



**Greater Shankill**  
**Neighbourhood Renewal Area**

**Annual Report**

**2016**

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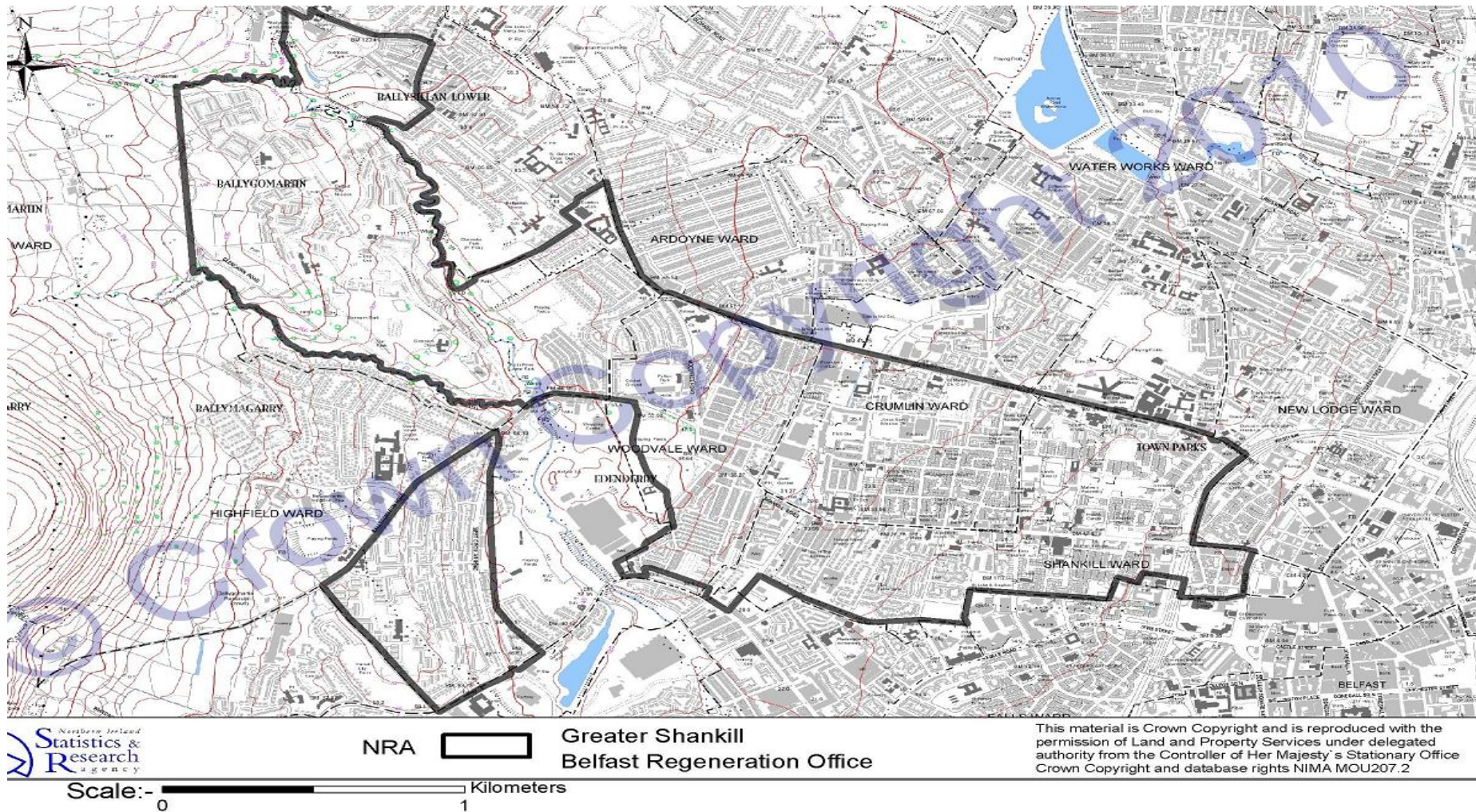
## **Introduction to Neighbourhood Renewal**

In June 2003, Government launched Neighbourhood Renewal – People and Place. – This is the strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal. Neighbourhoods in the most deprived 10% of wards across Northern Ireland were identified using the Noble Multiple Deprivation Measure. Following extensive consultation, this resulted in a total of 36 areas, and a population of approximately 280,000 being targeted for intervention. Neighbourhood Partnerships have been established in each Neighbourhood Renewal Area as a vehicle for local planning and implementation. Each Neighbourhood Partnership includes representatives of key political, statutory, voluntary, community and private sector

stakeholders in their respective areas. Together, they have developed long term visions and action plans designed to improve the quality of life for those living in the area

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**Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area**



## Annual report 2015 / 2016

Throughout 2015 and into 2016 the Greater Shankill Partnership has played a key role in Neighbourhood Renewal and local regeneration activities and has, through a range of initiatives, been laying the foundations for community development and regeneration in the area for the next ten + years. Central to these developments has been the designation of Greater Shankill as ‘A Children & Young People Zone’. The zone

has a vision of transforming the lives of a generation of children who, through their active participation in the zone and its activities, will more fully realise their potential. The GSP and its Neighbourhood Renewal coordinator has had a large number of workshops to develop a new ten year housing strategy for the Greater Shankill area, which will have a strategic impact in the area over the next decade in terms of good quality social and affordable housing, employment and investment and health and wellbeing. Neighbourhood Renewal, while supporting these developments has also been supportive of a range of projects and programmes

## **Introduction – state of the Shankill.**

### **STATE OF THE SHANKILL**

In the introduction to the Greater Shankill Partnership Board's Annual report 2015-2016, Jackie Redpath CEO Greater Shankill Partnership, declared

'it's official – the Shankill is on the way back'. The green shoots of recovery have been there for some time but now the figures, showing an increase, year-on-year for the past seven years, of the Greater Shankill's school population, confirms that the corner has been turned for the first time in fifty years and those dark days of the Troubles and redevelopment. The free-fall of the population during the redevelopment of the 1970's and then the seepage of the Shankill's population during the 1980's and early 1990's has ended and the growth of our young population, while small, is of massive significance. However, the distress of those decades of violence, redevelopment, population and job losses on an "industrial scale", have left a deep mark on our lives and psyche. It is often etched on the faces of our older people and sadly on the limited life chances of our children. That is why the increasing population numbers is simply not enough. If we just keep doing what we've always done, we'll get what we've always got. It is why the Greater Shankill Children & Young People Zone is of great significance. The Zone itself has been twenty years in the making and it will take twenty more years to fully realise its vision but the "game is on" to transform

the lives of this generation of children and young people. Our mission is to support every child and young person in our community on their journey to realising their potential. That mission, set by the Community Convention and its “Agreed Agenda”, will only be accomplished if we all work together and stay as one. That includes Government Departments and their Agencies; our politicians and community groups; our schools, sports clubs, young clubs and churches and everyone who makes up our community – especially our families. The Zone is variously the framework, the space, the crucible within which this will be developed and co-ordinated. It is the best chance, a world class, a “made in Shankill” chance for this generation. Put simply, we owe it to our children and grand-children.

