approval.

Shared Space and Services (SSS)

The feasibility study was discussed with members at a briefing session on 25 September 2018. It should be noted that refinement of the locations will be subject to design considerations, further community engagement and approvals by Council and SEUPB. The appointment of the cost manager and integrated design team for the project is currently being finalised.

Responses to the public consultation focusing on the Springfield Dam/ Park element are currently being reviewed. The next steps is to secure approval through the Area Working Groups and continue community engagement to agree locations and develop programming elements for cross community use of the shared space.

Rebid

SEUPB has advised that the Steering Committee has approved the additional funding requested under the rebid process.

It is requested that Members agree to accept the award of £5,784,517.37 of additional funding towards the implementation of the Belfast PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

Monitoring & Evaluation Activities Framework

A condition of funding is that the Council is required to submit to SEUPB monitoring and evaluation activities. The monitoring and evaluation activities must ensure effective measurement of::

- Activities to establish baseline information**
- Success against the target Outputs**
- Measurement against cross-community/cultural/border recruitment targets**
- Attitudinal surveys which are age appropriate and demonstrate ‘distance travelled’ by participants. (This is recommended for participants aged over 12 years)**
- Sustainable development impact**
- Equality impact**

A Monitoring and Evaluation Framework has been designed following a robust process of internal and external consultation. The Framework includes attitudinal surveys; supplementary project specific monitoring; and progress report templates. The Framework demonstrates how project success and impact will be measured. Data will be collated electronically from all project partners and entered onto eMS. Paper copies will be available if required.

The framework development included reviewing best practice, linking with the Good Relations and Belfast Agenda outcomes. SEUPB has reviewed and approved the framework. As project delivery has commenced, it is requested that Members approve Monitoring and Evaluation Activities Framework, as also approved by SEUPB.

Training on the Monitoring and Evaluation requirement for all delivery partners is currently being arranged.

Financial & Resource Implications

Megan Kearney has joined the team as the Project Development Officer and Kerry McIvor as Project Manager for the BPR theme. Anne Ross has been appointed Project Officer for Creative Legacies II and Janine Crawford Project Officer for the Gamechanger project. SEUPB are currently reviewing the

Council's Agency Staff Framework to enable recruitment for the CYP Project Manager to progress.

To date the value of claims (Period 1 Jan 15 – Period 15 Jul 2018) submitted to the SEUPB for reimbursement totals £315,400. Processing of claims by SEUPB is ongoing and to date £95,682.60 (Periods 1-8 up to Oct 16 for themes CYP and BPR and periods 9 & 10 for SSS up to April 2017) has been reimbursed to Council, with all expenditure verified as eligible.

SEUPB is processing all outstanding claims to enable the modification process associated with the rebid to commence.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015.”

The Partnership adopted the recommendations and agreed that officers would provide an update on the progress of each project and also agreed to invite the project delivery partners to present on their projects at future meetings.

Update on Review of Shared City Partnership

The Partnership was advised that, following a more targeted approach, selection and interviews had been held and Mr. Jim Donnelly had been selected to represent the west of the City.

Mrs. M Marken advised that she also hoped to be in a position to provide a further update in respect of the nomination from the Faith Sector at the next meeting.

The Good Relations Manager advised that Mrs. G. Killen, The Executive Office representative on the Shared City Partnership, had recently retired. She had been replaced by Mr. A. Cole who unfortunately was unable to attend today's meeting.

It was suggested that, given the number of new appointments to the Partnership, that another workshop be organised for all members to discuss and prioritise and the forthcoming work of the Shared City Partnership.

The Partnership recommended:

- to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it endorse the appointment of Mr. Jim Donnelly to represent the community and voluntary sector for the west of the City on the Shared City Partnership; and
- agreed that officers would arrange a workshop in the New Year for the Members of the Shared City Partnership.

Good Relations Grant Aid 2018/19 – Tranche 2

The Partnership was reminded that the Good Relations Grant-Aid Fund was funded jointly by The Executive Office (TEO) (75%) and the Council (25%), through the District Council Good Relations Programme. The Good Relations Manager reported that the first call for applications for funding under the 2018/2019 Fund, to undertake activities between

October, 2018, and March, 2019, had closed on 6th July. The St Patrick's Day Celebration Grants Fund and a range of other Belfast City Council funds had also closed on the same date. She explained that, by that date, a total of fifty-five applications had been received, requesting in total £336,950 from the Good Relations Small Grants Fund. Those had been assessed by Good Relations officers, using pre-agreed criteria, following which thirty-eight organisations had been recommended for funding totalling £146,475. A sample of submissions had then been assessed by an independent panel, comprised of three officers from outside the Good Relations Unit, which had confirmed that they had been evaluated and scored in line with the criteria.

The Partnership was informed that a letter of offer from TEO had been received on 7th June for £506,893, which represented the 75% funding from TEO, with the additional Belfast City Council allocation the total value of the programme was £680,000. The Partnership was reminded that, at its August meeting, it had agreed to the reallocation of resources to provide additional support within the grant aid programme and the Partnership noted that this reallocation would provide the required resources to support all the recommended awards.

