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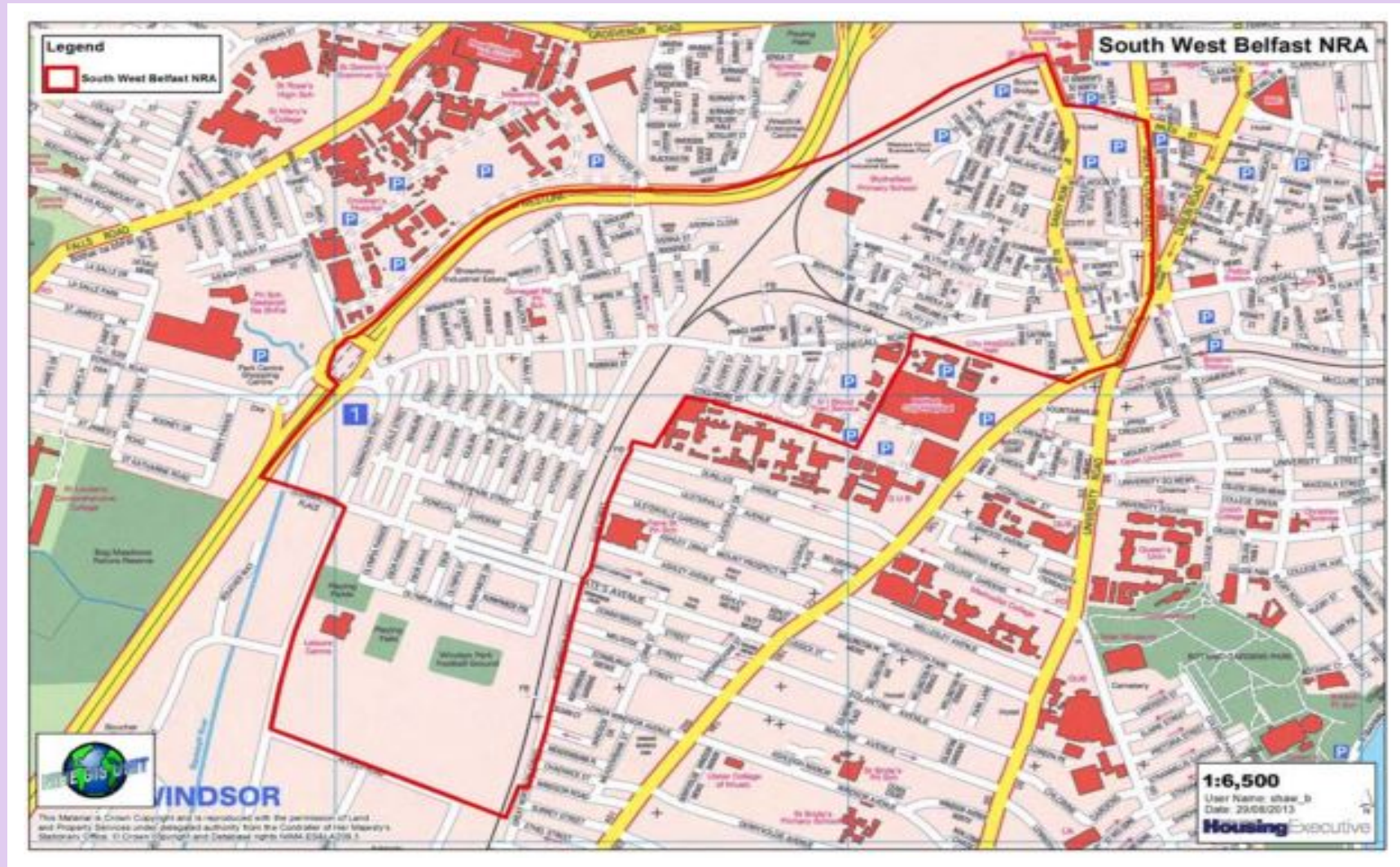


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CHAIR PERSONS FORWARD

In October 2017, I became the chair of South West Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership (SWBNP). During this period the Partnership has risen to the challenges associated with working together to improve the community we live in. I am pleased to present the SWBNP Annual Report April 2017 to March 2018.

The report will detail the projects, initiatives and activities carried out over the year, all with the aim of improving the quality of life for residents of Sandy Row, the Donegall Road and the Greater Village.

Efforts to achieve Neighbourhood Renewal are guided by a South West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Area (SWBNRA) Action Plan which focuses on the community, economic, social and physical needs of the area. This focus is tied to the Strategic Themes set down in the Governments' Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Programme.

