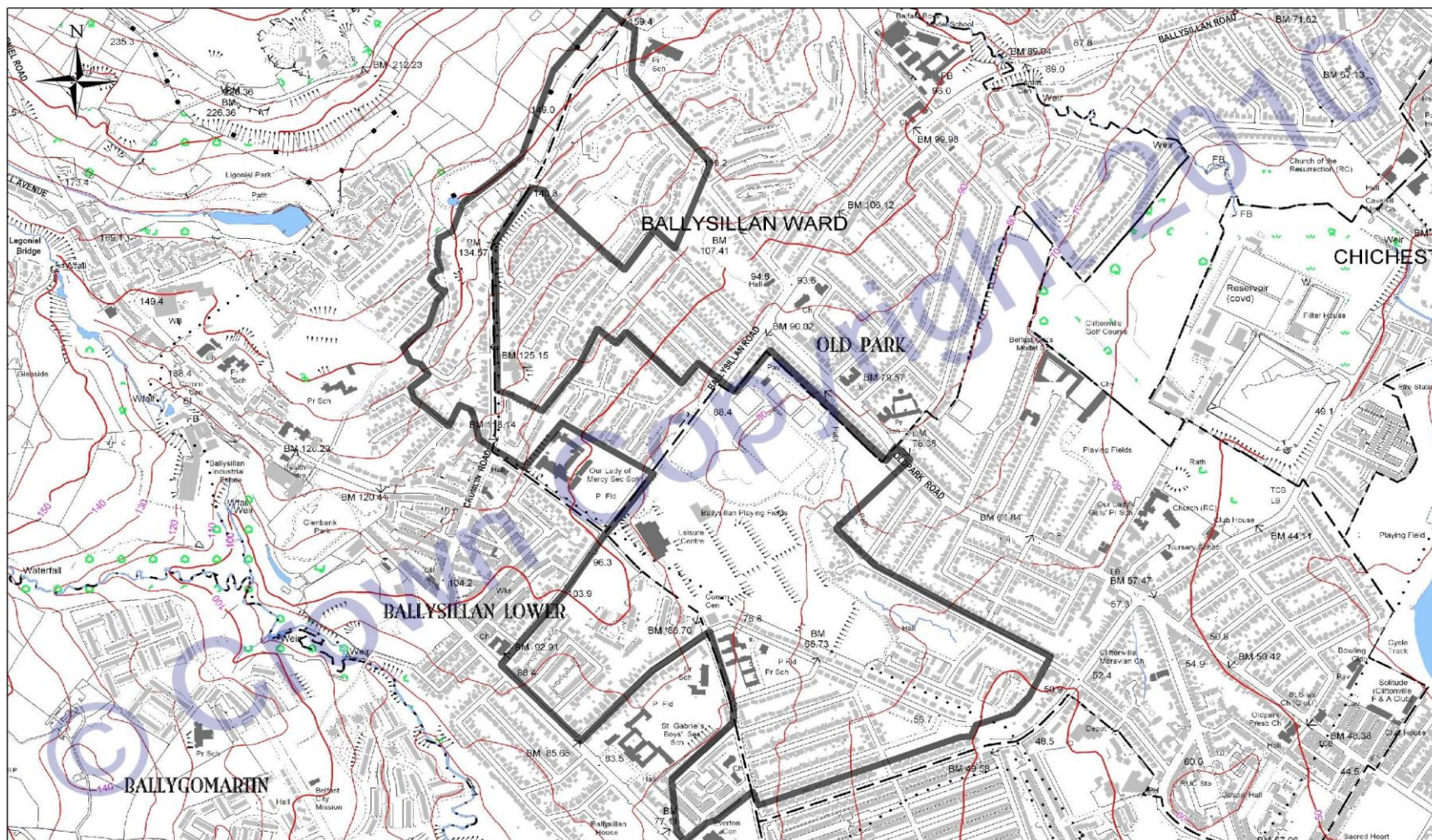


Upper Ardoyne/ Ballysillan Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2014/15



BALLYSILLAN/UPPER ARDOYNE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AREA



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Upper Ardoyne/BallysillanNeighbourhood Renewal Partnership ANNUAL REPORT – 2014/15

About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established with representatives of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives. The socio economic statistics demonstrate some of the principal challenges facing the Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillanarea; reflecting high levels of unemployment, low educational attainment, community health issues and the challenges facing young people in the area and lack of facilities available.