The Good Relations Manager advised that, in previous grant rounds, funding had been awarded on the basis that funded organisations did not normally claim 100% of the amount awarded through grant aid. Generally, claims had been in the region of 90% of the amount awarded. Therefore, the recommended allocation of £146,475 would represent in the region of £132,000 actual spend.

Following a query in relation to the St. Patrick's Day Small Grants Programme, the Good Relations Manager confirmed that the review of Belfast City Council festivals and events was still ongoing. She undertook to submit an update report to a future meeting which would look at the issue of inclusivity around the annual St Patrick's Day and how the Partnership could be more involved.

During discussion it was suggested that the name 'Good Relations Grant Aid' should be reviewed, as the Member felt that there was a misunderstanding amongst members of the public as to who administered the funding.

A further Member queried the appropriateness of Housing Associations making applications to the fund given that they had a requirement to promote good relations interaction as part of any new housing schemes.

The Partnership:

- agreed that a report would be submitted to a future meeting which would explore a possible name change for the 'Good Relations Grant Aid Programme' and also give consideration to the criteria and whether it was appropriate that Housing Associations should be eligible to apply for funding; and
- noted the list of 38 organisations, as set out below, which had been approved for funding totalling £146,475, under the delegated authority of the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services.

Appendix 1 – Good Relations Grant aid awards T2 18/19

Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Score %	Requested	Recommended
Chinese Welfare Association	Everybody Eats- Difficult Conversations about Diversity using Delicious Food	We will break down barriers & build new relationships by introducing local community groups to the culture and cuisine of 6 ethnic groups in Belfast (Chinese, Indian, Polish, Roma/Romanian and Arabic). This will be achieved through 15 coordinated, structured shopping tours of global food shops, a shared meal & structured-conversations.	81.3	£4,960.00	£4,665.00
Charter For Northern Ireland	Neighbourly neighbours	We will bring 16 residents from either side of the interface in east Belfast & Short Strand to take part in a number of activities developing relationships, site visits, building capacity & learning new skills.	80.0	£5,584.00	£3,650.00
Falls Women	Falls Women Centre Welcome Project	Our welcome project has been operating for two years supporting the integration and resettlement of Syrian and other minority ethnic women both asylum seekers and refugees into our community, helping them with languages difficulties, supporting them navigate and learn about the community	80.0	£9,412.40	£9,412.40

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		and providing one to one support.			
Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum	Girdwood Peer Led Youth Champions Project	A cross-community programme designed by the current Girdwood Youth Group to prepare 12 new young people who live in the areas surrounding the Girdwood Community Hub to participate on the Girdwood Youth Forum next year. This will ensure the voice of local young people in future peacebuilding activities at Girdwood.	80.0	£6,568.00	£5,683.00
Bardic Educational Arts And Media (BEAM)	The Island	Working with 6 targeted primary schools from throughout Belfast, the Our Island project will use arts based techniques to tackle sectarianism, racism and promote cultural diversity. We will distribute teacher resources and brief teachers on the project to ensure a legacy is left after this funding	77.5	£8,329.50	£7,060.00
Young At Art	We Come From Far Far Away Engagement Programme	This engagement programme will accompany the 2019 Belfast Childrens Festivals production, We Come From Far, Far Away, raising awareness and understanding of the experience of child refugees and asylum seekers, improving	77.5	£6,208.00	£6,145.00

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		attitudes and promoting tolerance amongst young people and good relations in areas where Syrian families are settling in Belfast.			
Ligoniel Improvement Association	Growing Together	20 women from across north Belfast from both PUL and CNR communities will participate in a 12 week Social Inclusion Programme . The programme will look at how the legacy of the troubles has impacted on women from both sides of the community in North Belfast	76.3	£3,009.00	£2,609.00
South Belfast Alternatives	Project E-MA Belfast	An e-ma (pronounced like the girls name Emma) is a Japanese wooden tablet about the size of a postcard. Participants are then encouraged to draw or write a hope, wish or aspiration for the future for themselves or their community which then goes on public display on the wall of hope.	75.0	£1,015.00	£1,015.00
Corrymeela Community	Living and Learning Well Together (2)	Corrymeela works in partnership with Malone Integrated College, one of NI's most diverse schools in religious, ethnic, national and political terms. This project will support young people beginning school in Year 8 to develop and maintain relationships of trust,	75.0	£4,742.00	£4,742.00

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		cohesion and build good relations through both understanding and embracing diversity.			
Belfast City Of Sanctuary	A Part of Belfast Now	A touring exhibition and related booklet of photographs and stories of 10 refugees and newcomers to Belfast from across the world including views on life in Belfast, the difficulties and opportunities encountered and their resilience in rebuilding their lives. Main focus on exhibition in 'Schools of Sanctuary' and public libraries.	75.0	£6,930.00	£4,970.00
Mornington Community Project	Rebels, Radicals, Royalists and Loyalists	This is a follow on cross community project involving local women from all communities of South Belfast (Catholic and Protestant). It will engage them in a series of workshops, site visits and residential covering Irish History from the War of Three Kings through to the 1801 Act of Union.	75.0	£4,231.40	£2,877.00
Northern Ireland Trade Union Educational & Social Centre Limited T/a BURC	Orientation - Next steps	The projects aim is to provide newcomers to Belfast with practical information to settle in their new life through targeted information sessions. BURC is developing an online Orientation Portal, which aims to be a one-stop-shop for newcomers; we will	75.0	£9,815.00	£6,580.00