The plan covers the period April 2015 to April 2018. This Annual Report focuses on the work and progress made during Year Three of the current Plan.

The role of SWBNP has been and remains, to enable the development, implementation and annual review of the SWBNRA Action Plan. Responsibility for delivering against the requirements of the SWBNRA Action Plan rests with five local groups, Belfast South Community Resources, Greater Village Regeneration Trust, Sandy Row Community Forum, Southcity Resource and Development Centre and Windsor Women's Centre

I would like to thank the management and staff of the five Neighbourhood Renewal Delivery Partners for their achievements in meeting the Action Plan delivery targets.

Also, our appreciation is extended to the DfC for its continued funding of the South West

Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal programme during the period 2016 to 2017.

The year 2017-2018 presented its own challenges, which will be explored in more detail within the body of the report.

This report is aimed to provide a concise and transparent account of how the SWBNP has performed regarding its expenditure, activities and achievements.

By producing this Annual Report the SWBNP recognises it is accountable to the local people. The partnership is working on behalf of and Government and other bodies that provide the tool to improve the quality of life for all residents. We would welcome their feedback.

Bob Stoker (Chairperson SWBNP)

BACKGROUND

The South West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Area (SWBNRA) encapsulates two distinct communities which fall into the electoral wards of Shaftesbury & Blackstaff.

The first area, Sandy Row, geographically covers the area from the Boyne Bridge to the junction with the Lisburn Road, and bounded by Great Victoria Street to the east, Donegall Road Bridge and NIR tracks to the west.

The second area covers the Village, Mid-Donagall Road and Roden Street areas. It is bounded by the Westlink to the north, NIR tracks to the east, Windsor Park to the south and Glenmachan Street to the west.

SWBNRA Area Context

Using the Multiple Deprivation Measures, Shaftesbury and Blackstaff electoral wards were identified in 2010 as lying within the top ten percent of the most deprived wards in N. Ireland.

Both areas have suffered over time from the decline in traditional manufacturing industries, the impact of the Troubles and a lack of investment.

Each community has, however, retained their individual cultural identity and in recent years a significant number of social, economic, physical and environmental regeneration programmes have been delivered to help address the decline.

PROJECT INFORMATION

DfC Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy

The N. Ireland Government's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, 'People and Place', published in 2003, reiterated its commitment to tackling poverty, social inequalities and deprivation experienced by individuals, areas and groups.

Where people live was identified as a major determinant of their risk of experiencing poverty and a number of areas were identified in which concentrations of persons experiencing high levels of deprivation reside. The Strategy aims to tackle disadvantage for those people living within the most deprived communities.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy is based on four interlinked strategic themes:

Community Renewal

- To develop consistent communities that are able and committed to improving the quality of life in their areas.

Economic Renewal

- To develop economic activity in the most deprived neighbourhoods and to connect them to the wider urban economy.

Social Renewal

- To improve social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived neighbourhoods through better co-ordinated public services and the creation of safer environments. This area can be seen as having 2 main trusts – Early Years, Youth Provision and Compulsory Education and then Community Safety, Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

Physical Renewal

- To help create attractive, safe, sustainable environments in the most deprived neighbourhoods.

Thus the Department for Communities (DFC) Neighbourhood Investment Programme aims to

reduce the social and economic inequalities that characterised the most deprived areas.

SWBNRA Area Community Needs

Community needs data available through the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service provides evidence of the high levels of socio-economic deprivation in the SWBNRA.

The two electoral wards that form a major part of the area, Shaftesbury and Blackstaff, rank in the top ten percent of deprived wards.

Ward	Blackstaff	Shaftesbury
MDM Score		
Income Domain	86	29
Employment Domain	79	44
Health Domain	36	15
Education Domain	29	10
Access Domain	550	573
Living Environment	2	22
Crime & Disorder Domain	40	28

Source: NISRA

SWBNRA Action Plan

In order to deliver the in the agreed areas an Action Plan covering the period April 2015 to March 2018 was prepared.

The Plan has six main themes, namely:

- Economic Renewal (Worklessness and Adult Education).
- Community Renewal.
- Social Renewal (Early Years/ Youth Provision/ Compulsory Education).
- Social Renewal (Community Safety/ Crime/ Anti-Social Behaviour).
- Social Renewal (Health and Wellbeing).
- Physical Renewal and Housing.

Action Plan Delivery

The South West Belfast Neighbourhood Action Plan 2015-2018 is delivered collaboratively by five community groups in South West Belfast, namely:

- Belfast South Community Resources.
- Greater Village Regeneration Trust.
- Sandy Row Community Forum.
- Southcity Resource and Development Centre.
- Windsor Women’s Centre.

