



Subject:	Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 11 th March 2019
Date:	22nd March 2019
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Shared City Partnership meeting held on 11th March 2019.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	That the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on 11 th March 2019 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• authorise the rescope of BPR5 Supporting Communities – Roma element; and• agree the areas selected for the BPR3 Transform for Change project on the basis of the Belfast Interface Project and approve the selection criteria for the remaining areas.• agree that officers would submit a report to a future meeting of the Partnership regarding potential programmes which supported the research findings of the research into the experiences of the Muslim community in Belfast

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in relation to the recommendation regarding civic leadership, a subgroup comprising of Elected Members, Independent Members of the Partnership, the Lord Mayor, the Council’s Corporate Communications and a representative from the Executive Office should be established to consider how this aspect could be strengthened. • that the matter on the notice of Motion on anti-Semitism would be deferred to enable officers to obtain advice from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland as to whether it would be appropriate for the Council to specifically adopt a definition in respect of one particular group and not other minority groups living in Northern Ireland. • a letter be sent to the PSNI from the Chairperson of the Shared City outlining the importance of its representation on the Partnership and seeking a nominee to fill the current vacancy; • correspondence be sent to Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce to establish if it was still wishing for representation on the Partnership and, if so, seeking a nomination; and • letters be sent to each of the four main church leaders relating to Belfast requesting confirmation that each was content with the arrangement, as previously agreed by the Council, and seeking views on the sequence in which each church should be represented. The leaders would be advised that nominees should be aware of and involved in good relations work which would be relatable to Belfast. This approach would enable the four-year cycle to commence in June to be aligned with the beginning of the new four-year term for Council. • To commence work on the good relations audit 2019 using the approach outlined in the report and; • To note that initial work will commence prior to receiving a Letter of Offer from The Executive Office in respect of the District Council Good Relations Programme 19/20 to allow for timescales to be met developing estimates for next year’s plans. • adopt the proposed model for a 2019 Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme and the Review Panel’s recommendation in respect of the 2018 programme; • that consideration be given to adopting a protocol in relation to the appointment of the individual assessor on the review panel ; • officers submit an update in respect of the Council’s current governance arrangements around the Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme to a future meeting; and • that officers engage in discussions with the Council’s Corporate Communications Section, with a view to formulating a communications plan around the positive outcomes of the Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme. • note the overall indicative amounts for Tranche 1 of the Good Relations Small Grants Programme and the Summer Intervention Programme which would be subject to the delegated authority of the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and further clarification from TEO regarding the level of funding being awarded for 2019/20 for Summer Intervention Funding.
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main report</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p><u>Key Issues</u> The Shared City Partnership (formerly known as the Good Relations Partnership) is a Working Group of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which consists of Elected members and representatives from various sectors across the city. The minutes from the Partnership are brought before the Committee for approval on a monthly basis.</p>

3.2	<p>The key issues on the agenda at the March meeting were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation on NILT/YILT Research Update – understanding attitudes towards asylum seekers and refugees. 2. Update on PEACE IV 3. Islamophobia Research 4. Motion on Anti-Semitism 5. Update on review of Shared City Partnership 6. Good Relations Audit 2019 7. Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme 2019 8. Update on Opportunities for Interface funding 9. Update on GR Small Grants Tranche 1/Summer Intervention 10. Update on Christmas Goodwill Events 2018 11. Upcoming Events 2019 <p>More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the minutes of the meeting attached as an appendix.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> All financial implications are covered through existing budgets pending confirmation of the allocation of funding from The Executive Office.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> The recommendations of the Partnership promote the work of the Council in promoting good relations and will enhance equality and good relations impacts.</p>
4.0	Appendices
4.1	Appendix 1 Copy of the minutes of the Shared City Partnership of 11 th March 2019.