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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 2018 to March 2019.

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 2018 to April 2019. 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 2018 to 2019.

The year 2018-2019 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 new electoral area of Botanic which includes the Blackstaff ward and a portion of the new Central Ward.

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 2017 as lying within the top 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. The specific Super Output Areas are Blackstaff 1 & 2 and Shaftesbury 3. The newest MDM scores were released in November 2017 and are as follows:

Ward	BS1	BS2	Shaftesbury
<b>MDM Score</b>			
<b>Income Domain</b>	35	141	127
<b>Employment Domain</b>	213	215	81
<b>Health Domain</b>	186	133	61
<b>Education Domain</b>	22	36	16
<b>Access Domain</b>	500	641	808
<b>Living Environment</b>	8	54	212
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder Domain</b>	212	71	352

**Source: NISRA**

### SWBNRA Action Plan

In order to deliver the project in the agreed areas an Action Plan covering the period April 2015 to March 2018 was prepared and further developed through to March 2019.

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 2018-2019 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)

**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 2018 - 2019.
- 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	2018-19 NR Funding
Community Renewal	£109,503.04
Economic Renewal	£72,590.07
Social Renewal (Children’s Programme)	£154,430.42

Community Confidence	£55,322.77
Physical Renewal and Health Programme	£71,420.62
Total	£323,266.92

### 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

Along with the SWBNRP, South Belfast Alternatives (Alternatives) is a community

based restorative justice organisation that aims to promote and develop non-violent community responses to issues of crime and anti-social behaviour. SBA adopts a holistic approach to supporting communities by providing a wide range of services & programmes designed to meet the needs of all parties involved namely:

- Intensive Youth Support
- Victim Support
- Family Support
- Youth Prevention, Intervention & Diversionary Programmes
- Good Relations
- Mediation
- Training & Development

Below is a snapshot of the programmes and support delivered by SBA between April 2018 – March 2019.

### Community Safety

SBA has delivered 25 community safety programmes and events and provided crime prevention advice to over 300 residents. SBA continued to support over 70 vulnerable residents and victims of ASB and crime through one-to-one support as well as good neighbour initiatives including the ICE project in partnership with ACT with over 50 residents benefitting from befriending and practical support during the winter months.

### Young People

Young people benefitted from engagement in prevention/intervention programmes and over 200 young people participated in One Punch/Consequences of Arranged Fighting workshops. SBA continued to deliver workshops and programmes in primary and post primary schools including Donegall Road Primary, Blythefield Primary, Taughmonagh Primary, Lagan College, Breda Academy and Malone College.

### Community Renewal and Education

Alternatives delivered over 20 community relations projects and supported over 100 people involved in volunteering / community development roles. Alternatives also hosted a range international visitors from universities and institutions from the US, Israel, Palestine and Scandinavia. Alternatives continues to work collaboratively and has worked in partnership with over 30 community / voluntary groups and statutory agencies (NIHE, BCC & PSNI) including the ACT Initiative, The Charter Youth Club, GVRT, TREE, BSCR, Sandy row Methodist Church, Blythefield Primary Parents and Teachers Association and South Belfast Roundtable. SBA delivered accredited and bespoke training programmes to over parents and young people including OCN training in Peer Mentoring and Level 3 First Aid.

### Victims and Vulnerable Residents

Alternatives continued to support victims and vulnerable residents and address issues of sectarianism, hate-crime, community tensions through mediation and the provision of services that promote a more welcoming and culturally diverse community. SBA delivered a variety of programmes including: Keyboard Project; One Punch; E-ma workshops; arranged fighting; anti-bullying summer scheme workshops; social history programmes.

### **Good Relations**

In partnership with the Charter Youth Club, Alternatives delivered a range of good relations and specific issue programmes including the youth advocacy project P.I.P.O.P – People in Places of Power. Young people were hosted by political representatives, members of the NI Policing Board and the Belfast PCSP and discussed priorities and issues facing young people today.

### **Additionality**

In terms of additionality across the South West area, Alternatives has increased the social

capital of our young people and adults through increased skills in volunteering, outreach and detached work, community development, community safety, good relations, bespoke and accredited training and active citizenship.

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 2018 and March 2019 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”



## 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 follow:

### COMMUNITY RENEWAL ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2018 – 2019

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
CR1	No. people participating in Community Relations Projects	463 southcity
CR2	No. people participating in Community Bonding Projects	1318 southcity
CR3	No. of People Volunteering for Community Development Activities	320 southcity
CR5	No. of People Receiving Training in Community Development Skills / Capacity Building	164 southcity
CR6	No. of People Using New or Improved Community Facilities	125 southcity
CR7	No. of Community / Voluntary Groups Supported	9 southcity
CR8	No. of Community Relations Projects Supported	8 southcity
CR10	No. of People Using Existing Community Facilities	950 southcity
CR12	No. of Clients & Enquiries by Category (general / debt)	Gen 1364 clients/ 1905 enquiries Debt 125 clients/ 307 enquiries
CR13	No. of Beneficiaries (including families)	2672
CR14	Waiting List Times & Numbers	2 days waiting / 5 clients per day
CR15	No. of Appeals & Success Rate	96 appeals with 100% success rate
CR16	No. of Direct Referrals to Other Support Services – Benevolent Applications	13
CR16	No. of Direct Referrals to Other Support Services – Food Parcels	486
CR16	No. of Direct Referrals to Other Support Services – SVA	8
CR17	No. of Benefits Claimed as Result of Advice Given – EV of Benefits	£717,862
CR17	No. of Benefits Claimed as Result of Advice Given – Housing Benefit	£40,505
CR17	No. of Benefits Claimed as Result of Advice Given – Debt Value Assist	£1,000,000