This collaborative approach allows greater sharing of information, exploration of different

delivery approaches and the avoidance of duplication.

Funding contracts relating to the delivery of actions across each of the strategic themes are in place between the DfC and GVRT which is the Lead Contract Administrator.

GVRT has Service Level Agreements (subcontracts) with the four other delivery partners.

GVRT also has responsibility for operational delivery under a number of contracts.

Services are delivered by the partner groups within the framework of the four strategic themes as set out below:

Community Renewal

- Southcity Resource and Development Centre. (SCRDC)
- Sandy Row Community Forum. (SRCF)

Economic Renewal

- Belfast South Community Resource. (BSCR)
- Greater Village Regeneration Trust. (GVRT)

Social Renewal (Early Years/ Youth Provision/ Compulsory Education)

- Southcity Resource and Development Centre. (SCRDC)
- Belfast South Community Resource. (BSCR)
- Windsor Women’s Centre. (WWC)

Social Renewal (Community Safety/ Crime/ ASB)

- Greater Village Regeneration Trust. (GVRT)
- Southcity Resource and Development Centre. (SCRDC)
- Belfast South Community Resource. (BSCR)

Social Renewal (Health and Wellbeing)

- Greater Village Regeneration Trust. (GVRT)
- Sandy Row Community Forum (SRCF)
- Windsor Women's Centre (WWC)

Physical Renewal

- Greater Village Regeneration Trust. (GVRT)
- Belfast South Community Resource. (BSCR)

Each of the five community groups is responsible for:

- Delivery of the agreed outputs and outcomes as set out in thematic contracts for 2015 - 2017.
- Providing information on expenditure and project outputs on a quarterly basis.
- Complying with programme recording procedures to enable SWBNRP to determine outputs and outcomes of the overall programme.

SWBNP Strategic Managers’ Working Group

Under the umbrella of the SWBNP, all five delivery partners of the South West Belfast Service Delivery Model are represented on a Strategic Managers Working Group (SMWG).

This SMWG meets to discuss a range of topics including:

- Activities.
- Proposed work plans.
- Collaborative opportunities.
- Project outcomes.
- Local challenges and opportunities.

The ongoing collaboration provided by the SMWG ensures that:

- Where possible, projects are developed and delivered in partnership.
- Enables Strategic Managers to investigate the potential for more efficient deployment of delivery services.

SWBNP Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordination and Communication

The SWBNP Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator (NRC) performs a co-ordinating role in relation to the work of the SWBNP and its delivery partners.

The SWBNP NRC also supports effective communication between SWBNP and the local and wider community.

PROJECT EXPENDITURE

A funding package from the DFC Neighbourhood Investment Programme was made available to enable the delivery of the 6 thematic contracts. The funding was allocated between the strategic themes as set out in the table below. The allocations are consistent with Action Plan identified needs and priorities.

Strategic Theme	2017-18 NR Funding
Community Renewal	110374.84

Economic Renewal	75,518.19
Social Renewal (Children's Programme)	155,305.23
Community Confidence	55,994.53
Physical Renewal and Health Programme	74,755.78
Total	471,948.57

SWBNRP Financial Management

GVRT is responsible for the management and administration of SWBNRP contract income and expenditure.

SWBNR Action Plan Staffing

Within the annual budget allocation for each strategic theme is an amount for direct service delivery by frontline staff. There is also a separate sum for backroom costs.

Costs associated with direct service delivery by frontline staff account for a significant proportion of the total budget allocation for each strategic theme. This proportion is consistent across all strategic objective/ themes (approx 80/20).

There are 19 staff members, both full-time and part-time paid frontline staff working for the five Delivery Partner organisations providing services that deliver the Outputs and Outcomes in line with contractual requirements.

South Belfast Alternatives

With SWBNP also delivers programmes in conjunction with South Belfast Alternatives. This is an organisation which seeks to embrace the diversity of the South Belfast area South Belfast area and works to increase dialogue, build bridges of understanding, and break down stereotypes / misunderstandings. Focus areas of their work include hate crimes advocacy and awareness, cultural education, schools work and family support.