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		keep developing this comprehensive directory making it more user-driven.			
Ballynafeigh Community Development Association	We Love Where We Live	We will highlight and celebrate the good relations and diversity inherent in Ballynafeigh by raising morale and positively promoting the health and social well-being of local people and groups from all backgrounds across the life-cycle, through shared participation and engagement in enjoyable, educative, and possibly challenging, events and activities.	75.0	£5,945.00	£2,700.00
Southcity Resource And Development Centre	Grosvenor- Donegall Road-Sandy Row then and now.	We will be hosting a series of exhibitions depicting the communities as they were in the past and how they have changed in the present. We will be hosting a number of lectures and discussions into our common similarities and how we can learn from each other.	75.0	£6,465.00	£3,915.00
GSPPD (Spectrum Centre)	Getting Together	A series of arts, cultural identity and personal development workshops with young people from Glenwood and St Clare's Primary Schools, and Gaelscoil an Lonnain. Sessions will be both in schools and in the form of get	75.0	£9,849.00	£5,481.00

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		together sessions in the Spectrum Centre.			
Hannahstown Cultural And Heritage Society	The hidden History. How learning from the past can shape our future	We will look at historical events such as the "Hearts of Steel", "An Gort Mor" and particularly the local influences of these events. As these lectures go on we will be working on finishing a cultural/historical room that will reflect both communities.	75.0	£3,375.00	£2,355.00
Falls Community Council	Shankill Clonard Renewal project	The project is about building relationships between residents in the Clonard Shankill area between the Lanark Way and Townsend Street interfaces in West Belfast. The project builds on previous community history work and enables cross community neighbourhood visits and tours.	73.8	£9,482.00	£6,780.00
Sport Changes Life	YES " Youth Engagement through Sport	The YES programme is designed to use sport and physical activity as a medium to improve integration between young males aged 14-17 years, establish positive cross-community relationships and raise the aspirations of the participants involved.	72.5	£10,000.00	£5,690.00

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Taughmonagh Community Forum Limited	Finaghy Crossroads Good Relations Development Programme	The project seeks to support the development of relationships between community leaders at either side of the Finaghy crossroads to support the development of the wider Finaghy area as a shared community through supported dialogue amongst the local community and the development of a long term inter community projects.	72.5	£3,550.00	£2,320.00
Ledley Hall Boys And Girls Club	Positive Expressions of Culture and Identity	Our project aims to involve young people in a wide variety of workshops and activities that inform and educate them about their history and identity, in connection with World War 1 and the contribution of women, polish and people from both sides of our community.	70.0	£4,734.62	£3,454.88
Lower Shankill Community Association	Moving Forward: The Next Generations	The project has been specifically developed to help support 20 learners in improving intra- community relations whilst establishing a solid cultural base line with the young learners to ensure they can build relationships with others.	70.0	£8,475.00	£2,950.00

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CHARTER For Northern Ireland	Learning Through The Divide	The project will bring young people together from different communities together to focus on various topics such as culture, religion, and identity. We will also focus on what unites young people in today's age rather than what divides them. This will take into consideration such things as employment, education, housing etc.	70.0	£8,820.00	£3,860.00
South Belfast Alternatives	The Contribution of Asia in the Great War	South Belfast Alternatives will link parities involved with South Belfast Action Community Transformation (ACT) Initiative into history project which covers the topic of soldiers of the British Empire who took part in the Great War, with a special emphasis on troops from Asia, including Islamic, Hindu and Sikh soldiers.	70.0	£2,580.00	£1,980.00
Breathe Yoga	East Meets West: The Celtic Yogini	The project brings together women's groups from East and West Belfast (Inveraray, Walkway/Newtownards Road, Bloomfield, Lagmore, Poleglass and Colin) along with with the South Belfast Indian Women's group, to explore Eastern and Western culture, as a way of promoting inter-	70.0	£9,997.00	£3,285.00

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		community engagement and breaking down religious, racial and sectarian divisions.			
The HUBB Community Resource Centre	building community cohesion	It will provide an intra-community conflict transformation project to support disenfranchised and marginalised residents of Tigersbay by way of engaging them in an awareness programme on British/Irish identity/history, the concepts of community cohesion and relations. anti-sectarianism/racism participate in organised study and best practice visits	70.0	£3,500.00	£1,550.00
ZKJ LTD	Fight To Unite	Fight to Unite will target hard to reach people in life changing programmes which combine the adrenaline and status of Mixed Martial Arts with the a Relentless Youth Work approach, based on forging transformational relationships designed to build resilience and bring communities together.	67.5	£8,000.00	£3,625.00
Limestone United Cross Community Intervention Project C/o Duncairn	Limestone united cross community intervention project	Limestone united is a cross community project working under the banner of sport across the interface. We have been operating for close to 10 years and the aim of the project is	67.5	£9,449.00	£3,485.00