About Upper Ardoyne/BallysillanNeighbourhood Partnership

Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is located in North Belfast and covers a wide geographic area, bordering the hills of Belfast.

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Upper Ardoyne/BallysillanNeighbourhood Partnership was set up in 2006 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises of 16 members who include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and its administration services are provided through the North Belfast Partnership with alternate bi-monthly Sub Group Chair meetings.

The main Partnership Committee of Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Partnership provides the overall direction to the work of the partnership. Its membership is listed below:

Wilson Lambe (Chairperson)	Independent	
Dale Harrison	Community Representative	Ballysillan Community Forum
Ulrike Letzner	Statutory Representative	Belfast City Council
Gareth McKee	Councillor	Belfast City Councillor
Lee Reynolds	Councillor	Belfast City Councillor
John McCorry	Community Representative	North Belfast Partnership
Kelly Gill	Community Representative	Benview Community Centre
Kelly Harrison	Community Representative	Benview Community Centre
Marcella McNeill	Statutory Representative	Belfast Regeneration Office
Gabi Mornhinweg	Statutory Representative	Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
Anne McAleese	Statutory Representative	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Joan Totten	Community Representative	Good Morning North Belfast
Alex Crossley	Community Representative	North Belfast Women's Initiative Support Project
Ronnie Black	Community Representative	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership
Michael Cosby	Community Representative	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership
Vivien Davidson	Community Representative	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership
Conor Ellis	Statutory Representative	Belfast Regeneration Office
Gary Kelly	Community Representative	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership
Jenna Dalzell	Community Representative	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership
Stephen Thompson	Community Representative	BT14 Church Group
Helen Holland (Lydia Miskimmon)	Community Representative	Glenbank Community Centre
Nicholas Williams	Statutory Representative	PSNI

The Partnership has established 4 sub groups to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address Neighbourhood Renewal's 4 strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. They also assist local community organisations to coordinate actions that are beneficial for all communities living in the Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA). The BUANP met on 16/4/14, 17/9/14, 21/11/14, 21/1/15 and 18/3/15. The sub groups met a total of 18 times to ensure the NR Action Plan was being implemented during development and delivery of programmes.