Primary School	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Blackmountain	85	94	101	103	102	114	127
Springhill	268	247	237	225	207	179	174
Springfield	67	71	83	87	106	127	142
Edenbrooke	180	182	188	190	201	214	223
Forth River	200	201	205	200	201	208	209
Glenwood	447	467	484	498	504	495	509
Harmony	155	162	159	155	168	166	172
Malvern	116	116	113	108	117	118	112
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1518</b>	<b>1540</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>1566</b>	<b>1606</b>	<b>1621</b>	<b>1668</b>

# GREATER SHANKILL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

Task Groups

Children & Young People's Zone

Shankill Health

&

Wellbeing Forum

Community

Safety

Arts

&

Culture

Housing

&

Environment



**The main Partnership Committee of Greater Shankill Partnership Board provides the overall direction to the work of the Neighbourhood Renewal partnership. Present membership is listed below.**

Tom Winston	Alternatives	(Chairperson)	Elected 2015
Ray Palmer	Woodvale Cricket club		
Jackie Pollock	Unite Union		
Betty Carlisle	Shankill Women's centre		
Drennan McBride	Argyle Business centre		
Ian McLaughlin	SCOPE		
Joe Stewart	Impact training		
Tommy Laitimer	Stadium Projects		
Terry Leathem	Belfast City Council		
Billy Drummond	Alternatives		
Lee Reynolds	Democratic Unionist Party		
Cllr Billy Hutchinson	Progressive Unionist Party		
Cllr Brian Kingston	Democratic Unionist Party		
Cllr Gareth McKee	Democratic Unionist Party		
Cllr Jolene Bunting	Traditional Unionist Voice		
Cllr Frank McCoubrey	Democratic Unionist Party		
Conor Ellis	Belfast Regeneration Office		
Brian Barry	Belfast Trust (observer)		
Gail Green	Northern Ireland Housing Executive		

**The management Board meets at least six times per year.**

#### **Jobs / Employability & Business Task Group**

The aim of this task group is:

‘To increase the self-esteem and self-belief of people in the Greater Shankill to enable them to take full advantage of the employment and entrepreneurial opportunities available to them.’ Membership includes:

Gary Mc Kay	Assist	<b>Chairperson</b>
Ian Jamesion	Impact Training	
Denis Murray	Impact training	
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership	

### **Sports and Leisure**

The aim of this task group is:

‘To emphasise the importance of lifelong physical activity as a factor in increasing the quality of life in the Greater Shankill community’

Sports & Leisure Task Group

Billy Boyd	Belfast Community Sports Development Network
Leigh Shearer	Belfast City Council
Peter Shaw	Belfast Community Sports Development Network
Ray Palmer	Woodvale Cricket Club
Sarah Beattie	Shankill Judo Club
Mark Henry	Leisure Industry Academy
George Murray	Boys’ Model School
Joe Smith	Individual member
Peter Caldwell	Individual Member
David Elwood	Individual Member

### **Arts and Culture**

Although there has been no meetings of the Arts and Culture thematic group for over a year, a new enthusiasm has begun to develop a strategy for arts and culture for 2016 – 2020 which will inform the Neighbourhood Action plan. The aims for this project include:

- To increase awareness of current arts and cultural activities in the Greater Shankill and to develop a vibrant programme of cultural and artistic activity involving all communities in the Greater Shankill area.

- To capture and develop community aspirations for future arts and cultural activities, including events, collaborations and skills training.
- To develop a plan for a Greater Shankill Arts agenda for 2016 – 2020, which will create a culturally confident community at ease with itself.

This developing process is being led by The BEAT Carnival in partnership with GSPB.

There will be a short programme of research, discussion, consultation and artistic workshops with community participants during February, March and early April. The project will gather information on what arts activity and resources currently exist in Greater Shankill and will encourage ideas and discuss opportunities for future development. Project findings and recommendations will be presented in a written report and visually expressed in arts work produced at the workshops. Project participants and artists will create a physical Shankill Arts Map for Display.

This work and recommendations will be the start of forming a 2020 Shankill Arts vision. The project report will identify arts developments that would encourage, help and retain artistic talent in the Greater Shankill area, 2016 – 2020. As a result of the project, we hope that a Shankill Arts Consortium will be formed so that there can be a collaborative, ‘joined-up’ approach to develop plans for the future. This will take place in September 2016.



#### **Shankill Health and Wellbeing Forum**

The main aim of the Health and Wellbeing Forum is to promote Health in the Greater Shankill, thereby enabling local people to address issues of mental health and wellbeing and to make healthier life choices. The Health and Wellbeing Forum produced, developed and began delivering their new two year plan, which fits into the overall

NR action plan and this is being taken forward by the Forum. They also submitted an application for the take 5 grant scheme and a motivational Interview Level 2 programme in the autumn. This was open to all community workers in North Belfast, but only 16 places were available. They are also supporting the take 5 football competition in Woodvale Park. A community health profile was developed through three scoping exercises, which were undertaken in 2014, these related to, mental health, which then fed into the mental health hub family support. Chronic disease management which is still under development and workshops were also undertaken in the local community through the GSP and the LSCA. There was an increased participation in on-going programmes targeting specific populations e.g. Men, obesity in children etc.

This piece of work is always ongoing as the Forum look for new, innovative and more targeted approaches for delivery of programmes. There have been a range of timetabled events in the SWC, including Eat yourself healthy, Health fairs in local centres, Work and Life balance, Motivational interview training, Planning for healthier communities, Stroke and Aphasia training and healthy hearts workshops on a number of themes. The Forum has also been using email alerts, community websites and developing the potential of the GSP website to collect, collate and disseminate information.

This has helped to increase participation of the SHWBF, which enables the role of the Health Forum to be a tool for information and pathway development, but as new people and groups arrive, others fall off. So this is a developing process. The Forum has also undertaken training for frontline staff in things like Dementia Friendly training, Work and Life balance, Motivational interview training, Planning for healthier communities, Stroke and Aphasia training and healthy hearts. So the CHWF has become an access point for health information for frontline staff of community organisations and has Increased participation in appropriate intervention programmes. Dympna Johnston who chairs the

Greater Shankill Health Forum says that ‘health professionals and community workers often suffer from carrying the worries and fears of the people they are trying to help. People get beaten down’, she says. ‘They worry about the people they are trying to help. They find it hard to switch off. Sometimes they give out their mobile phone numbers and then get called at home at night or over the weekend.’ And the problem is complicated they are afraid of losing their jobs so they try to make themselves appear indispensable. ‘And then when cuts are made they hit staffing and resources first, and those who have tried to prove they can do everything end up doing even more. It is now better understood that people in front line services suffer from vicarious trauma and this doesn’t just apply to ambulance drivers or police, but to the community workers and health professionals who often deal day by day with people with complex problems. Dympna says there is now, a growing concern to teach Self Care to health professionals and community workers. ‘There is not much in the way of debriefing for them.’ She says that she wants people to develop reflective practice, ‘look at the things we are saying yes to. Ask yourself, If you do a lot for people will they ever find out what they can do for themselves.’ Health workers, says Dympna, can’t listen properly to the people they are dealing with, if they are thinking too much about themselves and their objectives. People are realising now that that progress is made in small steps.