## 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:

- All of SRCF renewal programmes are based on the community development principles and about building social capital
- During 2018/19 the greatest success for SRCF was the completion of the development of 96 Sandy Row
- 3 young people from the local area are now tenants securing their 1<sup>st</sup> home
- This rental income has supported cultural activities / education and family support. SRCF continue to work to develop the Sandy Row tours and souvenirs social enterprise for the rental unit
- The outcome of the Neighbourhood review is crucial to our future. The Sandy Row community is currently in a process of review of its core work in preparation for 2019/20 in relation to the current draft programme for government and Belfast City Council – Belfast Agenda

As part of the Community Renewal programme delivered by; Southcity Resource and Development Centre 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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]
- 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 resources. [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 2018 – 2019

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
SR C 1	Number of People Receiving Advice on Crime Prevention	2500
SR C 2	Number of Community Safety Initiatives Implemented	53
SR C 3	Number of People Participating/ Attending Community Safety Initiatives	885
SR C 4	Number of Crime Prevention Initiatives Implemented	13
SR C 5	Number of People Participating in/ Attending Crime Prevention Initiatives	254
SR C 6	Number of Young People Benefiting From Youth Inclusion/ Diversionary Projects	211
SR C 7	Number of Victims of Crime Supported	57

## 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)
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Deliverables:

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

- BSCR facilitated and participated with a group of Canadian students and their tutors from St Marys University for a discussion on working class Loyalism and how Loyalists have been key workers within the Peace Process, conflict resolution and alternative dispute management followed by a walking tour of our local South-West Belfast area. This Q&A session with attended by J McDonald and Colin Halliday from South Belfast UPRG. Questions also came from Yale

University, the session being recorded to be forwarded to Yale. This was followed by a tour of South-West Belfast, murals, bonfire sites and interfaces. Hopefully this will be at start of some collaborative work between St Marys and BSCR in the future. 19/2/19 25 people

- Working with other groups within the area after a proposed needle exchange was suggested. This could have been a major community safety issue with local residents worried about outside users of drugs. Meetings were set up between all local groups, and a petition was set up against this happening at Well Pharmacy, Donegall Rd. An Information session was set up with PHA to relay concerns of residents and to listen to what the PHA. The needle exchange was subsequently cancelled. With GVRT, BSCR, Southcity Resource Centre, WWC, Village ACT, South Belfast ACT, Village Festival Group, Donegall Road UPRG, South Belfast Alternatives, Well Pharmacy and PHA. 20 people.
- Working alongside our local policing team we were able to help facilitate a 7 A-Side Charity Football Tournament in the local area on a theme of anti-racism with 11 teams taking part

including two local teams, one from ROI and 8 from other parts of Northern Ireland. With PSNI, GVRT, PIPS and IFA. 19th May 2018

- After a number of burglaries and attempted burglaries in the area SRCF, BSCR, Model Locksmith, PSNI and BCC brought together an initiative for door jams to be fitted to the properties of local residents. Over 100 local people availed of these door jams and were fitted by Model Locksmith. This was coordinated by both BSCR and SRCF. June-July 2018
- After reports from PSNI on scams through the internet, social media posting were carried out on behalf of the PSNI to advise vulnerable people of the dangers of befriending people they do not know. This was done on conjunction with our local Neighbourhood Policing Team and GVRT. Two posts were submitted to Facebook on 2nd July and 20th July 2018.
- Leafleting was carried out in the Sandy Row area in conjunction with Arellian Nursery School for the new online application process for all nursery and primary school places. 500 leaflets 17/12/18