Between April 2017 and March 2018 South Belfast Alternatives collaborated with the SWBNP on the following projects:

- Youth Action Partnership (YAO), a SBA & The Charter Youth Club collaboration to support cross-community and intra-community programmes
- Get To Know Me N.I. in conjunction with TREE, based on the "Small Worlds" workshops
- Cultural Awareness, with Nubia Youth Club, exploring the different cultures living in Northern Ireland
- Codification Workshop in association with TREE / GVRT, which explored community,

relationships, belonging etc.to address ASB, sectarianism, racism and homophobia

- Into The Unknown, showing the journey of a refugee, delivered to TREE participants
- Extreme Camping Experience which included young people from Sandy Row, Donegall Pass and The Village who accompanied Bear Grylls in the 2 day event
- Community Safety Programmes were also held in relation to ASB Awareness, Healthy relationships and "pizza n Peelers"

South Belfast Partnership Board

The SWBNRP also work in conjunction with the South Belfast Partnership Board. During 2017 – 2018 we collaborated in relation to building a local development plan, the Digital South event, the John Bell project and helping facilitate the delivery of health programmes tailored for community needs.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS

As previously outlined, the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy consists of a number of core strands. Within each strand a number of agreed outputs have are measured against. This is broken down as follows:

COMMUNITY RENEWAL ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2017 – 2018

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
CR1	No. people participating in Community Relations Projects	408
CR2	No. people participating in Community Bonding Projects	1294
CR3	No. of People Volunteering for Community Development Activities	331
CR5	No. of People Receiving Training in Community Development Skills / Capacity Building	213
CR6	No. of People Using New or Improved Community Facilities	123
CR7	No. of Community / Voluntary Groups Supported	24
CR8	No. of Community Relations Projects Supported	15
CR10	No. of People Using Existing Community Facilities	892
CR12	No. of Clients & Enquiries by Category (general / debt)	662 / 851 720 / 853
CR13	No. of Beneficiaries (including families)	1815
CR14	Waiting List Times & Numbers	12 / 100
CR15	No. of Appeals & Success Rate	13 appeals with 100% success rate
CR16	No. of Direct Referrals to Other Support Services – Benevolent Applications	9
CR16	No. of Direct Referrals to Other Support Services – Food Parcels	170
CR16	No. of Direct Referrals to Other Support Services – SVA	5
CR17	No. of Benefits Claimed as Result of Advice Given – EV of Benefits	164,693

CR17	No. of Benefits Claimed as Result of Advice Given – Housing Benefit	12,223
CR17	No. of Benefits Claimed as Result of Advice Given – Debt Value Assist	591,375

Community Renewal:

Lead responsibility for the project “Community Renewal” delivery lies with:

- Southcity Resource and Development Centre. (SCRDC)
- Sandy Row Community Forum. (SRCF)

As part of the Community Renewal programme a number of successful community activities to achieve the deliverables were held. These included:

- Assisted local groups in the promotion and delivery of Ulster Day Celebrations. Also worked with visitors from non-loyalist areas to bring a broader understanding of the significance of the celebration [CR1]
- Met with representatives from Grosvenor Community Centre to discuss future working relationships and new projects [CR1]
- Hosted a St Patricks day celebration event[CR2]
- Worked with Belfast South to arrange a family day trip to Scarva [CR2]

- Provided support to local residents when organising the 11th July Cultural Celebration events [CR2]
- A range of training was provided for local volunteers which included Health & Safety Awareness, Child Protection and Paediatric First Aid Training. All this training will have a direct and positive impact on community activities [CR3]
- An “audit” of local volunteers was undertaken to ensure that there is a current and accurate database of local skills, capabilities and resources [CR3]
- 96 Sandy Row Project Board received formal Procurement & Tendering Practice training to support this key project [CR5]
- The MOVE Housing Co-operative received training on committee skills and community engagement [CR5]
- Continued to support local groups by physically facilitating the meetings. This has involved the re-configuration of spaces to maximise capacity [CR6]
- A number of community groups such as a residents association and a project

board were given administrative support while other organisations were provided with volunteer resource [CR7]

- Community relations were supported in a number of ways which included working with residents groups from St James and Lower Iveagh to discuss key issues, groups of younger people to explore cultural differences or supporting bonfire management planning [CR8]
- The partnership was able to maintain the high numbers of people using community facilities by adopting a targeted contact strategy with the audience. Brochures and leaflets detailing events and activities as well as the use of social media ensured that locals were able to take full advantage of community facilities [CR10]
- The transition to the new PIP benefit payment has generated a large volume of calls as individuals try to navigate the process [CR12]

COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2017 – 2018

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
SR C 1	Number of People Receiving Advice on Crime Prevention	5072
SR C 2	Number of Community Safety Initiatives Implemented	54
SR C 3	Number of People Participating/ Attending Community Safety Initiatives	1153
SR C 4	Number of Crime Prevention Initiatives Implemented	17
SR C 5	Number of People Participating in/ Attending Crime Prevention Initiatives	376
SR C 6	Number of Young People Benefiting From Youth Inclusion/ Diversionary Projects	292
SR C 7	Number of Victims of Crime Supported	97