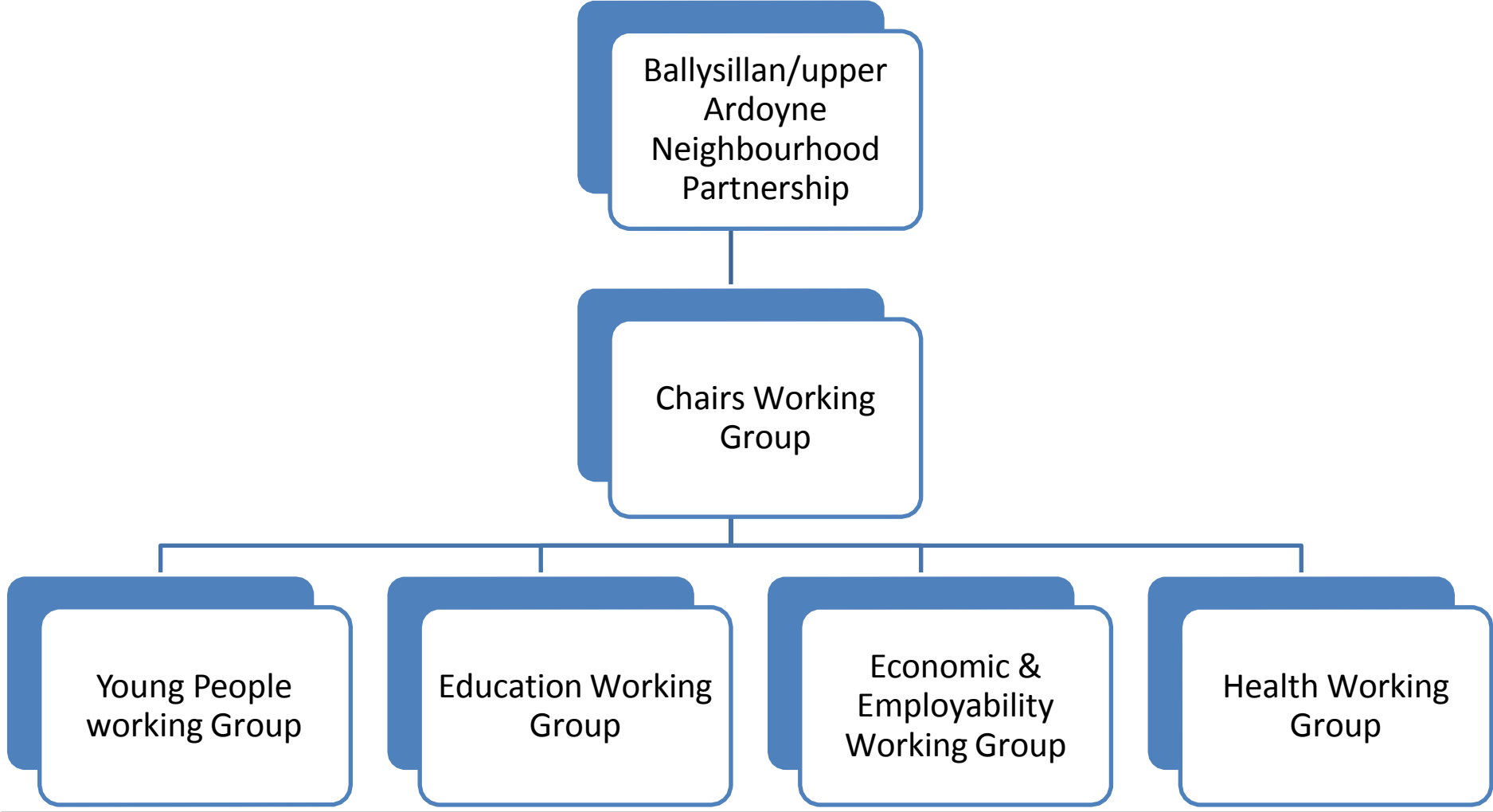
With the development of the first Neighbourhood Action Plan in 2007, all groups involved in delivering neighbourhood renewal priorities had a seat at the main Partnership Committee. After the review of the implementation plan in 2009 it was agreed that the Partnership would move towards a smaller more focused Partnership committee. This coincided with the re-launch of 4 sub-groups which would draw their membership from all those sub-groups working on neighbourhood renewal.

Each sub-group then nominated at least one member to sit on the main Partnership management committee. Each sub group appointed a chairperson and a secretary and continue to engage with the appropriate statutory representatives to ensure representation on the sub-group.

The aims of sub-groups are:

- To influence statutory agencies to focus their investments and resources on the delivery of public services where they have most impact on improving the well-being and quality of life for those living and working in the Ballysillan / Upper Ardoyne area.
- To engage in effective working partnerships with key stakeholders from all relevant sectors to pro-actively deliver the identified priorities detailed in the Neighbourhood Action Plan;
- To maintain a Neighbourhood Partnership and related sub group structures that is representative of local regeneration that will lead, co-ordinate and monitor implementation of the Neighbourhood Action Plan.

It should be noted that Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.



The sub-group members are made up as follows from a range of statutory and community representatives :

Health Working Group

Alex Crossley	N.B. Women's Initiative & Support Project
Kelly Harrison	Benview Community Centre
Gabi Mornhinweg	Belfast Health and Social Trust
Joan Totten	Good Morning North
Ashley McNeil	Good Morning North
Marcella McNeill	Belfast Regeneration Office
Ulrike Letzner	Belfast City Council
Victoria Brown	Jigsaw Counselling Service
Joanne Clokey	N.B. Women's Initiative & Support Project
Ronnie Black	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership

Education Working Group

Vivien Davidson	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership
Kelly Gill	Benview Community Centre
Kelly Harrison	Benview Community Centre
Carol Massey	Jigsaw Counselling Service
Derek Harkness	Carrs Glen Primary School
Janice Clarke	Girls Model School Belfast
Craig Carlisle	Boys Model School Belfast
Ulrike Letzner	Belfast City Council – Community Development
Helen Holland	Glenbank Community Centre
Marcella McNeill	Belfast Regeneration Office
Dora Semple	Sure Start