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Community Partnership		to develop opportunities for the inclusion of equity, diversity and interdependence among young people and their families through their involvement in a good relations programme.			
Apex Housing Association Ltd	LEARNING FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING 2018	The project: through education, understanding and personal discovery, will address issues of conflict from the past that have impacted on current opinions. The project will work towards creating changes in the personal beliefs and behaviour towards those from different racial, political and faith backgrounds	67.5	£6,040.00	£3,110.00
Northern Ireland Environment Link	Cultural Cuisine with Me	The project will increase shared use of community assets through an accredited cooking course. It will dispel myths, stereotypes and negative attitudes towards minority ethnic communities, migrants and asylum seekers and refugees through exploring differing cultural norms and the development of relationships between participants.	67.5	£8,945.00	£2,260.00

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Training For Women Network	Framing the Future through Women	Building positive relations and civic participation through the exploration of Women's History at the turn of the century and the fight for women's suffrage. The project will empower women to engage in cross-community relations and active citizenship by learning about the impact of women of history.	67.5	£7,985.50	£3,870.00
Newhill FC	United through football	Newhill FC plan to deliver an 8-week project together with Springfield Star with 40 young people from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds. Our project will use football as a vehicle to bring young people together, engage in workshops, discuss topical issues and enjoy fun-based cultural activities.	65.0	£5,100.00	£3,770.00
Ballymac Friendship Trust	Shared Lives	Ballymac Friendship Trust has over the last two years delivered a project that has fostered relationships with a number of first and second generation immigrants in Northern Ireland. This project aims to build on these relationships by delivering a Polish Experience concentrating on their	65.0	£5,000.00	£1,480.00

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		wedding and Christmas traditions.			
Prime Cut Productions	Ensemble Traditions	Ensemble Traditions is an innovative community arts project bringing together young people from areas of deprivation and diverse communities across Belfast. Working both independently and collectively the Ensemble Traditions participants will create an impactful theatre showcase reflecting their experience of life in their communities.	63.8	£10,000.00	£5,000.00
Northern Ireland Muslim Family Association	Islamic Cultural Awareness facilitated workshops	We seek to support community cohesion through the delivery of Islamic cultural awareness training in Belfast. We want to reduce the fear held by non Muslims about Muslims, dispel myths and negative stereotypes. We will do this through a series of Islamic cultural awareness workshops.	62.5	£1,640.00	£1,280.00
Green Shoot Productions	Well Walk Hand in Hand, 50 Years of Civil Rights in Northern Ireland 1968-2018 Exhibition and Schools Workshop Programme	Marking the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the civil rights campaign in Belfast, Green Shoot Productions in partnership with Queens University will develop an exhibition and accompanied Forum Theatre workshop programme	62.5	£8,065.00	£3,065.00

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		exploring both the civil rights campaign of the late 1960s and civil rights issues in Belfast today.			
Feile An Phobail	Know Your Neighbour Drama Project	This drama project will bring together young people from different community and ethnic backgrounds to work together on a drama project culminating in a final production to take place as part of the Feile an Earraigh 2019 programme of events.	62.5	£3,918.00	£3,268.00
Footprints Women	Vote 100 project	UK Parliament week is 12th-18th November, bringing women together to discuss and celebrate the campaign for equal votes. The project will facilitate partners travelling across communities in the Colin and Village areas and to participate safely in programmes and activities that promote mutual respect and understanding of shared history.	60.0	£7,904.10	£3,542.50
EastSide Arts	Home Project 3: Small Worlds	The Home Project is an intercultural Arts Project in east Belfast. The project offers training to 4 ethnic minority artists living in Belfast and then puts this training into practice by placing the artists with local community groups to facilitate workshops	60.0	£3,990.00	£2,990.00

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		which will help them create new work.			
PeacePlayers International - Northern Ireland (PPI-NI)	Building Positive Relations Through Sport	The project will bring children from neighbouring controlled (predominantly Protestant) and maintained (predominantly Catholic) primary schools together for sustained, meaningful and purposeful contact, interaction and dialogue. PPI-NI will work 16 schools and facilitate 8 Twinings between 16 classes.	56.3	£10,000.00	£0.00
Youth Link: NI	Apprentice Peace Programme - Building a United Community	To offer 20 young people (18-24 years), from differing community backgrounds, training in youth work, cultural diversity, equality and human rights and to enable participants to be proactive in building positive sustainable community relations within and between communities	56.3	£9,510.00	£0.00
Cara-Friend	Belfast LGBTo Good Relations Project	The aim of the project is to create and facilitate an LGBT affirming Good Relations Project in the City of Belfast.	56.3	£10,000.00	£0.00
The Warehouse Project	The Krypton Challenge	The Krypton Challenge is a Good Relations building & personal development project working with, challenging and	55.0	£8,612.00	£0.00