The Forum has also tried to develop or source appropriate training on pre-conception health and Increase participation in appropriate intervention programmes. Training has been ongoing through the CHWBF, Shankill Women’s centre and the Sure Starts. A robust assessment tool has been developed by ISCYP called A full family assessment and it is routinely used by the family hub that is also now firmly established. A response pathway has developed and is evaluated at regular intervals

The local suicide response plan is now also well established and fully operational and is reviewed on a yearly basis. This represents a co-ordinated community response to suicides in the local area Social return on investment tools are also routinely used by the SWC, this is an innovative way to measure and account for the value you create with your work.

The Forum meets approximately once per quarter. Dates are agreed from meeting to meeting to fit around changing work programmes and timetables.

### **Shankill Health and Wellbeing Forum membership**

Dympna Johnston	Shankill Health & Wellbeing Forum	<b>Chairperson</b>
Alison Foster	Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL)	
Anne Meadows	Integrated Services for children and Young People	
Audrey Barr	WISPA	
Bryan Irwin	Cancer Lifeline	
Colin Duncan	Shankill Methodist Church	
Darren Linton	Shankill Alternatives	
Diane McIntyre	Public Health Agency	
Frank Johnston	Shankill Senior Citizens Forum (Volunteer Now)	
Irene Cooke	Shankill Surestart	
Janice Clarke	Girls Model	
Joe Canavan	Belfast Trust (Mental Health)	
Karen Foye	Martin Centre	
Laurence Ferguson	Belfast Trust (Community Development)	
Mandy Forsythe	Salvation Army	
Maryann Quigley	Senior Citizens Forum	
Paul Ferguson	WBACS	
Scott McLean	Surestart (Dads Matter)	
Tracy Smith	Hemsworth Court	
Trish Boyd	Shankill Women's Centre	
Una Mc Roberts	Ardoyne/Shankill Health Partnership	

**This membership is not exhaustive as other individuals attend meetings as and when the topic is of interest.**

## **Community Safety**

The Community Safety task group has met nine times this year. The discussions often centre around operational issues rather than the strategic elements of community safety within the action plan. Attendees feel this transpires because the efforts to reduce crime, tackle anti-social behaviour, drug abuse and reduce interface violence occurs on a daily basis. The group has been active in issues around the Twadell area, anti-social behaviour in the Lower Shankill, bonfire sites and burglaries, domestic violence and theft. The Police and Fire and Rescue services give monthly updates on their progress in these areas of activity. A review of this theme is underway and will include:

- A review of the theme of community safety in the action plan
- To drop any action that has been completed and drop any that are unachievable
- Prioritise and sequence any actions that are identified by the task group
- Allocate actions best suited to individual groups.

## **Community Safety Network**

Billy Drummond	Greater Shankill Alternatives	<b>Chairperson</b>
Liam Mc Anoy	Greater Shankill Partnership Board	
Barry Skeffington	Youth Justice Agency	
Claire Tobin	Belfast Regeneration Office	
Angela Elliott	PSNI	
Robin Gouk	PSNI	
George Ramsey	N I Fire and Rescue Service	
Gary Patterson	N I Fire and Rescue Service	
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership	
Karen Hunniford	Oaklee Housing	
Karen Rankin	NIHE	

Ernie McKinney	Lower Shankill Community Association
Ian McLaughlin	Lower Shankill Community Association
Isaac Andrews	Respect Project / Farset
Matt Kinkaid	Blackmountain Action Group
Richard McLernon	BCC Community Safety Department
Nev Gallagher	Youth Safety Partnership
Paul Ferguson	West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society
Geordie Courtney	Lower Shankill Community Association
Gerard Solinas	Respect Project
Jolena Flett	NICEM
Brian Kingston	Democratic Unionist Party

**Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month with the exception of July and December**

### **Employability**

The Job Assist Centre has engaged with local people who are furthest away from the labour market to assist them into employment; and to develop the skills base for those for whom employment is not an immediate option. They have provided a confidential, client focused, advice and mentoring service that seeks to work on a one-to-one basis with individuals who need guidance, support and encouragement in their efforts to secure training and employment.



Impact Training in Lanark Way and the Job Assist Centre is leading for the Greater Shankill in an initiative that will hopefully increase full and part time jobs for local unemployed 18-65 years. The initiative is part of the West Belfast/ Greater Shankill Social Investment Fund Programme set up by OFM/DFM and the ideas for the employment programme were fed into it by the Shankill Convention's Agreed Agenda Group. The paid work placements will be with

existing employers, locally and across Belfast, and a package of support is on offer to those on the programme. In addition, unemployed people



and those in low paid jobs (under £8.25 an hour) can benefit from a flexible training programme. It is aimed at getting people into a job or into a better job than they are in through better qualifications.

The majority of jobs that are available to people on the Shankill today are ‘lower level positions’. That is, they are jobs you might not want to do and would not expect to get paid much for. The Job Assist Programme which is mentoring people to get them into work explained that many people in the Greater Shankill have not worked for years or live in trying circumstances that aren’t conducive to steady employment. They believe that they can get people into jobs that have the potential to turn into careers, jobs in which people can progress and rise through an organisation.

The Job Assist Centre works with the ‘economically inactive and part of their job and the job of their mentors is to start turning the tide and getting people to think about work.’.

### **Training for employment at Job Assist**



<b>Groups funded under NR 15/16</b>	<b>Name of contact</b>	<b>Contact No's.</b>
1. Belfast Activity Centre <a href="mailto:trevor.kilpatrick@belfastactivitycentre.com">trevor.kilpatrick@belfastactivitycentre.com</a>	Trevor Kilpatrick	028 9060 0132
2. Blackmountain Action group <a href="mailto:b.m.a.g.@hotmail.co.uk">b.m.a.g.@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Matt Kincaid	028 9020 0305
3. Ex-prisoners Interpretative centre <a href="mailto:epicadmin@btconnect.com">epicadmin@btconnect.com</a>	Tom Roberts	028 9074 3330
4. West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society <a href="mailto:wbacs@btconnect.com">wbacs@btconnect.com</a>	Paul Ferguson	028 9074 8922
5. Hobby Horse Playgroup <a href="mailto:Hobbyhorse.belfast@gmail.com">Hobbyhorse.belfast@gmail.com</a>	Kathleen Mc Kee	028 9023 9572
6. Shankill Women's Centre <a href="mailto:betty@shankillwomenscentre.org">betty@shankillwomenscentre.org</a>	Betty Carlisle	028 9024 0642
7. Streetbeat Youth Project <a href="mailto:streetbeatyp@hotmail.co.uk">streetbeatyp@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Steve Morrison	028 9075 3874
8. Forum For Action on Substance Abuse <a href="mailto:info@fasaonline.org">info@fasaonline.org</a>	Roberta Coates Glass	028 9080 3040
9. Northern Ireland Alternatives	Billy Drummond	028 9031 1420