- Leafleting was carried in the Sandy Row area on 15/11/18. This was done for as many people to reply and attend a consultation event on 19th Nov 2018 in Holiday Inn. This consultation is for the future redevelopment of Glenalpine St/Wellwood St/ Norwood St and a possibility of new purpose built apartments for the rental and sale. 500 leaflets. With Christopher Salford's Office DUP and Sandy Row Community Forum.
- Facilitating the monthly meeting of South/West Belfast Community Safety Forum with PSNI, Radius Housing, Translink, NIHE, Southcity Resource Centre, South Belfast Alternatives, GVRT and BCC (ASB/Parks/Sharps). Ongoing
- Attending the M1/Broadway/Westlink South Belfast/West Belfast PCSP led initiative to help curb tensions along these interface areas during the lead-up to both July and August Bonfires. This is to insure adequate funding is available for diversionary activities on these date. Letting community reps liaise with local businesses and others in a multi-agency approach. With BCC, GVRT, Willowbank YC, Falls Community Council, Sinn Fien, PSNI, Iveagh Centre (Health Trust), Donegall Road UPRG, Southcity Resource Centre, Youth Justice, Probation Board, NIFRS, Park Centre and McDonalds. Ongoing
- Working along with Ex-Combatants, Ex-Prisoners, local community, Ulster Political Research Group and PSNI on a local Flags Protocol Initiative in Sandy Row/Donegall Road/Roden Street/ Village and Lisburn Road, which will see flags erected in June and removed at the end of September from main arterial routes. This will see a reduction of paramilitary type flags in sensitive areas and tattered flags not being an eyesore and being left on lamp posts. Ongoing
- We have been involved in the Belfast Bonfire Group headed up by Jim Roddy, Rev Harold Good and Liam Maskey along with Charter NI and Action For Community Transformation. Our aim was to help make bonfires more acceptable and friendly than in previous years. This was done with the help of ex-combatants/ ex-prisoners/local community/bonfire builders working together across Belfast. With NIHE, BCC, PSNI, NIFRS and DUP. Ongoing
- Community clean-up around Sandy Row/Linfield Rd including the repainting of the iconic "King Billy" mural wall, repainting of the "Welcome to Sandy Row" mural, the pruning, cleaning and repainting of the Hurst Park Garden, planting of new flowers and gating of a planter (due to constant dog fouling) added seating, added grassy area, new paving, added bins and power washing of this area. With Sandy Row Residents Association, NIHE, BCC and Andras Hotels.
- After a number of years of ASB and excess drinking in Lower Donegall Rd/Oban St/Gaffigan St and Malone Place on 12th July, local residents asked for portable toilets at points within the area and some fencing at Oban St. Fencing was erected on 11th night and removed on the 13th morning. With DUP, BCC, PSNI, Royal Bar, Sandy Row Rangers Supporters Club. 11th-13th July 2018
- Working with local residents, Sandy Row Residents Association, PSNI and Park Centre Shopping Precinct we had been able to obtain some funding from Park Centre to enable a children's street party to take place on 10th July 2018. Working along with the PSNI

we were able to receive road closed signs and cones for safety measures during the event which was held on Sandy Row. Also Park Centre donated 30 children's footballs to be handed out within the community. 6/7/18

- Working along with International Committee of the Red Cross and Resolve NI, AIMS Project and AYE Project, attending a two day study visit to London which we hope will highlight the benefits of restorative practices within this area of South Belfast. The visit included conversations and training from Khulisa UK a charity working with at risk youth (11-18), rehabilitating young offenders, supporting ex-offenders and Restore: London, Restorative Justice Service and Why Me? Restorative Justice Service. This will aid with future collaborations within restorative practices both working and educational. 26th-27th September 2018. Ongoing
- Working together from October 2018 with SRCF, PSNI, NSL Services Group, Dept for Infrastructure, local residents and Christopher Stalford (DUP) on measures to combat inappropriate and dangerous parking, traffic calming and a residents parking initiative within

Sandy Row estate. Which resulted in double yellow lines being installed on Majestic Drive/Blythe St, Clementine Drive/Blythe St corners and Boyne Court/City Way. Also give way/stop markings at Eureka Drive/Felt St and Eureka Drive/Teirney Gardens.

- Facilitated with The Copius Group the beginning of a conversation on moving on by Ex-combatants/ex-prisoners/community leaders from South Belfast. "Stepping Forward" is a community development/restorative practices/peace building led initiative working along with PCSP's from Lisburn/Castlereagh and Belfast on local issues. 4/12/18, 18/12/18, 24/1/19, 13/2/19 Ongoing
- Joint working with Southcity Resource Centre (lead partner), Donegall Road Methodist Church and St Simons Church of Ireland on event planning of the annual Christmas Lights Switch-on. Including co-ordinating with PSNI on the street closure and security at event. Facilitating the attendance of a local band (Sandy Row Ulster First Flute). 11/12/18. Also promotion of Sandy Row Christmas Lights Switch-on event through social media advertisement. With SRCF and SRRA 9/12/18

- Together with SRCF after members of the local community approached representatives on the possibility of an updated "Neighbourhood Watch" scheme being rolled out within the areas of Village, Donegall Rd, Roden St and Sandy Row. Contact was made to our Local Policing Team and BCC Community Safety for a facilitated meeting to be arranged with interested parties. Included In this was a new Facebook Page which would give people a way to report suspicious activity within the local areas. Ongoing
- Working in conjunction with SRCF, Ulster History Project and Ulster Scots Agency on facilitated conversations and education classes on your rights and responsibilities as citizens of Northern Ireland. Learning about your own background, culture and history and promoting political participation in South Belfast. Culminating in the formation of an Ulster-Scots group locally. Ongoing
- GVRT ran a programme regarding community safety issues. This engaged 20 young people in all areas relevant to community safety and was funded by a PCSP small funding award. The culmination of the

programme was to create a film piece which is a useful and powerful educational resource for communities. The programme has been nominated for “Best Film” and “Best Good Relations Programme” in the EA Youth Services Oscars. The programme was fully supported by PCSP and Nubia Youth Club

- Thanks to a further PSCP small grant, GVRT hosted a community safety fun day in Nubia Youth Club in the run up to Christmas. As well as members of the youth club, the PSNI and Donegall Road Primary School students also attended. The theme of the event was how to prevent and in worst case, report burglary to the PSNI and associated agencies