Youth Working Group

Kelly Gill	Benview community Centre
Kelly Harrison	Benview Community Centre
Lydia Miskimmin	Glenbank Community Association
Kyle Potts	Upper Ardoyne Youth Centre
Mabel McClelland	Concorde Community Centre
Mark McBride	Belfast Education & Library Board
Ronnie Black	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership
Marcella McNeill	Belfast Regeneration Office
Keeva Watson	Embrace Ballysillan
Peter Thompson	The Blue Houses
Carly White	NB Alternatives

Economic, Employability Working Group

Dale Harrison	Ballysillan Community Forum
Marcella McNeill	Belfast Regeneration Office
Alice Quinn	North City Business Centre
Anne McAleese	NIHE
Brian Maguire	North Belfast Partnership
Catherine Murray	Dept. Of Employment & Learning
Ronnie Black	Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership
Turlough McAleenan	North Belfast Partnership

North Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership Chairs Forum

Ballysillan/Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership is one of five Neighbourhood Partnerships in North Belfast. The other four are:

- Rathcoole Neighbourhood Partnership
- Crumlin / Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
- Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership
- Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership

The five North Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership Chairs meet bi monthly to co-ordinate the work of Neighbourhood Renewal across North Belfast's most disadvantaged communities. The Chairs Forum, which is facilitated by BRO and the NBP, is a valuable mechanism for promoting the work of community organisations delivering Neighbourhood Renewal. The Forum also acts as a conduit for collective responses from Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships to consultations, policy issues and potential collaborative funding opportunities.

North Belfast Economic Forum

Chairs from the five North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships along with representatives from Belfast Regeneration Office and North Belfast Partnership agreed to establish an Economic Forum to work collectively for North Belfast to boost economic regeneration locally. This grouping is called the North Belfast Economic Forum and has a remit to work collaboratively with local training and employment organisations, government departments, statutory organisations and private sector employers to promote increased economic regeneration, prosperity and investment for North Belfast.

Forum membership is as follows:

- Arthur Acheson (Chairperson) representing North Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership Chairs Forum
- Patricia O'Hagan (Champion) Core Systems
- Stephen Reid representing Crumlin/Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership
- Pat Boyle representing Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership
- Dale Harrison representing Ballysillan/Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership
- Maria Morgan representing Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership

- Vicky Moore representing Rathcoole Neighbourhood Partnership
- Lynn Carville ESF Representative (Women's TEC)
- Diarmuid Moore ESF Representative (Ashton Community Trust)
- Alice Quinn representing North City Business Centre
- Turlough McAleenan North Belfast Partnership
- Belfast Regeneration Office - DSD

The Forum looked at educational achievement across the North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Areas and was able to propose initiatives to form part of the Community Education Initiatives Project, funded by the Department of Education and managed by North Belfast Partnership. This was a very successful project which delivered programmes and support directly into schools and community settings.

To focus efforts on identifying economic opportunities, strengthening partnerships with relevant agencies and promoting North Belfast as a positive place to invest, the North Belfast Economic Forum is organising a 'North Belfast Economic Summit'.

The Forum will act as a driver for economic regeneration across North Belfast to bring much needed investment and resources into the area across multiple fronts including job creation, inward investment and maximising the effect of local large scale regeneration projects.

Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting projects in the Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Renewal Area. However the support of the groups provides leverage to access funding from many other sources to provide programmes to meet the needs of the community.

Community Renewal/ Economic Renewal/Social Renewal

1. Ballysillan Community Forum:

The purpose of this project is to enable a range of strong community development services through the provision of training, education, health & wellbeing programmes, advice, housing, personal development and capacity building. Additionally it targets safety and crime prevention, collaborative working and youth initiatives for all age groups and sectors in the NRA. The organisations are a resource within the community and work closely with statutory agencies and other voluntary and community organisations to promote community development of the NRA.

Cross community programmes are provided in conjunction with Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.