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10. Lower Shankill Community Association      [Ian Mc Laughlin](#)      028 9024 9740

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11. Belfast Community Sports      [Billy Boyd](#)      028 9029 7661

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[billy@bcstdn.org](mailto:billy@bcstdn.org)

12. Forthspring      [Chris O Halloran](#)      028 9031 3945

[fscoordinator@btconnect.com](mailto:fscoordinator@btconnect.com)

13. West Kirk Project      [Noel Hunter](#)      028 9071 4405

### **Greater Shankill Children and Young People Zone**

Community and elected representatives on the Agreed Agenda Steering Group led by Nigel Dodds MP, who presented the initiative to Departmental Ministers from (Social Development, Culture, Arts & Leisure, Education, Justice and Health & Social Services) and received their endorsement for the Zone. This twenty year strategy will develop an integrated approach and special initiatives to help children and young people in the Greater Shankill area to achieve their educational potential and to improve their life chances.



From left: Jackie Redpath, Naomi Thompson, William Humphrey, Nicola Verner, Nigel Dodds, Betty Carlisle, Winston Irvine, Dennis Cunningham, Nelson McCausland, Carol NiChulain, John O Dowd David Ford and Edwin Poots.

Mr Emlyn Wright, Principal of Girls Model endorsed the Zone by saying, ‘An essential idea of the Zone is that every child will have an individual pathway, and every child will be spoken to so that the best way forward can be found. So, rather than just give them their grades back on a sheet of paper the girls of year twelve went through a series of weeks when they got feedback from teachers so that there was a meaningful learning conversation and every child had an interview with a senior member of staff who went through the grades with them, discuss whether they had done enough revision or wanted to resit some of the subjects, and it was a real personalised approach. The inspiration for this came from the idea of the Zone.’



There are 5,968 reasons why the Greater Shankill Children & Young People Zone is important – it's the number of 0–20 year olds in the area at the last count. The Zone has promised that “one at a time, for as long as it takes”, it will work to support every child in this generation to more fully realise their potential. The Zone was declared by the area's Community Convention and has the backing of Ministers across seven



Stormont Departments and across political parties. The Zone will pull together all Government Agencies, local groups, youth clubs, churches and schools, with a singular, co-ordinated focus on the area's children and improving their life's chances. However, the key will be an individual plan for every child in the area, worked out with them and a supported

pathway for them to fulfil their hopes.

The 20 year journey of the Zone starts with a conversation with each child and young person in the Greater Shankill. The conversations are about “the story they want their lives to be“ and the pathway to get there. These conversations have started with the first group of children and their families. The “pathfinders” in this early stage of the Zone’s development are staff of the Integrated Services for Children & Young People.

### **Greater Shankill Housing Strategy 2016–2026**

#### **The aims of the housing strategy are:**

- To re-establish housing as a priority item on the agenda of regeneration.
- To assist in the further development of a stable and balanced population in the Greater Shankill, by developing housing demand and need as a pivotal issue for sustainable regeneration
- To foster an understanding of the housing choice for people wanting to return to the Shankill, as well as supporting the continuation of reducing levels of unfitnes by maintaining and improving the condition of the existing housing stock.



The Greater Shankill Community Convention at its meeting last April, called for a new Housing Strategy for the area, to replace the Housing Executive’s outdated 10 year old strategy. In response, the former DSD Housing Minister, Mervyn Storey indicated when attending the Convention, that his Department would consider any new strategy submitted to it. The Agreed Agenda Group seized on this opportunity and established a group to produce a new strategy that will take the Greater Shankill through to 2030. The Strategy Group brings together senior NIHE officials along with Belfast City

Council officers, local Councillors and Community Representatives. Its overarching aim is to ensure that adequate housing is developed to secure the Greater Shankill as a sustainable community, with its future guaranteed.

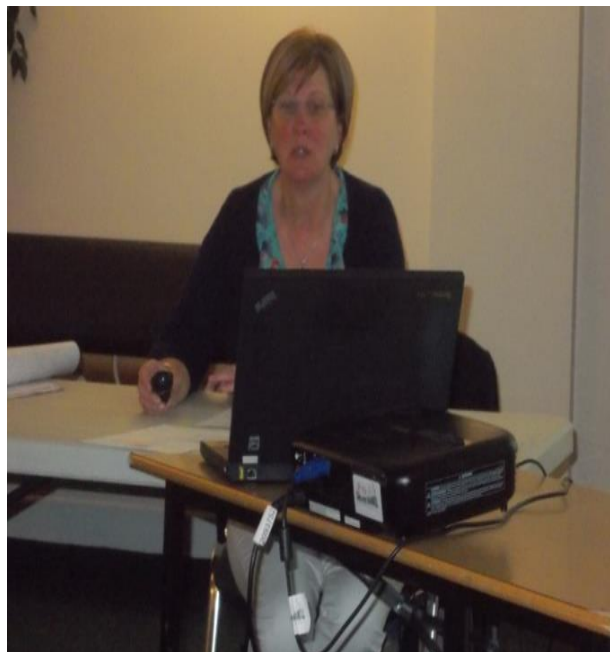
The sweep of the strategy takes in from Brown Square at the foot of the Shankill, right up to Springmartin at the top of “the Road”. The strategy is examining how many new houses need built in the next 15 years to complete the area’s regeneration and what type and size of housing is required.

The housing strategy will embrace work around:

- Environmental improvements
- Cycle lanes
- Developing vacant sites
- Developing interface areas

‘It’s uphill most of the way but the good bit is that it’s downhill in the other direction’. Said Jackie Redpath, CEO of Greater Shankill Partnership, Our aim is to create an environment that people will come to enjoy themselves in, a place where people will want to live and raise their families. It’s not fantasy, it’s a strategy to ensure people can have an opportunity to gain the type and size of housing they need. It will also propose the balance of new private homes for purchase and social housing. Conditions in the private land-lorded houses will be highlighted and a plan to up-grade the existing stock will be timetabled. When completed the new strategy will be submitted to the new Minister in the Department of communities.

## Greater Shankill Housing Strategy Workshop Shankill Area Working Group



A presentation was given by Cathy Reynolds from Belfast City Council, who began by outlining Community Planning and the Belfast Agenda. Community planning gives Belfast CC the power to ensure that Belfast has a set of goals that are shared by all and that it has a single, long-term strategic plan for the city, The Belfast Agenda. This will make clear links between social, economic and environmental issues, spatial planning, place shaping and regeneration. The council's objective is to have a liveable city and will work to ensure that people benefit from a well-planned, designed and sustainable city with high quality attractive local environments. The use of land and property assets provides the ability to deliver this Belfast Agenda. Full details of the workshop are attached at Annex A.