- GVRT took 15 x 2 groups of young people to the National Stadium at Windsor Park and completed “Show Racism the Red Card” workshop with the IFA. In view of the shifting demographic of The Village this was an extremely useful exercise that provoked discussions regarding stereotypes and lack of understanding of other cultures / approaches
- GVRT is lead partner in the newly established South Belfast Cultural Consortium. With 6 partner communities across South Belfast, GVRT has produced a diary of events to directly challenge ASB with diversionary activities during the July / August periods when ASB can spike.
- GVRT met with PSNI senior officers and DUP MLA’s and councillors to
- address drug issues in Belfast city centre. This activity has been creeping into our communities from the

beginning of 2019. A considered and supported approach is being implemented to deal with the issue

- All these activities were run in conjunction with the “normal” GVRT activities which include Community Safety meetings, close interaction with the PSNI and BCC regarding local issues, and face to face contact with the community

- In partnership with other groups and statutory agencies; Southcity delivered a range of support and interventions to assist the community in feeling and being safer.
- Completed delivery of anti bullying leaflet targeted at young people.
- Developed a project in association with older people to provide safety information and discussion with PSNI.
- Worked with BSCR on the Roden Street bonfire to ensure health and safety.
- Delivered an initiative to provide information on the dangers of fireworks at Halloween.
- Attended 3 meetings of the community safety partnership with PSNI, BCC and other agencies.



- Delivered two sessions of the Seniors Taking Extra precautions project.
- Organised a question and answer session with the PSNI on a range of community safety issues.
- Provided information to residents involved in a range of differences with their neighbours.
- Attended 3 meetings of a South Belfast wide summer intervention initiative in preparation for summer diversionary events.

Southcity provided support to young people through the provision of intervention and diversionary projects.

- Organised and hosted a summer intervention project in partnership with Grosvenor community centre.
- Worked with a group of young people to prevent entry into the youth justice system.
- Hosted a St Patricks diversionary event away from Belfast to provide an example of a trouble free environment.

Southcity worked in partnership with BSCR to provide support to victims of crime and initiatives to prevent incidents especially neighbourhood disputes.

- Supported one family who was the victim of a racist attack.
- Mediated with two families in an ongoing dispute.
- Intervened and supported families who were the victims of crime.
- Supported one family who had racist graffiti sprayed on their property
- Assisted one family who had their windows broken.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2018 – 2019

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
SR ED 1	Number of child-care / nursery school places created / safeguarded	134
SR ED 5	Number of people engaged in parenting skills / development programmes	264
SR ED 14	Number of pupils benefiting directly from the project (youth services).	1160
SR ED 18	Number of pupils benefiting directly from the project (Extended schools).	461
SR ED 20	No of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their emotional health and wellbeing	17
SR ED 22	Increased number of children/young people taking part in regular physical activity	115

## 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:

- NR funding enables the WW Centre to fund their Children's Services Manager post (CSM) their role is manage the 15 child development staff and services at Petals Day-care Children's Services at WWC and in conjunction with WWC organisational departments of Education, Advice, Health & wellbeing deliver a comprehensive service to meet the needs of local children and families. The role of the CSM also includes advocating for local services through involvement in networks and forums such as Belfast Child Care Partnership board as the South Belfast Representative and the Locality

Planning Group to ensure that the needs of local children and families are represented and contribute to informing policy and for children and families.

- Petals Day Care and After School is registered with the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust for full day care, nursery and after-school provision. Free childcare places are available for women to engage in education, training and capacity programmes as well as for women returning to p/t work or becoming engaged in volunteering. WWC provided care and services for 391 children in total throughout 2018-2019 in the 0 to 4 years and 5 to 11 years age groups. This included services such as respite care, additional needs support and the Family Support Hub CASA.
- All children at WWC benefit from the BBC Children in Need project, Rise & Shine which provides a free breakfast, lunch and healthy snacks for 35 children daily, along with nutritional advice and support for parents to encourage healthy habits. 22 parents availed of the opportunity to return to education gaining skills and qualifications in Essential skills

Literacy and ICT and DIY. 13 parents also accessed support through the VIP group (Very Important Parents) facilitated by Sure Start, activities delivered included Cook-it, First Aid and a physical activity class 'squats and tots'.

- The Afterschool's club had a busy year with 64 children registered throughout the year. Once staff have gained parental permission they can assist with children's homework. Afterschool staff involve children in a wide range of activities to support their learning through play. Play activities build upon all areas of development: social development, emotional competence, physical skills and intellectual abilities. The afterschool Programme ran a summer scheme throughout July and August. The children enjoyed getting out and about to W5, the farm, the zoo, the aquarium, public parks and We Are Vertigo. The children also engaged in weekly cooking, swimming, arts and crafts and sports activities.
- The official opening of our Children and Families Learning Zone and visit