Community Confidence

Lead responsibility for Social Renewal (Community Safety/ Crime/ ASB) delivery lies with:

- Greater Village Regeneration Trust (GVRT)
- Belfast South Community Resources (BSCR)
- Southcity Resource and Development Centre. (SCRDC)

Deliverables:

A range of activities providing advice and support to the community were successfully delivered. For example:

- An awareness campaign was delivered in conjunction with Translink & the PSNI focusing on the correct use of Bus Lanes [SR(C) 1]
- ASB diaries were given to local residents to log unacceptable behaviour regarding fly tipping, burning of dumped material and associated ASB such as underage drinking. This provided clear evidence to the associated bodies which led to the appropriate action taking place [SR(C) 1]

- The Community Safety Initiatives delivered included “Safe in the Summer”, the Roden Street Bonfire Committee and the Broadway Summer Intervention, which focused on making the holidays fun, inclusive and safe [SR(C)2]
- Delivered safety talks to local schools on ASB and Bonfire Safety, held Safeguarding day trips and the Friday Night Early Intervention programme to engage and educate young people [SR(C)2]
- Policing & Community Safety Partnership Christmas Safety event in City Hall attended by local young people [SR(C) 3]
- A further PCSP event “Confidence to Report to Police” was also attended by members of the SW community [SR(C) 3]
- The “Twilight Soccer” programme was launched on August and ran on Saturday evenings. The aim of this activity was to promote a healthy lifestyle and engage young people at risk of engaging in criminal activity [SR(3) 4]
- In conjunction with the PSNI & the BCC the “Beat The Burglar” campaign was launched providing targeted information for local residents,

- information packs and alarmed door stoppers [SR(C) 4]
- A number of activities were instigated regarding racism. The Anti-Racism campaign used social media and artwork through programmes such as the Codification Workshop to raise awareness of and tackle racism & sectarianism. This and programmes such as Into the Unknown were carried out in conjunction with South Belfast Alternatives to tackle issues such as sectarianism and racism [SR(3) 5]



Quare Craic programme

- A variety of diversionary projects engaged local youth. Quare Craic was carried out in conjunction South

Belfast Alternatives and An Droichead, to highlight Irish and Ulster culture, trips to Predator Airsoft and RADAR, events at Lady Dixon's park and Barnett's Demesne and Eddie Irvine Sports [SR(C) 6]



- The Partnership supported residents who had been subject to a variety of criminal activity. Support was provided to help individuals' deal with ASB, theft, burglary, criminal damage paramilitary threats, drug dealing and intimidation [SR(C) 7]



Tree Friday Night Diversionary Project

CHILDRENS PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2017 – 2018

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
SR ED 1	Number of child-care / nursery school places created / safeguarded	115
SR ED 5	Number of people engaged in parenting skills / development programmes	299
SR ED 14	Number of pupils benefiting directly from the project (youth services).	839
SR ED 18	Number of pupils benefiting directly from the project (Extended schools).	250
SR ED 20	No of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their emotional health and wellbeing	66
SR ED 22	Increased number of children/young people taking part in regular physical activity	112

Children's Programme

Lead responsibility for the Children's Programme delivery lies with:

- Belfast South Community Resources. (BSCR)
- Southcity Resource and Development Centre. (SCRDC)
- Windsor Women's Centre (WWC)

Examples of activity from BSCR, SCRDC & WWC:

- Childcare places were safeguarded by ensuring that parents were engaged in the educational journey and understood how to best use the resources available to them and their children [SR(ED)1]
- Raising awareness of the educational journey also played a key role in engaging parents in the skills and development programmes offered. These included providing information on understanding homework, schooling transition process, parenting and childcare skills, children's mental health and anti-bullying awareness [SR(ED)5]

- Parents also partook in a range of development activities ranging from dance classes, Cook It! and baby yoga to therapeutic art [SR(ED)5]
- Participation in the various initiatives provided by youth services remained strong. Activities such as Summer Schemes / Diversionary Activities, Minefest, "What's the Future?" were all popular, as were Hallow'een and Christmas festivities [SR(ED)14]
- Extended support for pupils took on various forms including NUEADA Digital workshops, study support & GCSE revision sessions. 1:1 support was also offered to students in specific areas [SR(ED) 18]
- Specialist support was required in a small percentage of cases, which included referral to agencies, providing supporting statements or reports for medical purposes, and signposting parents to appropriate bodies where necessary [SR(ED) 20]
- The focus on ensuring that the younger members of the community take regular exercise remained strong and was achieved via a range of activities. These included a Soccer Camp, IFA level 1 coaching awards, volleyball, badminton, scavenger hunts and nature walks. [SR(ED) 20]