## Building the Belfast Agenda

Sharon Beattie

The community plan for Belfast will be known as the Belfast Agenda. It will be a joint vision for Belfast 2030, created in partnership with key city partners, residents and community organisations. The plan will set out measurable medium and long term goals for social, economic and environmental improvements for Belfast over the next 15 years. It therefore fits into the strategy for Neighbourhood renewal. We undertook this workshop to create awareness within the Greater Shankill area of the community planning process and its role within the Belfast agenda.



This is a new era for Local Government & the new Belfast Council.

The NI Executive's vision: *"...a strong, dynamic local government creating communities that are vibrant, healthy, prosperous, safe, sustainable and have the needs of all citizens at their core."*

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 there is:

- A reduction from 26 to 11 Councils
- New powers transferred to BCC– planning, off street parking, economic development,
- Regeneration was to be transferred in 2016 but has been delayed.
- BCC has a new duty for Community planning

As part of the Greater Shankill NR process we undertook a workshop on the role of BCC in relation to Community Planning. Full details are attached at Annex B.

### Community and Voluntary Groups

There were over 30 support sessions given to both NR groups and others in the Greater Shankill community over the last year. These included community safety, health and wellbeing, housing, employability training and community development support. Most of these groups are key to creating local plans, in health, housing and education to improve everyday life for people in the Greater Shankill area, this is a focus on what we ultimately aim to accomplish, a better quality of life for people in disadvantaged communities. As well as meeting with groups funded under NR as outlined in the contract, we have also been supporting other groups from the NR sub groups that have approached us for advice, information and support. This support to community groups and individuals enables them to strengthen their own participation in the development of their community and opens up different approaches to problem solving.

### **Exploring business opportunities**

We supported the exploration by a group of women to establish a backpackers hostel in North Belfast. At present they have been meeting with Argyle Business Centre, Enterprise NI, South Belfast partnership Board and a number of community groups. This idea of a purpose built backpackers hostel will add another facility and service to help increase tourism and an enhanced positive image for North Belfast.

A Housing Convention was held with statutory agencies; please refer to Appendix C for details on of the question and answer session.

### Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership 2015/2016 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2015/16 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2015/16 total expenditure in the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2015/16 Spend (as at 31/03/16)
<b>COMMUNITY RENEWAL/ SOCIAL RENEWAL</b>			
Belfast Activity Centre <sup>1</sup>	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£106,082.58	102,965.00
Blackmountain Action Group	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£59,404.08	58,278.29
EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£171,835.04	161,280.04
Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Crèche	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£51,943.65	51,155.71
Shankill Women's Centre	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£153,057.98	151,480.15
Streetbeat Youth Project	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£75,599.92	75,193.77

<sup>1</sup> Although based in the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Area the project delivers services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill

Forum for Action on Substance Abuse (FASA) <sup>2</sup>	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£318,026.96	£301,417.47
Northern Ireland Alternatives	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£310,804.62	240,881.92
Stadium Projects/ Forthspring Intercommunity Group	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£89,065.97	88,989.00
Lower Shankill Community Association – SCOPE	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£61,301.44	59,496.95
West Kirk Community Project	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£17,564.86	16,790.29
Belfast Community Sports Development Network <sup>3</sup>	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£41,242.56	41,031.15
Greater Shankill Partnership	01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015	£158,349.20	155,786.51
		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>

<sup>2</sup> This expenditure relates to the delivery of services on a citywide basis

<sup>3</sup> This project delivers services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill area

<b>Total Community/Social Renewal Expenditure</b>		<b>£1,614,278.86</b>	<b>£1,504,746.25</b>
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<b>Programme / Project</b>	<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Funding amount (Project Allocation)</b>	<b>2013/15 spend (as at 31/03/2016)</b>
<b>ECONOMIC RENEWAL</b>			
Farset Youth and Community Development – RESPECT	01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	£138,578.96	134,078.03
		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>Total Economic Renewal Expenditure</b>	<b>01/04/2015-31/03/2016</b>	<b>£138,578.96</b>	<b>£134,078.03</b>

<b>PHYSICAL RENEWAL</b>			
West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society (NIHE Conor's Corner)	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	23,679.00	£23,679.00
Northern Ireland Alternatives (Premises Refurbishment)	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	56,000.00	£56,000.00

		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>Total Physical Renewal Expenditure</b>	01/04/2015-31/03/2016	<b>£119,579.00</b>	<b>£79,679.00</b>

<b>CFF Funding Period</b>	<b>CFF Funding amount (Project Allocation)</b>	<b>2015/16Spend (as at 31/03/2016)</b>
	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>1/04/15 – 31/03/16</b>	<b>£1,872,436.82</b>	<b>£1,718,503.03</b>

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2015/16 YEAR

Community Output Measures* - post 2011 (mid term review)										
PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities	CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of projects improving community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 – Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR12 Number of enquiries and clients by category
<b>Belfast Activity Centre</b>	472		158		133		92			
<b>Blackmountain Action Group</b>	326		83		77			30		
<b>EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society</b>	8205	4865	48	70	14		15	112		927
<b>Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Creche</b>	75	30	20	16			2			
<b>Shankill Womens Centre</b>	553							1		
<b>Streetbeat Youth Project</b>	68	36	4	25	26	278	4	5		
<b>Forum for Action on Substance Abuse (FASA)<sup>4</sup></b>	64	142	33		5		63			

<sup>4</sup> The achievement of output measures by FASA relates to the delivery of services on a citywide basis

<b>Community Output Measures* - post 2011 (mid term review)</b>										
<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects</b>	<b>CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities</b>	<b>CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities</b>	<b>CR4 - Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work</b>	<b>CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building</b>	<b>CR6 - Number of projects improving community facilities</b>	<b>CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported</b>	<b>CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported</b>	<b>CR9 – Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space</b>	<b>CR12 Number of enquiries and clients by category</b>
<b>N I Alternatives<sup>5</sup></b>	5546	829			145		210	127		
<b>Stadium Youth and Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group</b>	1263			114	28		12		2555	
<b>Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)</b>	88		13		26		8	7		
<b>Farset RESPECT programme</b>								55		
<b>West Kirk Community Project</b>	38	84								
<b>Belfast Community Sports Development Network<sup>6</sup></b>		22			67		5			
<b>Northern Ireland</b>			10							

<sup>5</sup> The achievement of output measures by Northern Ireland Alternatives relates to the delivery of services across four sites, Greater Shankill Alternatives; North Belfast Alternatives; South Belfast Alternatives and East Belfast Alternatives

<sup>6</sup> The achievement of output measures by Belfast Community Sports Development Network relates to the delivery of services across North Belfast and Greater Shankill



Community Output Measures* - post 2011 (mid term review)									
PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding activities	CR3 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills/capacity building	CR6 - Number of projects improving community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 – Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space CR12 Number of enquiries and clients by category
Alternatives (PR Project)									
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,698</b>	<b>6,008</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>2,555</b> <b>927</b>