- from First Minister Arlene Foster and Christopher Stalford MLA
- BBC Children in Need fundraiser with visit from “Pudsey”
  - Parents group were involved in a number of innovative programs over the course of the year, in particular our transitions program which saw us delivering programs into 14 schools across south Belfast engaging with over 766 pupils and 100 parents was a tremendous success and saw us exceeding a lot of targets.
  - Parents group from Blythefield PS taking an OCN digital Fabrication Course at BSCR
  - Parents involved in mindfulness classes through the moving Up programme?
  - Parents taking part in workshops in regards to their children moving from p7 to Year 8
  - Parents group activities and visits to Creative spaces e.g. NERVE.
  - New Project started in partnership with Co-operation Ireland, Youth Advocate Project, 10 young people aged 14-18, working with other young people from across Belfast to create the young leaders of the future.
  - LADs project working with another 8 young males on mental health through sport, this is another innovative project development by BSCR and successfully piloted this year.
  - 766 Transition Programme, Moving Up additional no of participants this period. A Programme that supports children and their parents who are moving from nursery to primary and primary to post primary through activities such as mindfulness, activities, and digital sessions.
  - Digital Club 16, a club run by the young people themselves and facilitated by the staff at BSCR
  - This was the second year we have run the GCSE revision week at queen’s over 50 young people took part in the Easter GCSE revision maths program with 67% either maintaining or improving on their predicted grades. The event was so successful that both Queen’s and a number of local schools have asked BSCR to double its numbers next year.
  - 40 primary school children attended transfer test sessions during the summer, another innovative program using student volunteers from QUB.
  - Again target exceeded thanks to the transitions program in which Staff from BSCR were able to deliver Mindfulness sessions into 14 schools across south Belfast, including the Irish language school.
  - Southcity provided support to parents to assist in the transfer of children from pre-school to nursery provision. Nursery to primary school and primary school to secondary or post primary education.
  - SCRDC; Supported all organisations working with children and young people in adopting a suitable child protection policy, we delivered programmes and activities in the area to engage ‘hard to reach’ young people, with reference to personal development and promoting citizenship.
  - Developed an empowerment project for youth of Empire community centre: Wacky Wednesdays: Aims 1: To empower the youth as individuals. 2: To promote cooperative behaviour within a group in order to obtain a

common goal. 3 To develop individual leadership skills. 4. To promote diversity, equality and respect. 4 To develop and utilise the appreciation of differences to achieve a better outcome. 5. To develop an understanding of working contracts to establish and inclusive and productive environment.

- Organised and hosted an event for 16-18 year olds over the Easter period. Hard to reach group.
- Organised and delivered a summer intervention project specifically for youth. Hard to reach group.
- Organised a summer scheme with the title summer of learning, participants

gained an insight into history, places, math's, English and enjoyment.

- Southcity has offered exam tuition for Key stage 3 Maths and Chemistry.
- Individual learning plans and schedules have been developed through which all key skills are reinforced including use of ICT and communications.
- Provision of support to parents and children who have emotional health and well-being and resilience issues.

Southcity Early years- Education and Youth.

Throughout the past year the Southcity After-School has again been recognised as a Childcare facility of a very high standard within our local community. We have provided an After-School for children who have the need to learn through play, education and who love to have fun. We have a successful setting where parents are comfortable leaving their children, where Social Services inspect and find us of a very high standard and where staff genuinely enjoys and cares about the overall well-being of the children who are enrolled with us.

During the past year the staff have worked tirelessly to provide After-School care that is second to none for the children of this community. Our focus is and will remain the same – to provide quality childcare alongside development and learning for the children who attend. Our staff team work closely together with this transferring to the relationships we have with the children. Having the strong work ethic that we do means that we have a positive and forward thinking attitude to everything we do.

Over the past year we have had a dynamic group of children; each with their own personalities which brings many eventful days in the After-School. We love the children in our care and genuinely want the best for them which means striving to meet their needs and development goals every single day. The relationship staff have with the children and vice versa is respectful and lovely to see and although it can be challenging at times, it is rewarding beyond words.

This year we have had various ages of children in After-School from P1 to P7; they quickly settle into a harmonious routine with each other and enjoy the daily life of the After-School. For some children and parents homework's are a priority and so these are completed daily. Parents have commented after meeting with the children's teachers on the change and understanding of homework and class work since starting in After-School; this is a compliment to the staff and gives us the feedback we need to focus on this area and continue with helping the children.

The Summer Scheme of 2018 was again a success with all the children benefitting from experiences and opportunities close to home and further away. We had eventful days out - horse riding in Randalstown, Jumping Clay, Adventure Golf, Ten Pin Bowling and Air-tastic in Bangor. Our trip to Titanic Museum was very exciting as we also managed to see inside the Titanic Hotel - the Drawing Offices, Meeting Rooms and even into the bedroom suites! We also had two parent and family participation trips to Newcastle and Dublin Zoo which proved to be hits with everyone. We look forward to next summer again.

With the start of the new school term in September, we had children starting from P1 and P2; it helped that they had attended Pre-School previously so were familiar with staff and the playroom so needed no introduction to the After-School building. Other children who have joined us have come to love After-School and the daily fun experiences it brings. I feel we are fortunate that all of the children start with us in P1 or P2 and stay to the end of their primary school years in P7 – these years are where we see their growth the most.

This year we have celebrated and looked at some very interesting themes – alongside Christmas, Halloween and Easter we have celebrated Robert Burns Day with our annual dinner of Haggis, Neeps and Tatties (it was very tasty!), Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving and not forgetting the World Cup where each of the children had a team and followed them through to the final. Chinese New Year was also very special this year as one of the Pre-school parents arranged for us to have a special Chinese recipe baked cake and sweets – it was delicious!

