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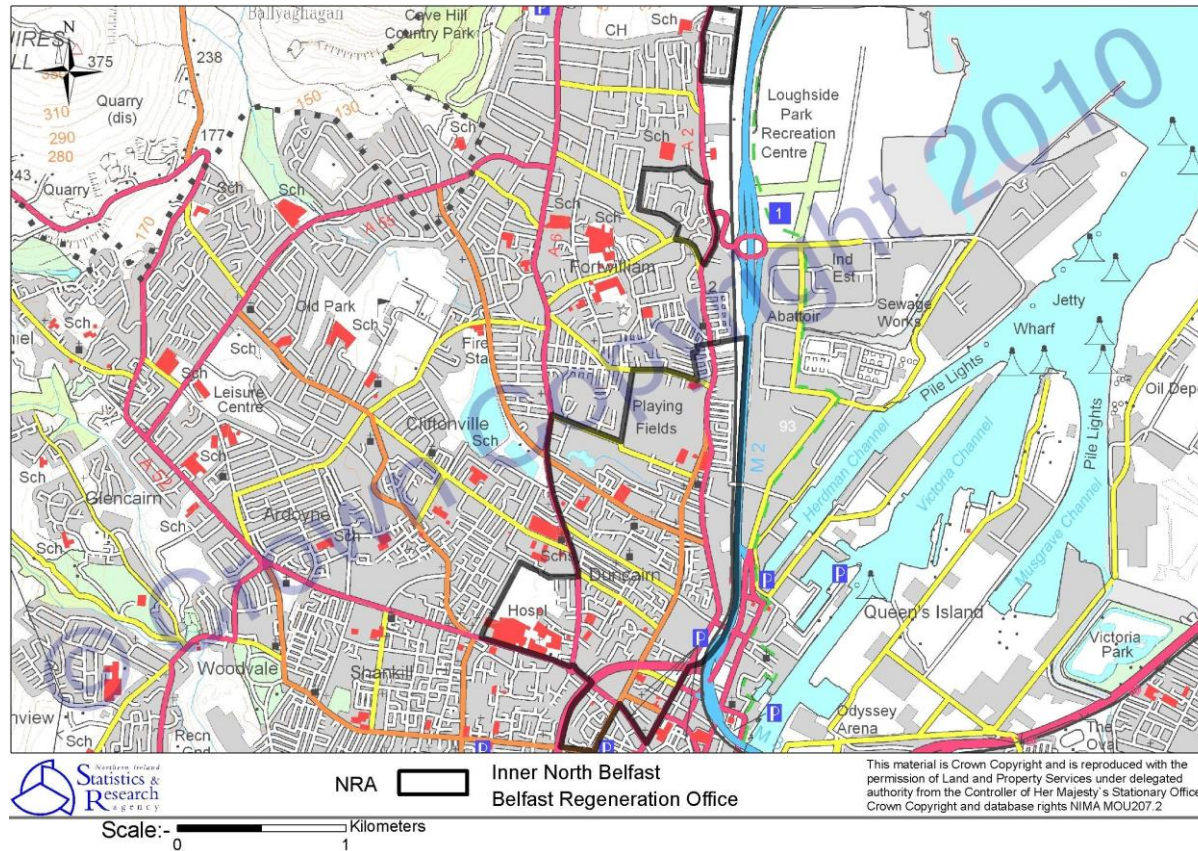
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Area Profile of Inner North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA)¹



¹ The figures in this Section are based on the 2001 Census Output Areas which approximate the Neighbourhood Renewal Area shown in the map above. Census Output Areas are the smallest geographic units for which official statistics can be produced whilst also protecting the confidentiality of individuals. For a copy of the Output Areas on which this profile is based click here: [Neighbourhood Renewal Area to Output Area lookup](#)

Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

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About Neighbourhood Renewal:

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme still 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 Inner North area; reflecting high levels of unemployment, low educational attainment, community health issues and the challenges facing young people in the area in addition to widespread physical blight and dereliction.

Background Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership:

The Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership emerged in late 2004 through informal meetings between representatives of Greater New Lodge Community Empowerment Partnership and Lower North Belfast Community Council. The Neighbourhood Partnership initially comprised of four representatives from each group. Representatives from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust also became members. The original community balance, established at the end of 2004, was supplemented in April 2006 by a representative from Mount Vernon when this neighbourhood was added to the neighbourhood renewal area (NRA) by DSD.

Inner North Belfast NRA comprises mostly of Duncairn and New Lodge wards, and includes Carrick Hill, Newington, Duncairn, New Lodge, Mountcollyer, Gainsborough, Grove, Northwood, Mount Vernon and Shore Crescent. A number of main arterial routes run through the area and the M2 motorway acts as one of its boundaries. It should be noted that the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and its subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent subgroup Terms of

Reference. There is a shared commitment of all participants through planning arrangements that provides the framework to ensure individual respective plans are aligned to a sovereign plan and that resources and primary and mainstream activities are directed at achieving identified local outcomes and addressing priority needs. In the next operational year, the partnership as a collective will seek to access resources to arrange tailored made and up to date training open to partnership members and staff and volunteers. It is envisaged that a pilot session will be in place before the end of 2018 calendar year

The Partnership consists of a range of community and voluntary sector partners from across New Lodge, Carrick Hill, Tigers Bay, Shore Road and Mount Vernon, and is complemented by the North Belfast Partnership Board, Belfast City Council, NIHE, and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. It is committed to delivering sustained improvement in Inner North Neighbourhoods as initially reflected in its 2006 Vision Framework and Action Plan.

The Partnership still has 4 sub-groups to assist in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes 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 Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA).