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		encouraging at risk young people struggling in education, involved in anti social behaviour to better themselves while instilling a sense of community, good relations, future & hope and creating a pathway to successful living.			
Market Development Association [nid:72166]	Market & Surestart Good Relations Project	The MDA will work with South Belfast Surestart to deliver a program of music therapy to children enrolled in Surestart programmes across Donegall Pass, The Market, Lower Ormeau & Sandy Row. This will culminate in a training session and celebration event for parent's from across the areas	55.0	£5,154.00	£0.00
BEAMA Education C.I.C.	Pixel Project	The project will use creative arts, such as film, music and photography, to engage adults with disabilities in exploring Good Relations issues and increase their understanding of NI's diverse range of cultural backgrounds. This will improve attitudes and allow participants to become active in improving good relations in their community.	52.5	£9,686.40	£0.00
Wheelworks	Introducing me... A dance film project	Introducing me is a dance film created by 10-17 year olds from	52.5	£4,731.00	£0.00

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		NICRAS youth group showcasing their views, ideas and perception of the world and the place they live in.			
Friends Of The Fallen Farset	Gaining a working knowledge of Irish Regiments before and after partition.	Friends of the Fallen want to enhance our knowledge of Irish history and encourage both communities to find common ground on working class issues.	52.5	£1,885.00	£0.00
All Nations Ministries	Traditions of Refuge Enabling Cultural Integration	We are planning to host a series of 6 seminars looking at how "Traditions of Refuge" within refugee communities and ethnic minorities can help newcomers better integrate into NI communities, while at the same time demonstrating to the host culture that they too can learn from these traditions.	51.3	£2,500.00	£0.00
Cosy Historical & Cultural Society	EDUCATING US	We plan to educate local people by taking them to visit museums , jails and monuments	50.0	£3,491.00	£0.00
Beyond Skin	#FUTyoURES "Little Suacha"	Reconciliation with the land Social Art & Environment project at John Paul Youth Club Ardoyne linked with Colombia and inspired by the successful peacebuilding model from Suacha Colombia. Delivered by Robison Sanchez who visited the club in March 2018.	37.5	£2,470.00	£0.00

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Towell House	One World Day	A One World Day event for our residents and their families to introduce them to local minority groups and different cultures by dance, food and music.	33.8	£850.00	£0.00
110th Belfast St Bernadettes Scout Group	Cross Community Camp	Would would like to take our Scouts to Camp and invite 2 other groups. We will select groups who predominantly come from opposite backgrounds. The camp would be designed to educate our children and build better communications whilst increasing their fitness and environmental knowledge.	0.0	£3,000.00	£0.00
Northern Ireland Community Of Refugees And Asylum Seekers	Living Well Together	Our residential programme at Corrymeela will give participants , often coming from highly traumatic experiences and journeys, the chance 'to take a breath' and find more space to be themselves and an opportunity to learn about others, and the opportunity to learn about their new community.	0.0	£4,842.50	£0.00
Greater Village Regeneration Trust	COLOURS OF SOUTH BELFAST	This project will be based around celebrating and learning about the different people who live within the local community. It will be based around a	0.0	£9,150.00	£0.00

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		colour run which will bring everyone together on a day of learning , celebration and physical activity.			
Lower Oldpark Community Association	Reminiscence Programme	This project provides an opportunity for two groups of women to come together from the Lower Oldpark and Marrowbone area. There has been little to no contact between these communities. We would like to bring together the two groups for cross community facilitated sessions exploring shared history and the past.	0.0	£1,870.00	£0.00
Romanian Roma Community Association Of Northern Ireland	Roma Community Capacity Building	RRCANI wish to build on the success of the Roma Intercultural Mediation programme and support Roma community capacity to engage and participate in multiple identity programmes. Oct 2018/19 Roma Intercultural Mediators will assist 60 Roma people to participate in good relations programmes in Belfast through accompaniment, language support and cultural awareness.	0.0	£5,585.00	£0.00

Outcomes Monitoring Report

The Partnership considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To provide a summary of the Good Relations Outcome Monitoring report and the recommendations it contains in relation to a future outcomes monitoring framework.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 To ask the Shared City Partnership to consider the contents of the report and if satisfied recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve that the report recommendations should be adopted by the Good Relations Unit and communicated to other partners where appropriate.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 As part of the review of the Shared City Partnership members requested that officers should develop a framework to capture the good relations outcomes that are achieved through the work of the Good Relations Unit, including the Belfast City Council District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP) and that would relate to the good relations outcomes contained in the Belfast Agenda.

3.2 The Good Relations Unit also had a requirement to report on the outcomes delivered through the 2017/18 DCGRP and these two requirements were combined in one exercise.

3.3 SJ Consultancy was appointed to carry out this work through an open procurement exercise. The consultant engaged with a range of stakeholders including the Shared City Partnership and participants on the DCGRP over the period May – July 2018.