January 2019 brought our annual Social Services inspection; this year we were being inspected on Staff, Management and Leadership of the After-School as well as Safeguarding and Child Protection. The inspection went extremely well over a two day period where I was again tasked with answering questions on every aspect of the After-School and it's management, workings and the children. Staff were complimented and with the openness and honesty of children the inspecting Social Worker wrote this at the end of the report:

*“The staff related towards the children with warmth and respect throughout my visit. I also noted that staff engaged in communication with parents as they arrived to collect their children from the setting. The children were observed to engage in a range of age appropriate play activities.”*

This report gives staff, parents and Southcity Management the knowledge that the After-School is a project run to the highest standards and continuously strives to build on the education, development, learning, safety and well-being of the children who attend.

We continue to work alongside the Sponsored Day-care Team within Belfast Health Trust and are very aware that the children they may send to us are in need of emergency care. We work hard to give any of these children the routine and normality they require through play and fun in the After-School. Sometimes we can be the place to provide calm and essential well-being in an otherwise confusing young life.

All staff have had training opportunities during the past year which have been essential to our job roles. I organised Safeguarding and Child Protection training for staff which was completed in a day; staff from all the Southcity projects were able to take advantage of this and update their Child Protection certificates. We also welcomed people from our local area to avail of this training and this made it a diverse and interesting training day.

The After-School has been operational now for seventeen years and have seen many children and their families come and go through the After-School and I believe the great relationship and partnership with the parents helps and encourages the children's experiences in After-School. Parents are supportive in our routine and care of their children and from the relationship staff presently have with families; we know this will continue into the future. Sometimes difficult conversations have to take place for the good of the children and I am grateful that parents are able to listen and take advice when it is given.

I hope the After-School continues in the same way in the years to come; building on its own success in the community. The families and especially the children have benefitted from being able to attend such a fantastic facility and take advantage of the professional, experienced, but most of all, caring staff that work diligently every day.

I look forward to the coming year in my role as Early Years Manager for both the After-School and Pre-School. I have a rewarding job with daily challenges and opportunities to help children and families. Thankfully I have a fantastic staff team around me – who are dependable and excellent in their job roles. It is therefore hard to understand why we have to wait for news of funding each year when such successes in our community should be funded full time by our government. Projects like the After-School and Pre-School are extremely important in this community and are especially invaluable in the lives of the children who attend every day. Let's hope the opportunity to educate and promote learning continues in the years to come.



### Pre-school group.

Little Teddies Pre-School has been successfully doing very well over the past year. We welcome children from all areas of the community and we are known for being caring and stable facility with children's ages ranging from 2 years 10 months to 4 years.

In September we welcomed our new intake of children and worked hard to make sure they felt safe, secure and happy. Some children take time to settle and feel content. All our staff are friendly and caring which helps when children feel the emotional separation from their parents. Some parents can also feel this and I believe with our friendly service this also helps reassure them. One more child joined us late into February as they weren't the age to start, they settled very quickly.

As the months go on we have worked hard with all the children in our care, we've seen a great difference in children who have been withdrawn and shy come on leaps and bounds. These children make us feel that the job we do is worthwhile and rewarding. All the children are becoming more confident and developing into their own little characters.

We will continue to provide a service of high standards and we will provide a caring, happy atmosphere and encourage children to flourish and enjoy their time with us.

All Pre-School staff are fully qualified and training is updated as required in accordance with the Minimum Standards for Childcare. As a staff team we have had training sessions in Safeguarding and Child Protection. Senior staff members are currently waiting on Designated Officer training.

Within the Pre-School we have a Key Worker system for the children and each staff member has been assigned to observe and record certain children. This helps us to see if any children have or haven't met their milestones of development or need a little extra help. This makes it a lot easier if we need to refer children to an outside service. This information is also good to keep parents updated on their children's progress alongside daily observations.

I have also referred some parents to seek help from Debt Advice, Opticians, Doctors, Speech Therapists and the Autism Centre after they have chatted to me or other staff with some concerns. This means we can refer to and work with and alongside other agencies for the good of these families.

We have a full register every day with one and a half places held for children who would be referred to us from Social Services. We also have a long waiting list which grows every passing year. This proves that we have an excellent childcare facility throughout the community especially when past parents register their younger children with us.

The Pre-School work alongside Social Services and have our inspection completed by them every year. This year our inspection was completed in February with the completed report returned back to us. Our Social worker was very pleased with the set-up of our room and happy with how we care for the children. She loved our idea that the children take turns every day getting their own snack and returning the empty plates back for clearing up, this is encouraging them in their independence and making decisions for themselves.



*“The Staff were observed as positive role models for the children. Staff interactions with the children were observed as warm, encouraging, child centred. Each child is given the opportunity to play at their own place and to have fun. The Staff rapport with the children created an atmosphere that was both happy and settled.”*

This shows that all staff- the Manager, Supervisor and Assistants are working hard to make Little Teddies the success that it is.

Every day we are busy playing, creating, learning and having fun. We always have who, what, why and when questions from the children; this leads to discussions and this shows us that children are always learning. Sometimes the children’s own understanding and knowledge on what they think can be so much fun. The children love to learn about the world around us; this brings a lot of joy hearing them understand in their own little language.