Digital Suite in BSCR



Diversionary Activity at Crawfordsburn

PHYSICAL RENEWAL & HEALTH ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2017 – 2018

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
PR1	Area of land improved for open space	7
PR 3	Area of land improved and made ready for development	8
PR 5	Number of buildings improved	15
PR 6	Number of community facilities improved	9
PR 7	Number of traffic calming schemes	1
PR 8	Number of trees planted	26
PR 10	Area of land improved and made ready for shared space	7
PR 11	Number of people / volunteers involved in physical development / and or environment projects	106
SR H 1	Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	765
SR H 2	Number of people attending health education/ awareness initiatives	201
SR H 3	Number of people accessing intervention/ treatment services	17
SR H 4	Number of health education/ awareness initiatives provided/ delivered	69
SR H 10	Increase the number of people using improved sports facilities	200

Physical Renewal & Health Programme

Lead responsibility for Physical Renewal and Housing delivery lies with:

- Greater Village Regeneration Trust (GVRT)
- Belfast South Community Resources (BSCR)

Examples of work was completed in relation to Physical Renewal:

- A piece of City Hospital land on the Donegall Road was identified as a site of possible development. It was unsightly and used as a bonfire site. After negotiations with the hospital, local residents and the bonfire builders it was turned into a community garden. This is maintained by the City Hospital [PR1]
- Through liaison with NIHE, BCC Planning Department and Hagan Homes, local residents have been able to register expressions of interest in the development of 76 properties within The Village [PR3]
- Discussions have been ongoing with the relevant representatives of the Monarch and Douglas & Graham sites as to the possible future use [PR(3)]

- A number of units in Sandy Row were improved either by changes to their frontage, or by occupation [PR5]
- A range of community facilities were improved. These included external work to Aurelian Nursery, creating a patio area and playhouse, a community clean up of Natures Nook and 3 classrooms painted in Blythfield School. Blythfield allotments also won the Best Allotment Site in the Belfast in Bloom awards after raised planters, picnic benches and a shed were installed [PR6]
- While no traffic calming schemes were necessary in 2017/18, parking issues are still monitored and reported to the PSNI, BCC and DVLNI [PR7]
- Hanging baskets were created for display along the Donegall Road, and 6 fruit trees were planted as part of the “How does your garden grow” project [PR8]
- Shared spaces were improved across the SWB partnership. Perhaps the most obvious example is the ongoing work to turn the current pitch at Blythfield into a 3G facility which can be enjoyed by both local people and groups from farther afield [PR10]
- The number of individuals who were involved in either physical

development work or environmental projects remained on target, whether it was participating in clean up days for community areas, building benches or providing administrative support for projects [PR11]



Laying of 3G pitch at Blythfield



Aurelian Nursery revamped outside space

Lead responsibility for Health and Wellbeing delivery lies with:

- Greater Village Regeneration Trust (GVRT)

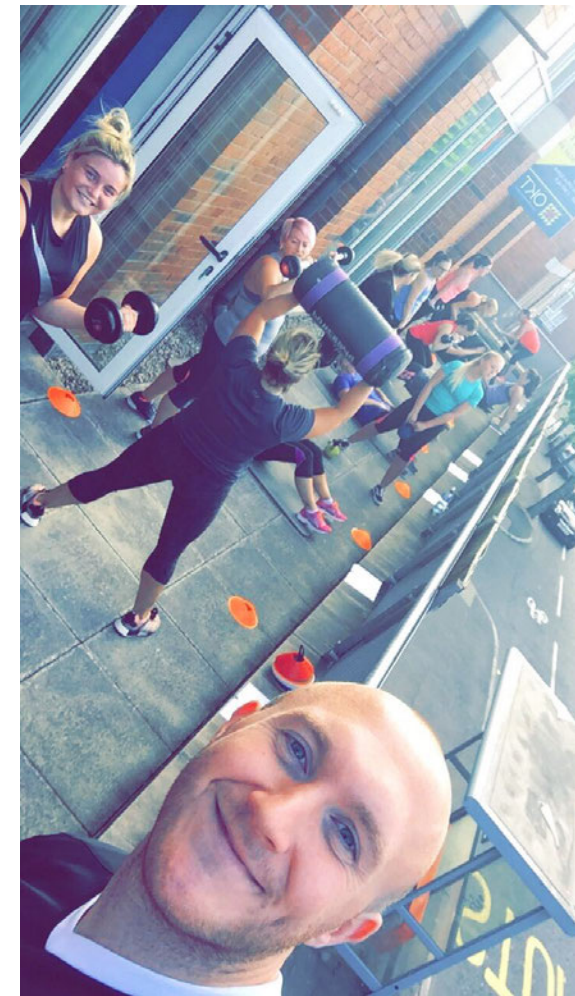
Examples of completed activities:

- Fit4Life continue to provide a wide range of options to mobilise residents into adopting a healthier lifestyle. Whether it be classes focusing on improving strength and mobility for older people or strength and conditioning classes, numbers of participants continue to exceed target [SR(H)1]
- Delivery of the ISwim children's awareness initiative, Fitness 8 children's programme, and the Social Running programme has meant the number of individuals attending health education / awareness initiatives remains high and exceeds the target [SR(H)2]
- The GP referral programme, as well as the Diabetes programme have remained important initiatives which provide opportunities for intervention and treatment within the community [SR(H)3 & 4]

- The completion of work on the 3G pitch at Bltlyhfield and its subsequent use from March 2018 has meant that local schools, football teams and other sporting groups have all benefited from the significantly improved facilities [SR(H)10]



Older & Active Tournament



Fit4Life Circuits class

ECONOMIC RENEWAL ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2017 – 2018

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
ER 2	Number of residents going into employment	37
ER 3	Number of people receiving careers advice	342
ER 4	Number of people receiving job specific training	213
ER 9	Number of new/existing businesses requiring advice / support	9
ER 11	Number of social enterprises created / supported	7
ER 14	Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in adult	115
ER 15	Number of FTE jobs (safeguarded)	19

Economic Renewal

Lead responsibility for Economic Renewal delivery lies with:

- Greater Village Regeneration Trust. (GVRT)
- Belfast South Community Resources. (BSCR)

Achievements in this area:

- The number of residents who went into employment comfortably exceeded the annual target. These individuals found employment in a number of areas including security, childcare, retail, hospitality, facilities, administration and the 3rd sector [ER2]
- Providing careers advice remains an important element of economic renewal. During 2017 / 18 this was facilitated in a number of ways. Co-ment provided tailored individual support and mentoring for individuals. “Geek Week” also provided advice around employment opportunities within the digital sector, as did a digital youth event in February at QUB. Translink Career Sessions and the Titanic Employability & Careers Event also provided a structured pathway into possible employment [ER3]

- During 2017/18, 213 local residents received job specific training. EDCL, Leadership & Management, Careers in Construction, ILM, Pesticide Training, CSR Training and Trade Training were all delivered [ER4]
- Both new and existing businesses were supported over the course of the year. A new dog grooming business and sporting / events business were successfully step up and existing business such as the Henderson Group required assistance with recruitment. [ER9]
- Support for Social Enterprises such as 96 Sandy Row and TREECO was ongoing. This took the form of recruitment support and marketing and business development [ER11]
- Adult education in the form of essential skills in maths and English proved popular. Leadership and Management uptake was also strong as was OCR. The target was comfortably exceeded [ER14]
- The target for safeguarded jobs was achieved during 2017/18 [ER15]



Adult training in BSCR



Vocational training in TREE

PARTNERSHIP CONCLUSION

CAPITAL PROJECTS

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LEARNING ZONE

Project detail: Windsor Women's Centres Capital funding project is to purchase and refurbish a terrace house 161 Broadway which will provide an extension to 159 Broadway; the present site of Windsor Women's Centre's After-schools club. The aim of the project is to improve existing services by providing additional space and to accommodate new and growing services in response to emerging needs for children and families in our community. The high quality premises will be appropriately equipped to serve as a Children's Learning Zone – a learning hub for the delivery of a number of early year's programmes and interventions for children and families in the area. Services delivered in the Zone:

- A pre-school nursery programme 12 children daily 2-3 Staff
- 1-1 additional support 5-10 sessions weekly
- Family Support hub CASA. – 1 worker who will be available 3 morning weekly for Family support requests to the South Belfast Family Support Hub 2. Target 8 families monthly

Funding amount = £142,000

Community benefits:

- Accessible early intervention services for children, which will impact on educational attainment of, children and young people in the area measurable in "school readiness" and addressed delayed development issues.
- Collaborative multi-sector support for families, increased confidence of local parents in their parenting roles and stronger families.
- A base for work between parents and Statutory agencies such a Speech and language therapists, Interpreters and Social workers. This liaison work is much less intimidating for children and parents taking place in a community venue which they are familiar with and have the support of the staff who know them and the child.