It addresses the following themes in the Action Plan:

- Economic, Employability & Training
- Education & Youth
- Health & Wellbeing
- Collaboration, Shared Space & Physical Regeneration

2. Ballysillan Community Forum - North Belfast Advice Partnership – Welfare advice:

The aims and objectives of this project is the delivery of front line welfare and benefit advice services across North Belfast through various advice centres and outreach locations. The service is available throughout North Belfast and customers are offered a choice of advice centres to ensure client confidentiality and support. The advisors are highly trained in welfare rights and have an excellent network of partnerships which link into specific initiatives and programmes in relation to a range of services including

- training and employment
- healthy living support services
- family support services
- addiction services
- elderly care teams
- carers support
- suicide support

3. Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership – Education:

The purpose of the project is to provide educational courses and programmes for all ages to tackle the issues facing educational underachievement and long term unemployment. A wide range of programmes are delivered including skills development, business start up, educational performance, youth opportunities etc. The education programme has been in existence since 2008 and provides a range of courses, certified and non-certified for adults and young people. The project works in partnership with the local primary school to provide support and facilitate courses within the school including literacy, numeracy and after schools programmes.

It addresses the following themes in the Action Plan:

Economic, Employability & Training
 Education &
 Youth Health &
 Wellbeing

4. North Belfast Women’s Initiative & Support Project:

The purpose of this project is to deliver key services in relation to health and wellbeing. With priority themes of mental health and healthier lifestyles. The key issues which will be addressed are high levels of suicide and self harm, drug and alcohol abuse, negative coping mechanisms, promotion of healthier lifestyles, sexual health, men’s health and nutrition, enhancing quality of life for local senior citizens and alternative therapies.

It addresses the following themes in the Action Plan:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Collaboration, Shared Space & Physical Regeneration

- Economic, Employability & Training
- Education & Youth

5. Glenbank Community Association: -

The purpose of this project is to provide services through the provision of quality childcare facilities in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area. The project provides a daily part time playgroup for 16 children aged 3-5. Additionally the project has responsibility for managing the summer scheme during the holiday period.

It addresses the following themes in the Action Plan:

- Economic, Employability & Training
- Education & Youth

6. North City Business Centre

This project will provide management responsibility for the Jolly Roger Complex. The Jolly Roger Complex will continue to be operated as a community based facility, promoting the use of the complex for the betterment of the local community in support of implementation and delivery of services and programmes identified as priority actions in both the Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Action Plan and Neighbourhood Action Plans across North Belfast.

Greater Ballysillan Master Plan

A key factor moving forward in the future is the development of a Greater Ballysillan Masterplan. The purpose of the project has been to develop a Masterplan that identifies the critical factors and stages to guide and propel planned regeneration across the Greater Ballysillan area. For any area to benefit from an area plan it should be sufficiently coherent in terms of its geographical location and it should be readily identifiable. While people living in many of the neighbourhoods in the Greater Ballysillan area might not readily describe their home location as Ballysillan, it is clear that there is potential for a coherent area, provided there is a meaningful focal point.

The area has suffered significantly as a result of the troubles and the related issues of community segregation, urban decline and economic migration. Many parts of North Belfast have low rates of economic activity, low educational attainment, poor health rates and complex spatial and environmental issues when compared to other parts of the city or the region as a whole. Much of the area suffers from worklessness and its associated problems. While North Belfast is relatively close to centres of employment such as Mallusk and the city centre, there is relatively low participation in work in many of its neighbourhoods. There are few significant employers in the immediate area (other than the schools) and most businesses are small.

The area plan assesses all major social, economic and spatial issues faced by the community, identifying underlying market conditions, barriers to investment and propose measures to stimulate local economic activity, particularly in the social economy sector.

The Greater Ballysillan master plan was launched during 2014/15 by the new DSD minister Mervyn Storey and it is the result of a wide scale community consultation process that will see considerable Public Realm works and redevelopment within the Ballysillan upper Ardoyne area. The schemes include new housing, redevelopment of derelict sites, tree planting, improving pavements and neglected buildings, and more. This is a long term visioning project that extends over the next 15 or so years and intends to address some of the physical issues that currently exist as well as creating a vibrant healthy society in the NRA. Specific examples include resituating a pharmacy and doctor's surgery on a vacant derelict site on Ballysillan Road.



Other improvements have been made to entrance of the Cavehill Country Park and updating the Ballysillan Park/ Ballysillan Road Junction, which has progressed well.