In our facility we teach the children to be a lot more independent i.e. encouraging them to try to do things for themselves, for example - helping others, choosing what to have for snack, tidying toys away, finding coloured objects and shapes and counting how many which helps with early maths skills. We have introduced some writing skills so that the children can write their names.

Here in Little Teddies Pre-School we believe that all children learn at their own pace and level with so much knowledge and understanding coming from our day to day work and monthly themes. Each month we have different arts and crafts made by the children and their work is put on display for them to admire and also show their parents. Our themes range from Chinese New Year, St Patricks Day, Mother’s Day, Spring, Father’s Day Summer, Autumn and Winter and much more.

Over the summer of 2018 we had a parent’s trip to Newcastle Co. Down and Dublin Zoo. All parents and children enjoyed their days out. We believe that the children and their parents should spend bonding time together so this is why we encourage trips like this and we hope to do more trips like this in the future. During the year we promote healthy eating and regular exercise for all the attendees and have hosted additional sessions with other young people in the community.

Overall the Pre-School has been running to its usual high standard and this is due to the hard work and diligence of the staff and although it was very strenuous and exhausting at times we’ve still made sure that no child goes without our care and attention that is so deserved at this important age. We strive to offer an excellent Pre-School for children in our community and hope that we have succeeded in providing a friendly and happy atmosphere where children shine to their full potential.

PHYSICAL RENEWAL & HEALTH ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2018 – 2019

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
PR1	Area of land improved for open space	5
PR 3	Area of land improved and made ready for development	8
PR 5	Number of buildings improved	8
PR 6	Number of community facilities improved	8
PR 7	Number of traffic calming schemes	1
PR 8	Number of trees planted	32
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	127
SR H 1	Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	1421
SR H 2	Number of people attending health education/ awareness initiatives	164
SR H 3	Number of people accessing intervention/ treatment services	10
SR H 4	Number of health education/ awareness initiatives provided/ delivered	14
SR H 10	Increase the number of people using improved sports facilities	1540

## 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:

- 10 Volunteers are working on the various UV initiatives
- 20 Volunteers were involved in both looking after the bonfire site but also clearing up after in finished.
- 12 Volunteer from both the community and business sector have come together in what's been named Project Hope. Project Hope will meet from time to time with relative agencies and the transport hub to ensure that the development of Weavers Cross, which will include Sandy Row in done in such a way as to provide the best possible gain for the community

- We Spoke with Rajesh Rana, the SRRA, BCC and the HE about improvements to the corner of Linfield Rd and SR. After getting everyone around a table a number of improvements were agreed, a new flower bed was constructed and a summer seat installed in front of the King William Mural this was supplied by the HE. Rajesh donated £10k to have the mural re painted and the area around it power washed giving the whole corner a fresh look. This work has been completed and looks wonderful.
- Paramilitary Graffiti has been removed from the shutter on the shops at 127/145 Sandy Row and at the entrance to the community facility above. Graffiti was also removed from Gilpins and from outside the community centre.
- BSCR is working with UVs on improvements to the Uralian Nursery and Blythe Field School. BSCR reps who sit on the Urban Villages Steering Group recommended both these projects to the reference group and we have supported them through business case and financial approval within the UV capital budget. Work

- continues on plans to improve the facilities at the two schools, the business plans have been improved and contractors have been appointed. At this stage both projects are on going and we should see the new facilities open during 2019-2020.
- 4 Of the empty units in the block 127/145 Sandy Row have now been renovated and are occupied. The rental income from these units now employs two local people within BSCR a great example of how a social enterprise can work for the community.
- BSCR submitted applications to UVs capital fund for three sites in sandy row – Gilpins, Eans (92/94) and Wee rubies (the 5 derelict units at the entrance to sandy row). Two of these sites have now gone to private developers and we are still at business case stage for the third site.
- 96 Sandy Row has now completed, and is a social enterprise run by SRCF.
- BSCR with SRRA and UVs have been working together on a plan to renew the old heating plant site next to the community house. A well-attended public consultation was held in the

community centre were it was agreed to convert the site into a safe area for children. A business plan has been approved, and contamination surveys completed with the view of contractors being on site May June.

- We were delighted to be able to deliver hanging baskets again this year through intensive lobbying of Belfast City Council to include Sandy Row in its strategy for Belfast in Bloom
- GVRT continue to lobby and appropriate agencies regarding the consistent issues which the community raise. These include, but are not restricted to fly tipping, dog fouling, littering, cleansing and pavement maintenance. GVRT appreciates that these are city wide issues but continues to keep issues in check
- In March 2019, in conjunction with BCC and Blythefield Primary School, an apple tree day took place with the school children to plant trees in the grounds of the school. Issues such as the importance of planting for the future, the importance that plants play in producing oxygen and healthy diet choices were all key themes of the day.