### Education Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(Ed)1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places crated/safeguarded	SR 3 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (primary)	SR 4 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (secondary)	SR5- Number of people attending parenting skills development programmes	SR 6 - Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR Projects (non-accredited)	SR (Ed) 7 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably improved	SR(Ed)10 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project (Special Needs)	SR (Ed)14 – Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed)28 - Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR Projects (accredited)
<b>Belfast Activity Centre</b>		626	244			204	66	3391	92
<b>Blackmountain Action Group</b>	42	45	39	20	24	128			50



PROJECT	SR(Ed)1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places crated/safeguarded	SR 3 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (primary)	SR 4 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (secondary)	SR5- Number of people attending parenting skills development programmes	SR 6 - Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR Projects (non-accredited)	SR (Ed) 7 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably improved	SR(Ed)10 – Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project (Special Needs)	SR (Ed)14 – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed)28 - Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR Projects (accredited)
NI Alternatives (PR Project)								3	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>23,607</b>	<b>475</b>

### Social Renewal - Health Output Measures

PROJECT	SR(H)1– Number of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects	SR (H) 2 Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	SR(H) 3 Number of people accessing intervention / treatment services	SR(H) 4 Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/ delivered	SR(H) 6 – Number of people benefitting from suicide prevention programmes	SR 12 –Number of people using improved sports facilities
Belfast Activity Centre	3357	3557				
Blackmountain Action Group	216			4		

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(H)1 – Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects</b>	<b>SR (H) 2 Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects</b>	<b>SR(H) 3 Number of people accessing intervention / treatment services</b>	<b>SR(H) 4 Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/ delivered</b>	<b>SR(H) 6 – Number of people benefiting from suicide prevention programmes</b>	<b>SR 12 –Number of people using improved sports facilities</b>
<b>EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society</b>	149					149
<b>Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Creche</b>	36					
<b>Shankill Women’s Centre</b>	230					
<b>Streetbeat Youth Project</b>						
<b>Forum for Action on Substance Abuse (FASA)</b>		3469	796			
<b>N I Alternatives</b>	725			220		
<b>Stadium Youth &amp; Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group</b>	187					
<b>Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)</b>	37					
<b>West Kirk Community Project</b>		21			10	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>7,047</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>149</b>

**Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>SR(C)1 – Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention</b>	<b>SR(C) 2 – Number of community safety Initiatives implemented</b>	<b>SR(C) 3 – Number of people attending community safety initiatives</b>	<b>SR1(C) 4 – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented</b>	<b>SR(C) 6 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary</b>	<b>SR (C) 10 Number of people involved in the impact of interface issues</b>	<b>SR16 – Number of young people having access to specialist support to address assessed needs</b>	<b>SR17 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion projects</b>	<b>SR18 – Number of victims of crime supported</b>
<b>Belfast Activity Centre</b>					826				
<b>Blackmountain Action Group</b>	150	4	135		347			347	
<b>EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society</b>		8	311	4					
<b>Forum for Action on Substance Abuse (FASA)</b>		14							
<b>Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Creche</b>									
<b>Shankill Women’s Centre</b>									
<b>Streetbeat Youth Project</b>		5	282		803	50	5		255
<b>Forum for Action on Substance Abuse (FASA)</b>		14			17				
<b>N I Alternatives</b>	2542	241	4914		4458				681

PROJECT	SR(C)1 – Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C) 2 – Number of community safety Initiatives implemented	SR(C) 3 – Number of people attending community safety initiatives	SR1(C) 4 – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SR(C) 6 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary	SR (C) 10 Number of people involved in the impact of interface issues	SR16 – Number of young people having access to specialist support to address assessed needs	SR17 – Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion projects	SR18 – Number of victims of crime supported
Stadium Youth & Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group									
Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)	137			3	91				
Farset “RESPECT” programme									
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2829</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>5642</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6542</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>936</b>

### Physical Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed and made ready for development	PR3 – Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR4 – Number of traffic calming schemes	PR5 – Number of buildings improved	PR8 – Number of projects improving community facilities	PR11 – Number of people/ Volunteers involved in environmental improvement projects
Blackmountain Action Group					3	95
EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society	4					
Shankill Women’s Centre						
Forum for Action on Substance Abuse (FASA)						

<b>N I Alternatives</b>						
<b>Stadium Youth &amp; Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group</b>			1			
<b>Conway Street Youth Centre</b>						
<b>Welcome Community Facility (BCC)</b>					1	
<b>West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society</b>		1				
<b>Northern Ireland Alternatives (Project)</b>				1		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>95</b>

**Economic Renewal Output Measures**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ER2 - Number of NR residents going into employment</b>	<b>ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice</b>	<b>ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training</b>	<b>ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid</b>	<b>ER14 Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in adult education</b>	<b>ER15- Number of FTE jobs safeguarded/created</b>
<b>Belfast Activity Centre</b>				136		3.2
<b>Blackmountain Action Group</b>	2.5					2.6
<b>EPIC / West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society</b>		38				5.0
<b>Hobby Horse Playgroup / Riddell Creche</b>			4			8.0
<b>Shankill Women's Centre</b>	51	77				6.9
<b>Streetbeat Youth Project</b>	7	50	29			2.5
<b>Forum for Action on Substance Abuse (FASA)</b>						12.0
<b>N I Alternatives</b>					326	12.6
<b>Stadium Youth &amp; Community Group / Forthspring Intercommunity Group</b>						



		450	6			4.0
<b>Lower Shankill Community Association (SCOPE)</b>						2.2
<b>Farset "RESPECT" programme</b>			52			4.0
<b>West Kirk Community Project</b>						1.0
<b>Belfast Community Sports Development Network</b>				83		1.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>65</b>

### **Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion**

In the 2015/16 financial year, **Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Partnership** total overall spend was **£1,718,503.28**

This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal/

Social Renewal                   **£1,504,746.25**

Economic Renewal           **£134,078.03**

Physical Renewal           **£79,679.00**

### Appendix C

#### **Question and answer session at Housing Convention.**

**Question.     Ian Mc Laughlin**

There is an emphasis being placed on training and employment. How does the BCC employ social clauses on development to ensure local employability? We need more information about job opportunities, can BCC generate employment within the Belfast Plan or have they already missed this opportunity.

**Answer        Brian Kingston        BCC Councillor**

Councillors need local people to be involved in developing the plan, more information is needed but the social clause policy is still live and all parties still support the social clause policy.

Employment and employability are still core issues for the BCC, we need time to understand the legality of contracts. There also needs to be working partnerships across all the developments, there will be approximately £750m and 700 jobs in terms of investment by the council. These are the practical outworking's of the social clause policy.

**Question     Billy Drummond**

Will the local communities receive or impart more information about each of the individual sites. If so what will the council do with this information? What I mean is, how do we, as a community get something more than just housing as a form of regeneration from the Belfast plan. There is a lot of closures on our main arterial route.

**Answer**      **Cathy Reynolds**

BCC will give out as much information as possible, in order to achieve a buy in from communities. It is up to councillors to decide what happens to any information provided to the council by local communities.