BSCR DIGITAL HUB

Project detail: The purchase of and refurbishment of 127/145 Sandy Row, to expand provision and enhance accessibility with a suite of training rooms where individuals and groups across the area can have access to not only first class offices and meeting rooms but also digital skills and state-of-the-art facilities.

Funding Amount: £100,000

Community benefits: to purchase the equipment needed to support the delivery of the Growing South Digital project as accessible services, programmes and facilities that connect people, communities and opportunities for the future.

Phase 1: The state of the art centre at 127/145 Sandy Row was completed in September 2017.

The Digital Action plan is based on BSCR's experience of delivering digital programs within the south area. This funding was used to provide state of the art digital equipment for the centre in order to run long term state of the art programmes which will lead to an increase in the ability of people across South Belfast to develop education and training through the promotion of digital inclusion that will enhance connections to employment, education, digital resilience, health and well –being.

Phase 2: In Short Belfast South Community Resources are planning to establish and manage a Digital Hub, as a shared space, that will provide state-of-the-art digital facilities and training programmes to local communities, supporting children, young people and adult learners to gain digital literacy, skills and qualifications. In addition, the Hub, its programmes and facilities will foster digital inclusion and contribute to the building of a digital ready culture to maximise opportunities for all citizens and the South West Belfast area as a whole

REVITALISE: 96 SANDY ROW

Project detail: refurbishment of ground floor retail space at 96 sandy row and development of 2 apartments above

Funding amount = £304,490

Community benefits: as the first 'community build community managed' project in the area, outcomes will include, for example: improvement to the streetscape, helping to address the local housing need and support for the development of a local community business.

SWBNP- Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund:

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project
COMMUNITY RENEWAL: South West Belfast Community Renewal Programme		
LOV -	1/4/17 - 31/3/18	£110,374.84
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		
CHILDRENS PROGRAMME (EDUCATION): South West Belfast Social Renewal (Early Years/ Youth provision/ Compulsory Education) Programme		
LOV -	1/4/17- 31/3/18	£155,305.23
Total Social Renewal - Education Expenditure		
COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE (CRIME): South West Belfast Social Renewal (Community Safety/ Crime/ ASB) Programme		
LOV -	1/4/17 - 31/3/18	£55,994.53
Total Social Renewal – Crime Renewal Expenditure		
PHYSICAL RENEWAL & HEALTH: South West Belfast Physical Renewal and Health Programme		
LOV -	1/4/17 - 31/3/18	£74,755.78

Total Physical / Health Renewal Expenditure		
ECONOMIC RENEWAL & HEALTH: South West Belfast Physical Renewal and Health Programme		
LOV -	1/4/17 - 31/3/18	£75,518.19
Total Physical / Health Renewal Expenditure		
NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL CO-ORDINATOR:		
LOV -	1/4/17- 31/3/18	£25,474.16
Total Neighbour Renewal Co-ordinator Expenditure		

Key Investment Priorities

The SWBNP had a number of key investment priorities in the year 2017 - 18. They are as follows:

96 Sandy Row – The development of this site meant that once funding had been secured, and a project board established, 2 homes and business premises were created which is a legacy for the area.

BSCR Digital Hub – The creation and implementation of a state of the art electronic infrastructure to bring skills and opportunities to the local community and beyond.

3G Pitch – Although this project was not completed during this fiscal year, capita works have commenced and the site will prove to be a valuable asset to the area which will be utilised primarily by the local community. However, the demand for such facilities is high and consequently will be of interest to the wider market.

Creating employment – The combined initiatives around training, support and placement has proved very successful throughout 2016 – 17, with 472 residents benefiting from this activity. This activity will continue in the year ahead.

Year End conclusions / Way forward

The strategic areas achieved well against their targets. On a number of occasions programmes were able to be extended as a result of opportunistic funding.

During the course of 2017 – 18 the SWBNP has continued to deliver an extensive range of services despite funding and resource challenges. For example:

- Continued delivery of Neighbourhood Renewal in the SWBNRA on a collaborative basis.
- Delivery of extensive range of services which support strategic deliverables
- Delivering the SWBNP Neighbourhood Programme within budget.
- In the context of a challenging funding environment, securing substantial non- Neighbourhood Renewal funding from a range of funding sources thus enabling the delivery of a large number of Action Plan related projects.
- Partnership continues to work closely with the DfC team to deliver efficient and effective delivery against key areas of the action plan