- GVRT also delivered some first class artwork at the lower end of the Donegall Road to commemorate the centenary of the Royal Air Force. The unveiling was attended by Senior Officers in RAF NI as well as local schools and community organisations.
- The 3G pitch at Blythefield continued to be popular with bookings remaining consistent



Propoerties on Braodway which are in the precess of being vested

Lead responsibility for Health and Wellbeing delivery lies with:

- Greater Village Regeneration Trust (GVRT)

Examples of completed activities:

- At year end there were 126 live gym memberships. In addition to this, Fit4Life run a range of classes

- including “Older & Active”, “Yummy Mummy’s”, Spin and Bums and Tums
- Associated programmes such as ISwim, “Functional Fitness” and programmes for primary school age children across 3 schools are also very popular, as is the now annual Football Blitz during the school holidays
- GVRT continue to provide Health Wise referrals, Family Support referrals and Community Connected Care Hubs
- areness 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 Blythefield 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

ECONOMIC RENEWAL ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST AGREED OUTPUTS 2018 – 2019

AGREED OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION	ACHIEVED
ER 2	Number of residents going into employment	25
ER 3	Number of people receiving careers advice	143
ER 4	Number of people receiving job specific training	150
ER 9	Number of new/existing businesses requiring advice / support	9
ER 11	Number of social enterprises created / supported	6
ER 14	Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in adult	88
ER 15	Number of FTE jobs ( safeguarded)	16.25

## Economic Renewal

Lead responsibility for Economic Renewal delivery lies with:

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

Achievements in this area:

- What's the future program working with 14 teenagers and taken to the digital Youth Event to meeting with employers from the creative and digital industries.
- Very successful recruitment event held in the offices of BSCR for the Andres House group of hotels. The HR people from Andres House attended the all day event, giving careers advice, advice on live jobs within the sector and help with applications.
- Belfast Dog Groomers helped to find premises in SR and supported with a 3 month rent free period during start up. We have also advertised this new service on face book etc.
- Around a pound helped to find premises in SR and supported with a 3 month rent free period during start

up. We have also supplied them with accounts advice etc.

- Harris Kilt Company helped to set up new business 150 Sandy Row.
- GW Chippie, helped finding premises, with initial set up costs and recruitment.
- All the above set up new businesses in Sandy Row in the newly renovated shop units created by BSCR as part of its property development social enterprise.
- BSCR has supported a number of social enterprises over the course of the year, including;
- SRCF are receiving a significant amount of mentoring time due to the number of their enterprises [ tours and 96 Sandy Row CIC apartments and retail unit and the accelerating pace as 96 Enterprise moves towards launch. They have had additional mentoring from a governance and constitutional mentoring through the project to meet their needs
- We have also been working with the church of Ireland minister in St Aidan's on the feasibility of setting up a social enterprise on the St Aidan's Church Hall site.

- South Belfast Partnership Board are progressing their Place making CIC enterprise and using mentoring support to set up a task and finish group to assist the Board members and staff involved in the enterprise.
- Wheelworks are in a similar stage of rapid development. They have now employed a part time person to take forward their social enterprise marketing and sales and are doing well. They have had additional mentoring from a graphic designer through the project which has been of immense benefit to them. They have also been to meet BSCR about potential collaborations and opportunities with other projects.
- As well as qualifications in ECDL, MOS and text processing BSCR were also successful in becoming an OCN registered centre and we delivered out first 8 qualifications in digital fabrication and 7 in maths essential skills.
- GVRT have managed to bring 12 people into permanent employment across fields such as retail, hospitality, childcare and warehousing

- 95 people received careers advice from GVRT while 102 received job specific training
- They also delivered advice and support to 5 local businesses
- GVRT continue to support TreEco which continues to go from strength to strength
- 48 individuals have successfully attained a formal qualification



**Adult leaning in BSCR**

**PARTNERSHIP CONCLUSION**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

No specific information to provided for Capital Projects



## 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 Allocation) 2018/19	Expenditure 2018/2019
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL: South West Belfast Community Renewal Programme</b>			
LOV -	1/4/18 - 31/3/19		
<b>Total Community Renewal Expenditure</b>		£109,503.04	<b>£105,085.45</b>
<b>CHILDRENS PROGRAMME (EDUCATION): South West Belfast Social Renewal (Early Years/ Youth provision/ Compulsory Education) Programme</b>			
LOV -	1/4/18 - 31/3/19		
<b>Total Social Renewal - Education Expenditure</b>		£154,430.42	<b>£141,882.57</b>
<b>COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE (CRIME): South West Belfast Social Renewal (Community Safety/ Crime/ ASB) Programme</b>			
LOV -	1/4/18 - 31/3/19		
<b>Total Social Renewal – Crime Renewal Expenditure</b>		£55,322.77	<b>£54,493.30</b>
<b>PHYSICAL RENEWAL &amp; HEALTH: South West Belfast Physical Renewal and Health Programme</b>			
LOV -	1/4/18 - 31/3/19		
<b>Total Physical / Health Renewal Expenditure</b>		£72,590.07	<b>£69,056.22</b>
<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL &amp; HEALTH: South West Belfast Physical Renewal and Health Programme</b>			
LOV -	1/4/18 - 31/3/19		
<b>Total Physical / Health Renewal Expenditure</b>		£71,420.62	<b>£70,315.60</b>
<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL CO-ORDINATOR:</b>			
LOV -	1/4/18- 31/3/19		

<b>Total Neighbour Renewal Co-ordinator Expenditure</b>		£25,499.04	<b>£18,837.53</b>
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