**Sharon Bailey**

We need to prioritise vacant sites for strategic development. The Building Successful communities initiative has already got lots of partners and we need to evaluate this project.

**Dundee contribution**

Dundee has had a bad experience in terms of housing led regeneration. Flats have been demolished, shops closed within a two mile radius.

Questions that needs to be discussed are:

- **Is the Shankill just a main arterial route into the city centre?**

If this is the case then traffic flow is the main consideration in terms of the Belfast Plan.

- **Is the Shankill a district shopping zone?**

If this is the case then there needs to be support within the Belfast Plan for small businesses, human, physical and financial this can impact on Billy's point that there are a lot of closures on the main Shankill Road.

- **Is the Shankill a community?**

If this is the case then there is a need within the plan for schools, playgrounds, housing, employment and leisure.

**Question**      **Billy Hutchinson**

Does the BCC have a 'clawback' clause on any investments made?

The question is how do we put pressure on owners to improve their sites, how do we give them incentives to develop their sites? The sites at Townsend and Lanark way have become eyesores.

**Question Billy Drummond**

**How do we increase the demand for housing on the Shankill?**

We need to identify non-occupation of homes, in both the social and the private sector and to have this aspect of any plan addressed as a matter of urgency. In Woodvale we have 50 unoccupied houses that are like jungles and the Housing Executive does not have a record of these houses.

**Cathy Reynolds**

The rates agency may have detail of owners of these properties and their owners. Belfast City Council's empty house unit may have more information that can be utilised. BCC has no power of compulsory purchase on a single house unit basis so we may need legislation to address these issues,

**Davy Brown Housing Executive**

The Housing Executive may have to restructure in line with local and regional regeneration strategies. There is a lot of work to be done in terms of identifying the right type of tenure for people and how the Shankill fits into any regeneration strategy for the rest of the city.

We need to dovetail any regeneration strategy into the community regeneration strategy for the Shankill community, if the HE can get this regeneration strategy right, then the other agencies can follow up in terms of employment, services and other resources.

**In terms of the Shankill there is:**

- 10,000 households
- 3800 are in owner occupation
- 4500 are social housing units
- 1200 are in private tenure
- 500 are in question

The original idea to create a greater degree of owner occupation was hit by the recession. However, some developers are actively working with the HE on new affordable housing initiatives.

**Points made in general discussion**

In terms of the Building Successful Communities project.

When there is demonstrable need we have to work actively with communities to address the need.

**There is a need for a wide database with space for:**

- Measuring employment and unemployment levels effectively
- Measuring the nature and extent of educational qualifications
- Measuring how many people are moving out of the area and why
- The types of tenure that currently exist and any other types required
- Create a waiting list for social housing

This type of information can help us to maintain the existing population and give us a platform to develop the housing and regeneration strategy.

**Alison Bright          Helm Housing Association**

Any housing strategy needs to understand the nature of grants from DSD for housing led regeneration.

**Ian Mc Laughlin          Lower Shankill Community Association**

Re-lets are a big concern for the Lower Shankill, we need to understand why people are leaving in order to settle the community. People simply cannot be allowed to move in and out of ‘new’ housing for the sake of it.

We also need to know what units of housing were removed to allow for new build – do we have a net gain or a net loss. A lot of the old units were voids.

**Jackie Redpath**

We need to agree on a task force to take this development further through the Summer months and to come back to a further Convention with their findings. The Agreed Agenda group can facilitate this process if people agreed, there was no disagreement with this.

Jackie asked if BCC could support this process with secretariat support and information requirements. It was agreed that Sharon Beattie would look into this possibility for us and get back to Jackie.

**Annex A**

### **The workshop discussed.**

- A scoping exercise undertaken by BCC in conjunction with NIHE and DSD to identify vacant sites in the Greater Shankill area, the sites are held in both public and private ownership many with planning permissions that have already expired.
- An assessment of planning approvals and applications within the Greater Shankill area, many planning approvals have now also expired

### **The concerns expressed at the workshop included.**

- That continued dereliction encourages anti-social activity, fly tipping, unattractive environments for new businesses and residents.
- Unless economic activity in the area increases deterioration will continue.
- Employment opportunities = increased housing demand. (This issue is being addressed, see below)

### **Public land within the Greater Shankill area**

- 47 Sites in Public Ownership
- 13 with Planning Permission Approval
- 19 Expired Planning Permissions

BCC own 10% of all the land and Cathy indicated that this was a powerful tool to use to develop the Belfast Plan and the Greater Shankill Housing strategy and join it up with other resources, including schools, pitches and playgrounds. She said a housing led strategy also requires other things like, shops, playgrounds and green space.

### **Private ownership within the Greater Shankill area.**

- 31 Sites in Private Ownership

- 7 with Planning Permission Approval
- 18 Expired Planning Permissions
- 831 Residential Units and 165 Nursing Home Units

**Cathy explained there are a lot of potential Opportunities... But development constraints include.**

- Utilities, services availability and cost of relocation
- Ownership – NAMA, Administrators
- Title – Restrictive constraints
- Cost of development? Viability
- Site Contamination and demand



Sharon Mc Nicholl from Community Planning at Belfast City Council, gave a slide presentation to the housing Convention. There is a need for the housing strategy to link with other regeneration initiatives as increased economic activity will ensure there is increased demand for housing and this will need a degree of community buy in. There are 47 vacant sites owned by the Housing Executive and DSD, 13 have planning permission. There is a real need to have joined up development and more information is required about who owns what property.



Sharon gave an overview of projected housing provision between 2011 and 2015 and talked about 10 new Housing Schemes with 186 New Homes and a £22M investment.

Sharon also explained that Belfast CC has inherited approximately 55,000 new citizens, this has given new challenges to community planning as Belfast City Council is now the planning authority

for Belfast, this ties all city councillors into the planning process for the city. Strategic regeneration was to be transferred to BCC in 2016 and the new powers will bring lots of organisations together to help plan, develop and regenerate the city.



Belfast has 55,000 new citizens as a result of the boundary changes, this has implications for the Greater Shankill as well as the rest of the city.

Social housing supply Greater Shankill area.



NIHE	HousingStock	HousingAssociation
Total	3352 Homes	1458 Homes
Houses	2549	1075
Flats	463	1075 General needs
Bungalows	340	383 Supported/sheltered

#### **New build schemes**

Tudor -	15
Lawnbrook phase 1 / 2	54
Somervale	41 (under construction)
Lower Shankill 1	21
Lower Shankill 2	12 (under construction)
Ainsworth	6
Helmsworth Court	35
Blackmountain	2

#### **Future programme of new homes**

- Lawnbrook phase 3 22 (Fold, Social affordable)
- Forthriver 19 NBHA
- Blackmountain 1 (Special needs Bungalow)

Total

42

### **Sharon outlined investment in Housing Executive stock**

In the last three years we have replaced over 350 single glazed properties with new double glazed windows at a cost of over £750K.