3.4 The report contains extensive information on the outcomes of the 17/18 programme, these include:

- **Total number of participants – 24,367**
- **Total number of programmes – 12**
- **334% of target number of participants were engaged in the 17/18 programme**
- **In terms of grant aid:**
- **47% of project leads ‘strongly agreed’ and 35% ‘agreed’ that participants are now more favourable towards people from a different political background to themselves.**
- **35% of project leads ‘strongly agreed’ and 24% ‘agreed’ that they think that leisure centres, parks, libraries and**

shopping centres in their area are shared and open to all. The majority (41%) stated 'neutral' to this statement, again suggesting an area of focus for future good relations activity by promoting increased use of shared space.

- 80% either 'strongly agreed' (45%) or 'agreed' (35%) that participants feel that the culture and traditions of different community backgrounds add to the richness and diversity of society here.
- 78% either 'strongly agreed' (11%) or 'agreed' (67%) that they believe that Belfast is a place where people from different religious and political backgrounds get on well together.

3.5 The report contains an extensive list of outcomes in relation to each of the programmes delivered in 17/18. Further information on these will be provided at the Shared City Partnership meeting on 8th October.

3.6 The report contains 19 recommendations in relation to the monitoring of good relations outcomes on an ongoing basis. Members are asked to consider these recommendations and provide feedback.

Recommendation 1: The Good Relations Unit should consider how it captures and reflects the range of work not delivered through the DCGRP in order to demonstrate the breadth and impact of the work carried out by the Unit.

Recommendation 2: The GRU should ensure that any Council work (outside DCGRP remit) has a clear good relations focus. The Council should consider either: including a specific good relations focus for these types of events and record outcomes accordingly, or consideration should be given to reallocation to another unit.

Recommendation 3: The GRU should not become overly focused on one-off events. Opportunities should be explored to develop projects that can facilitate greater levels of attitudinal change and contribute to T:BUC outcomes.

Recommendation 4: It should be a priority to capture data for all programmes that reflects the identified good relations indicator in the DCGRP Action Plan/TEO outcomes guidance, other monitoring data should be captured as a secondary priority.

Recommendation 5: GRU should provide clear guidance to third party delivery agents to ensure that relevant outcome indicators are monitored for specific strands of work aligned to the T:BUC priorities and programme level outcomes. It is important that these evaluations are robust and adequately capture data for agreed indicators.

Recommendation 6: As a condition of funding, community groups should agree to measuring the difference made by their project in a manner that meets the requirements of TEO. It is incumbent on the GRU to provide adequate training and support to ensure that project beneficiaries are equipped with the skills to address this monitoring need. This is likely to require a resource allocation for training (via GROs or third-party commission). It is expected that once the capacity of project leads is developed and processes become embedded in the Council that future efficiencies can be gained.

Recommendation 7: Monitoring requirements need to be streamlined and proportionate to activity delivered. For projects under six months (including one-off events) one reflective survey is recommended as a proportionate approach and to align to the administration requirement for a small fund. For projects with a duration of six months or more, it is recommended that two surveys are administered, including a baseline and end line survey to track changes in attitudes and/or behaviours.

Recommendation 8: It is not practical for the GROs to administer a survey to individual participants. Project leads should complete monitoring forms based on information that they have gathered from participants.

Recommendation 9: To support project leads, a mandatory training event (OBA information session) and template questions should be provided (which link to T:BUC outcomes). A training video resource should also be considered as a reference point for project leads. The Council should also use site visits/ information sessions to support project leads and to capture project outcomes from each funded project.

Recommendation 10: Respond to demand for increased site visits – ideally site visits to be carried out by GROs to all projects funded through the Good Relations small grants funding (c60 projects). This would help community/voluntary groups to plan a more targeted approach, understand the baseline study requirements and develop an OBA monitoring process over the short, medium and long-term. To accommodate this additional workload will require the GROs to prioritise/reduce various streams to fit within current capacity levels. Alternatively, to maintain current levels of activity, an additional resource is required (via recruitment or commissioned) to roll-out a training programme/site visit to small grant programme beneficiaries.

Recommendation 11: TEO should note that programmes, application and assessment processes are developed well in advance by local councils. Any change to outcomes or monitoring processes needs to allow for sufficient lead in time so that these changes can be made by Councils.

Recommendation 12: TEO may wish to consider resourcing an approach, similar to the NI Life and Times Survey (NILTS), in order to widen the capture of good relations outcomes. This would be a useful resource in which to benchmark activities and to identify areas in need of further interventions.

Recommendation 13: A standardised approach to outcomes-based questions should be taken by all Peace/Good Relations funders to make it easier for the groups to administer and track progress more effectively. TEO could lead this process to ensure a consistent approach is applied.

Recommendation 14: TEO may wish to consider creating a dashboard for councils to record the outcomes derived from the DCGRP – which can be combined to generate a DCGRP report card (representing all councils).

Recommendation 15: The Council should consider resourcing a web platform to share success stories (across all the Belfast Agenda areas). This could include celebrating good relations activities, under the ‘Living Here’ Belfast Agenda strand, with a focus on area and neighbourhood good news stories. There is potential for this to be part of the proposed dashboard.

Recommendation 16: The Council should link with TEO in the development of a dashboard, to benefit from the experience of TEO who have already developed such a product – there are opportunities for these systems to link or at least be compatible.

