



Subject:	Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 9 th September 2019
Date:	20 th September 2019
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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 9 th September 2019.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	That the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on 9 th September 2019 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To note the contents of the 2019 Bonfire & Cultural Expression Programme report, and include the findings and recommendations within the independent monitoring and evaluation report in any deliberations regarding a framework for an approach to bonfires.• To agree to the rescheduling of the Building Positive Relations 4 (BPR4) Belfast and the World study visit to March 2020.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That subject to the Legal Services Section confirming that the Council’s Equal Opportunities Policy, in conjunction with Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and other relevant legislation and policies, was fit for purpose, there was no requirement to adopt a separate definition in this instance, as sufficient protection was afforded to all citizens including those who were Jewish. • That the Chairperson of the Shared City Partnership would meet with Mr. S Jaffe, in response to his request. • In principle, to allocate support costs to assist with storage for donations relating to the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation scheme, including £300 this financial year and £300 the following financial year, subject to the DfC advising why it was unable to cover the costs. • that funding of up to £5,000 be made available for contributions of up to £500 for a maximum of ten groups to deliver the Goodwill Christmas events at interfaces across the City, with authority given to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to allocate funding awards; • that a contribution of up to £2,000 from the Good Relations budget be made available to the TASCIT group to develop a programme of Good Relations activity for the proposed Upper North Belfast Confidence Building Forum; and • that the Shared City Partnership would support the ongoing work of TASCIT, through providing facilitated conversations with members and Council staff, and the provision of a room and small scale hospitality as outlined.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>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 September 2019 meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme • Peace IV Update • Paper on Anti-Semitism Definition • Request to pay for Storage • Update on Interface Working • Events Update

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Provision of English classes <p>More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the minutes of the meeting attached in appendix 1.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All financial implications are covered through existing budgets</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>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 – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Copy of the minutes of the Shared City Partnership of 9 th September 2019.