From summer 2011 to the end of 2014 we have carried out external maintenance to over 900 homes at a cost of over £1.6 million.

Currently on site is an external maintenance scheme for over 225 homes at a cost of approximately £260K.

Since the summer of 2011 until the end of 2014 we have provided over 1063 homes with new heating systems at a cost of over £5 million.

In January 2015 we have started two more heating schemes for over 228 homes at a cost of over £1 million.

Since summer 2011 until the end of 2014, we have installed new kitchens in approximately 960 homes at a cost of over £3.5 million

### **And explained some future Regeneration / Development opportunities.**

Three external maintenance schemes planned for next financial year (2015/16), totalling over 630 dwellings at an estimated cost of £976K

Four more heating schemes in 2015, for over 330 homes at an estimated cost of approximately £1.4 million.

Two kitchen replacement schemes planned for 2015/16 for over 390 homes at an estimated cost of over £1.2 million. And

### **NIHE owned sites –**

**Caledon Street**, Lands can be used to enable future development support for 1 bedroom accom **Woodvale Road**. Site currently on open market, Twaddell  
Camp on site at Ardoyne corner

Gardiner Street, Economic Appraisal to be undertaken and approved by DSD / DFP / SIB

### **Non NIHE sites –**

**Lanark Way, Support for Social Apartments**

**Lanark Way** / BRO Site / Private

**Mayo Link**, Nursery School, Women's Group

**Tennent Street**, Private site, Bar extension

**Third Street / Cupar Way** BRO, Privately owned

F.G. Wilson site – on open market.

Various Private sites

Nursing Home site (Lower Shankill)  
Townsend Street (Global Country of World Peace)

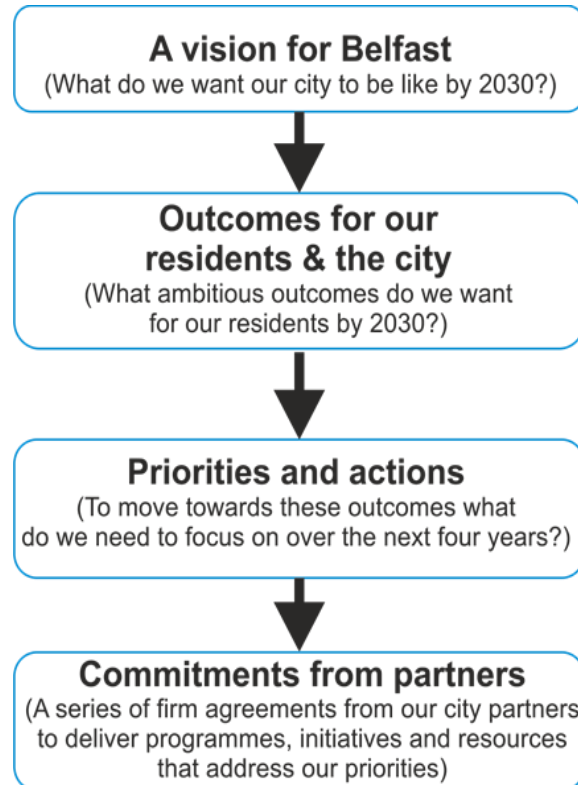
The working group is continuing to work on the strategy and a development day is planned.

## Annex B

### Definition of community planning.

*“A process which helps public agencies to work together with the community to plan and deliver better services which make a real difference to people's lives.”*

### Agencies working together.

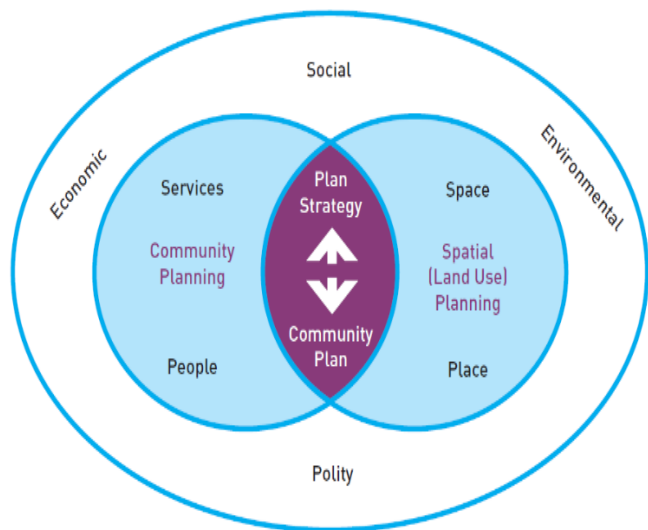


There was a discussion around local development plans and the development of new approaches, these could come from the lessons learned from what already exists. What is most crucial for local people in the Greater Shankill is jobs, education and housing. We need good civic and city leadership to encourage people to become involved in their community.

### Other Strategic place-shaping opportunities

- A new Programme for Government
- Spatial Planning (Local Development Plan)
- A new city centre regeneration framework
- New approaches to urban regeneration
- New approaches to neighbourhood working

### How does this all link to the Local Development Plan?



### What has been happening already?

- Residents Survey
- What already exists?
- Initial engagement which has focused around these main points. **(Crumlin Road Gaol)**



These ‘conversations’ have been well attended by NR groups and the discussions have been very wide and varied. They included:  
**Belfast (the present day)**

What do people like about Belfast, answers included:

- the **people**;
- its **location** and **compact size**; and
- the **vibrancy** and buzz of the city

What don't people like about Belfast, answers included:

- **Division** and segregated communities
- **Connectivity** and **transport** issues
- **Deprivation, poverty**, homelessness
- **Dereliction/vacant sites** in city centre and neighbourhoods

A discussion was also engaged in about the future for Belfast (2030)

### **Belfast 2030, 15 years from now (the future)**

What should Belfast be like in the future? Or what's your vision for Belfast? It was agreed that Belfast should be:

- **An accessible and connected city,**
- **It should be shared and diverse**
- **It should enjoy economic success with jobs opportunities for people**
- **Regenerated neighbourhoods should have educated and skilled young people**

In the shorter term Belfast should have a focus on:

- Education, skills and employment
- Economic Growth
- City and neighbourhood regeneration
- Transport and connectivity
- Citizen engagement and participation
- Leadership
- Economy & more jobs
- Happy & healthy communities
- Attractive and sustainable places to live



**The chair of the workshops and the contributors**

Work has commenced to collate and analyse all of the feedback from the Belfast Conversations, BCC will be doing this with input from partners. 'We need to be ready to work with other parties to make sure that BCC is fit for purpose, using our resources effectively'. There was a question and answer session and this is included in the appendix.

**These workshops have the added value of:**

Raising awareness across the Greater Shankill of the Community Planning process in their new council area, to include legislative requirements, responsibilities and the Community Planning Foundation Programme. It also helps to build and maintain working relationships on behalf of the Partnership with City Council Community Planning services and ensure effective communication with regard to Community Planning. It is a new power that BCC has taken on as a result of the reform of local government, public services will work together with communities to deliver improvements for local people.