Recommendation 17: The data collated against the DCGRP Action Plan should be readily shared with the wider Council (including NISRA representatives) to inform the roll-out of good relations activity in the Belfast Agenda.

Recommendation 18: GROs will be responsible for aggregating baseline/post programme data for their respective programmes – analysis of this data will determine the difference the programme has made over the course of delivery and how this contributes to wider T:BUC priorities.

Recommendation 19: The GRU should closely liaise with colleagues responsible for the Residents’ Survey and ensure that any questions on good relations are aligned to the DCGRP/TEO monitoring questions. The Residents’ Survey can then be used as a control group. The control group results can then be compared to the results of the DCGRP Outcomes survey to assess the extent to which the funding has made a positive contribution to the achievement of good relations outcomes.

3.7 Financial & Resource Implications

This work was undertaken through existing resources within the DCGRP. The report highlights a need to review the capacity

of the Unit to capture the outcomes delivered through its work, officers will review this element and bring forward further options.

3.8 Equality or Good Relations Implications//Rural Needs Assessment

The development of a process to capture good relations outcomes will be equality screened to ensure that there are no negative good relations/equality/ Rural Needs Assessment implications.”

The Senior Good Relations Officer then provided the Members with a presentation in respect of the good relations outcomes in relation to each of the following programmes that had been delivered during 2017/18:

- Interface Programme – 6 projects 272 participants:
 - 24% (before) and 87% (after) reported that they felt safe meeting people on the opposite side of the peace wall;
 - 26% (before) and 82% (after) felt comfortable sharing space with people of a different religion; and
 - 23% (before) and 71% (after) felt comfortable discussing changes to the peace wall.
- Children and Young People – schools project (5 schools) 1620 participants:
 - 46% of participants reported that before the workshop they did not know what hate crime was;
 - 90% of participants now had a better understanding of the impacts of hate crime and prejudice (school/community);
 - 67% agreed that if they witnessed someone being bullied because of their background they would now know what to do;
 - 97% agreed that they had a better understanding of diversity; and
 - 78% of participants agreed that cultural diversity added to the richness of Northern Ireland.
- Cultural Expression - Diversecity Programme, 15 events, 475 participants:
 - St Patrick’s Day Celebration Grants – 5091 participants. 100% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more favourable towards people from a different religious background;
 - Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme – 10,064 event participants, 275 participants in additional cultural expression activities. 24 groups or 86% reported that participation in the programme had made them feel that their culture was respected by society; and
 - 11 events, 442 participants – 95% had agreed that attending this event had increased their appreciation of different historical and political events.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the above outcome figures and the challenge of capturing attitudes and behaviours, particularly self-reporting. In relation to interface projects, it was also noted that there was a considerable period of time between the community agreement stage and the actual implementation of change which could prove detrimental to the process.

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Partnership that representatives from the Department of Justice had been invited to attend the next Partnership meeting and it was agreed that it would be useful to discuss the particular issue of timing between agreement and implementation further at this meeting.

The Partnership:

- recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the Good Relations Unit proceed to adopt the recommendations in relation to the monitoring of good relations outcomes and that they be communicated to other partners where appropriate; and
- agreed that copies of the Attitudinal Report would be forwarded to the Members of the Shared City Partnership.

Update on Good Relations Strategy

The Good Relations Manager provided the Partnership with an update in respect of the development of the new Good Relations Strategy.

Following the update given to the Members at the September meeting of the Partnership, the draft report had now been prepared, this would be considered, firstly, at the Party Group Briefings during October, following which an update report would be submitted to the Shared City Partnership.

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Members that the Strategy was not intended to be a detailed action plan but instead it would be a framework used to support the delivery of good relations within the City.

The Partnership noted that the emerging themes were as follows:

1. Strong Positive and Transformative Civic Leadership – inclusive governance with local community change makers;
2. Shared and Connected Spaces - a smart, connected city driven by inclusive and transformative place making;
3. Shared Services - focusing on inclusion, co-creation and social innovation;
4. Structured Partnerships and Collaboration; and
5. Respectful Cultural Expression within the Rule of Law.

The Partnership noted that, following consideration by the Partnership at its November meeting, and subject to the approval at the subsequent Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and Council meetings, the draft strategy would go out to public consultation, via the Council's Citizen Space portal, following the Council meeting in December.

Language Strategy Request

That the Partnership agreed to invite the relevant Council officers to a future meeting of the Shared City Partnership to deliver a presentation on the action plan resulting from the Council's Language Strategy.

Feedback from Good Relations Week 2018

The Good Relations Manager provided an overview of the events that had been held during Good Relations Week 2018. She advised that the Good Relations Unit had been involved in the delivery of three key events during this week, the Living Library Event, International Day of Peace and the Townsend St Community Festival, each of which had went successfully.

Noted.