One the many examples of public realm works taking place in Ballysillan and Upper Ardoyne

A map of the targeted area is detailed below:



Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Partnership 2014/2015 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)	2014/15 Spend (as at 31/03/15)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL/ SOCIAL RENEWAL			
Ballysillan Community Forum / Benview	01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015	94,083.00	91,585.51
North Belfast Women's Initiative & Support Group	01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015	38,736.88	38,278.84
Glenbank Community Association	01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015	17,663.36	16,309.58
Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership - Education	01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015	50,669.08	47,066.95
Total Community/Social Renewal Expenditure		201,152.32	193,240.88
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
North Belfast Advice Partnership (Lead Partner Vine Centre) Ballysillan Community Forum Portion only	01/04/2014 – 31/3/2015	29,297.00	29,067.46
North City Business Centre – Management of the Jolly Roger Complex	01/04/2014 – 31/3/2015	35,000.00	35,000.00
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		64,297.00	64,067.46
Programme / Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (project allocation)	2014/15 spend(as at 31/03/2015)

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2014/15 YEAR

Community Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills	CR2 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR3 - number of people employed directly in voluntary work	CR4 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR5 -Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR6 - Number of projects improving community facilities	CR7 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR8 - Number of people participating in community relations projects
Ballysillan Community Forum (Lead Partner) with Benview Community Association	578	7						109
North Belfast Women’s Initiative & Support Project		98						2810
Glenbank Community Association	1		29					
North Belfast Advice Partnership – BCF portion		1						
Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership - Education		35	26	475	13		10	142
TOTAL	579	141	55	475	13			3061

Social Renewal Education Output Measures

	SR1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR2 – Number of people attending parenting skills development programmes	SR3 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (primary)	SR4 – Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (secondary)	SR5 –Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR projects (accredited)	SR6 – Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR projects (non-accredited)
Ballysillan Community Forum (Lead Partner) with Benview Community Association						14
North Belfast Women’s Initiative & Support Project		41				
Glenbank Community Association	16		15		1	
North Belfast Advice Partnership – BCF portion						
Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership - Education		95	167		7	4
TOTAL	16	136	182		8	18

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures

PROJECT	SR7 – Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	SR8 – Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	SR9 – Number of new or improved health facilities	SR10 – Number of people benefiting from suicide prevention projects	SR11 – Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	SR12 – Number of people using new sports facilities
Ballysillan Community Forum (Lead Partner) with Benview Community Association	266					
North Belfast Women’s Initiative & Support Project	3384					
Glenbank Community Association						
North Belfast Advice Partnership – BCF portion						
Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership –Education	16					
TOTAL	3666					

Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures

PROJECT	SR13 – Numbers receiving advice on crime prevention	SR14 – Number of community safety initiatives implemented	SR15 – Number of people participating/ attending community safety initiatives	SR16 – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SR17 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/ diversionary projects	SR18 – Number of victims of crime supported	SR19 – Number of homes with increased security	SR20 – Number of businesses with increased security	SR21 – Number of neighbourhood wards supported
Ballysillan Community Forum (Lead Partner) with Benview Community Association		3			165				
North Belfast Women’s Initiative & Support Project				16	1204				
Glenbank Community Association									
North Belfast Advice Partnership – BCF portion									
Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership –Education									
TOTAL		3		16	1369				

Economic Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded/created	ER2 - Number of NR residents going into employment	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER5 - Number of weeks (per participant) of job specific training provided	ER6 - Number of new business start ups	ER7 - Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	ER8 - Number of people becoming self employed	ER9 – Social Economy Indicator	ER10 – Number of enquiries for advice
Ballysillan Community Forum (Lead Partner) with Benview Community Association	3.6	65		21			2			
North Belfast Women’s Initiative & Support Project	1.6			31*			11			
Glenbank Community Association	1.2									
North Belfast Advice Partnership – BCF portion	1									3234
Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership – Education	1	4	15							
TOTALS	8.4	69	15	53			13			3234

*Includes 12 people on Steps to Work programme

Physical Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	PR1 - Area of land improved or reclaimed for open space	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed and made ready for development	PR3 – Number of buildings improved	PR4 – Number of traffic calming schemes	PR5 – number of trees planted
Ballysillan Community Forum (Lead Partner) with Benview Community Association	2				
North Belfast Women’s Initiative & Support Project					
Glenbank Community Association					
North Belfast Advice Partnership – BCF portion					
Upper Ardoyne Community Partnership –Education					
TOTAL	2				

Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion

In the 2014/15 financial year, Ballysillan/Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership total overall spend was:

Community Renewal/Social Renewal	£193,240.88
Economic Renewal	£64,067.46
TOTAL	£257,308.34



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