



<b>Subject:</b>	Partnership Funding 21/22
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update members on funding provided from within the departmental revenue budgets to partner organisations to support their work in the 21/22 financial year.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	That Committee is asked to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Consider and agree the funding allocations based on the recommended levels provided in this report at point 3.5</li><li>- Consider the recommendations of the review of partnership funding arrangements at a future committee meeting</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	Members are advised that City and Neighbourhood Services works in partnership with a number of organisations which share common objectives and some of this work has

developed through the provision of annual financial support to deliver against agreed outcomes.

3.2 Many of the partnership funding arrangements are historical and have been rolled on from year to year and not as part of a mainstreamed open call or other funding process.

3.3 Members will recall agreeing that a formal review of these partnership funding should be conducted to include their alignment to the Belfast Agenda, their value for money and their overall contribution to the Council's corporate priorities. Completion of this review was delayed due to COVID-19 but a final report is expected in February 2021 and further engagement with Members on the recommendations of the review will take place in due course.

3.4 However to ensure continuity of service delivery for these organisations, it is recommended that funding support remains the same for 21/22 as in 20/21. This will give sufficient time for Members consideration of the review recommendations as well as planning and implementation time (subject to Members decisions).

3.5 The recommended partnership funding for 21/22 is detailed below:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Belfast Hills Partnership	£36,900
Lagan Valley Regional Park	£67,000
Outdoor Recreation NI (promotion of mountain bike trails)	£5,000
Keep NI Beautiful (Live Here Love Here campaign and Eco Schools Project)	£55,000
Mary Peters Trust	£5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£168,900</b>

Financial implications

3.6 Based on the above proposal, grant funding of £168,900 has been provided for in City and Neighbourhood Services revenue budgets for 21/22.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

3.7 None identified at this stage but kept under continuous review

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None