Holocaust Memorial Day Events in October

The Good Relations Manager advised that the Good Relations Unit was partnering with the Executive Office to run a regional event in the City Hall to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on Thursday, 24th January 2019 and also to run engagement events for communities and schools during October. She advised the Partnership that a Holocaust survivor and a survivor of the Rwandan genocide would be in Belfast during October to engage with schools and individuals and she drew the Member's attention to the following timetable of events:

- 11th October – Belfast Jewish Synagogue 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.;
- 11th October – St Mary's University College, Belfast 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.;
- 15th October – Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.; and
- 18th October – The Skainos Centre, Belfast 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Noted.

Monthly Update on Good Relations Events

The Good Relations Manager drew the Members' attention to the forthcoming events, as detailed below:

Event	Date	Contact	How to register
Visit to the Jewish Synagogue (Meet at Synagogue)	11th October; 10.30am – 12.30pm	Leish Dolan, ext: 6028	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Launch of Voices of '68 Exhibition and discussion (City Hall)	22nd October; 6.30pm – 8.30pm	David Robinson, ext: 6030	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
The role of women in the Civil Rights movement (City Hall)	25th October; 12.00noon – 2.00pm	David Robinson, ext: 6030	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Ulster Scots History and Culture (Meet at Ulster Scots Agency, Gordon Street)	7th November; 10.00am – 12.00noon	Leish Dolan, ext: 6028	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Inspire PEACE WWI commemoration youth event (City Hall)	9th November; 10.00am – 2.00pm	David Robinson, ext: 6030	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663

The Members were advised that they were welcome to attend any of the events.

Noted.

**Letter of Variance from The Executive Office in relation to
the District Council Good Relations Programme**

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To update the Partnership on the anticipated receipt of a Letter of Variance from TEO in relation to the District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP).

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That SCP recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they:

- **note the potential additional allocation of £95,800 (100%) to Belfast City Council’s District Council Good Relations programme (DCGRP) and that this will require a 25% BCC contribution of £23,950 to match the 75% TEO contribution of £71,850**
- **recommend allocation to the identified projects.**

3.0 Main report

3.1 Key Issues

Belfast City Council receives an annual letter of offer to deliver District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP). This programme reflects the Together: Building a United Community strategy which outlines the vision of ‘a united community, based on equality of opportunity, the desirability of good relations and reconciliation’.

3.2 A Letter of Offer from TEO confirming total funding of £506,893 was received on 7 June 2018, this represents the 75% funding from TEO, with the additional Belfast City Council allocation the total value of the programme is £680,000.

3.3 In September 2018, TEO contacted officers to request bids for additional funding that had become available. Officers submitted the following proposals to TEO. All proposals had to be for activity that will be delivered by 31 March 2019 and link to the existing 18/19 DCGRP Action plan. In most cases, Council has already undertaken to cover the cost of the proposed activity through existing corporate budgets.

3.4 Project Proposals

- **BCC 4 – Commemoration Programme**

Shrouds of the Somme exhibition – Cost £33,000.

This exhibition is linked to our Decade of Centenaries Programme - The [Shrouds of the Somme exhibition](#), remembers the thousands of servicemen from the Ulster and Irish regiments, or from Belfast, who died in the Battle of the Somme and have no known grave. 3,775 miniature shrouded figures will be laid out in the Garden of Remembrance at Belfast City Hall, representing those from the Ulster and Irish regiments, or from Belfast, with no known grave and whose names are on the Thiepval Memorial. This project was in situ in City Hall during late August/ September 2018.

3.5 Civil Rights Programme – Cost £7,800.

The council will develop and deliver a programme of events to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement that would afford members of the public the opportunity to explore with this topic in an interactive way. The following proposals are being developed:

- I. To locate the exhibition “Voices of ‘68” exhibition in the City Hall from the 22nd – 26th October, with a launch event on the 22nd October in the evening. The exhibition will be open to the public during the week it is in situ.
- II. Other events looking at the role of women and young people in the whole area of Civil Rights and a panel discussion

Cost £7,800.

- **BCC 3 – Cultural Expression Programme**

Bonfire & Cultural Expression Programme – Cost £35,000.

3.6 This programme receives £50,000 through the 18/19 DCGRP. This year officers worked with participating groups to provide additional beacons. Costs towards provision of additional beacons at £15,000 and costs towards site investigations and development of new approaches at £20,000 were requested.

3.7 Staff costs - Additional staff resource – Cost £20,000. Officers have recently undertaken an exercise to develop the approaches that are used to effectively capture and demonstrate outcomes achieved by the DCGRP. (Separate report to SCP 8 October).

There is clear evidence of a need to provide additional support to a range of stakeholders in order to achieve this aim. This will

include provision of training in OBA and an additional staff resource from November 18 – March 19 to train and support the range of stakeholders involved in the delivery of the DCGRP to affectively capture and communicate their contribution to good relations outcomes as a result of DCGRP support.

Financial & Resource Implications

The potential additional allocation of £95,800 (100%) to Belfast City Council’s District Council Good Relations programme (DCGRP) will require a 25% BCC contribution of £23,950 to match the 75% TEO contribution of £71,850.

Equality or Good Relations Implications//Rural Needs Assessment

The Good Relations Small grants programme supports activity that will promote good relations.”

The Partnership adopted the recommendations.

Chairperson