The development of annual Action Plans meant all members of the sub-groups involved in delivering Neighbourhood Renewal had a seat at the Partnership. After a review in it was agreed that the Partnership move to establish a smaller more focused Partnership Management Committee that would provide overall direction to the work of the Partnership.

Each subgroup would then nominate at least one member to sit on the main Partnership Management Committee. Each sub group was to appoint a chairperson and a co-chair and engage with the appropriate statutory representatives to ensure representation on the subgroup.

The ongoing core aims of the sub groups were:

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

2017- 2018: Partnership Management Committee Membership was:

Paul Roberts (Chairperson)	Community Representative Ashton Community Trust
Billy Hutchinson (Vice Chairperson)	Community Representative Mount Vernon Community Development Forum
Jenny Oliver	Statutory Representative Belfast City Council
Vacant	Statutory Representative Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Malachy McKinney	Statutory Representative Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Katrina Newell	Community Representative New Lodge Arts
Frances Duff	Community Representative Fortwilliam Youth Club

May Adamson	Community Representative Loughview Community Action Partnership
Irene Sherry	Community Representative Ashton Community Trust
Conor Ellis	Statutory Representative Department for Communities – Community Engagement Division – Greater Shankill & North Team
Michael Bradley	Statutory Representative Department for Communities – Community Engagement Division – Greater Shankill & North Team
Amanda Ashe	Community Representative Loughview Community Action Partnership
Paul O’Neill	Community Representative Ashton Community Trust

2017-2018 INNER NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP SUBGROUPS: Listed Below

Physical and
Economic Sub
Group

Social and
Renewal Sub
Group

Children and
Young People
Sub Group

Health and
Wellbeing
Sub Group

The sub group members were :

Physical and Economic Sub Group

Paul Roberts (Co-chair)	Ashton Community Trust
Amanda Ashe (Co- chair)	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Alice Quinn	Invest NI
Lynn Carvill	Womens TEC
Billy Hutchinson	Mountvernon Community Development Forum
Bill Hill	Loughview Community Partnership
Frank Dempsey	Carrick Hill Residents Association
Gerard Brophy	St Pats and St Josephs
Jim Crothers	The Hub
Liam Wiggins	Seven Towers Residents Group
Pat Boyle	Ashton Community Trust
Paul O'Neill	Ashton Community Trust
Malachy McKinney	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Susan Neill	North Belfast Employment Centre

Social and Community Sub Group

Billy Hutchinson (Co-chair)	Mount Vernon Community Development Forum
Paul O'Neill (Co- chair)	Ashton Community Trust
Barbara Wallace	Groundwork NI
Jackie Bradley	Carrick Hill Residents Association
Caoimhin O'Murchu	Newington Residents Association
David Mawhinney	Loughside Credit Union (LCAP)

Jenny Oliver	Belfast City Council
Joan Totten	NI Alternatives
Maria McCafferty	Star Neighbourhood Centre
Paula Reynolds	Sector Matters
Moyra Wylie	Mount Vernon Community Development Forum
Heather Floyd	Arts For All

Children and Young People Sub Group

Katrina Newell (Co-chair)	New Lodge Arts
Frances Duff (Co-chair)	Fortwilliam Youth Club
Jackie Bradley	Carrick Hill Residents Association
Cathy Crawford	Sure Start
Christine McKeown	Kinderkids Daycare
Margaret Valente	Star Neighbourhood Cen
May Adamson	LCAP
Colleen Crothers	The Hub
Kerry Johnston	Ashton Community Trust
Jeanette Burns	Ashton Community Trust
Sarah Kelly	Star Neighbourhood Centre

Health and Well Being Sub Group

Irene Sherry (Co-chair)	Bridge of Hope
Jackie Bradley	Carrick Hill Residents Association
Cathy Curry	Belfast Health & social Care Trust
Fiona Molloy	Contact NI
Maria McCafferty	Star Neighbourhood Centre
Helen Patterson	Mount Vernon Community Development Forum
Brian McGuire	PIPS

Jo Murphy	Lighthouse
Joe Canavan	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Julie Jamieson	New Lodge and Duncairn Gdns Healthy Living Partnership
Karen Collins-Neill	New Life Counselling
Liddean McStravog	Cancer Lifeline
Linda Duffy	174 Trust
Mary Connelly	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

North Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership Chairs Forum

Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership is one of a number Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships throughout North Belfast. The others are:

- Ballysillan and Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership
- Crumlin / Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
- Ligoniel Neighbourhood Partnership
- Rathcoole Neighbourhood Partnership

The North Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership Chairs tried again to meet bi-monthly to collaborate on their neighbourhood renewal work across North Belfast's most disadvantaged communities. The Chairs' Forum, which is facilitated by North Belfast Partnership and BRO, 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.

The North Belfast Health Forum

The North Belfast Health & Social Wellbeing Forum has been in existence from 1999 when North Belfast Partnership facilitated the coming together of interested individuals & groups to develop a cross-community partnership approach to addressing issues of health & social well-being throughout north Belfast.

The Forum continues to provide a platform to discuss health issues impacting north Belfast and prioritise areas of work which need to be addressed: members include representatives from across the community, voluntary and statutory sectors working in the field of health & wellbeing with the overarching aim of reducing life inequalities throughout the locality.

Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Funded Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting six projects within the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Community Renewal/Social Renewal

1. 174 Trust – Afterschool Project

This year the Afterschool has been very successful again. This has been reflected in an increase of the number of children attending per day. Parents were given evaluation forms where we received very positive feedback on the service we provide. We have our own bus that enables us to pick up children from schools outside the catchment area as well as the local schools. Social Services gave us a very good report during their annual inspection, and our deputy Supervisor graduated with level 5 Play work qualifications.

The staff provided a varied programme of activities, developed around the 12 principles of play, as well as taking into account children's interests and requests. We also have been able to access facilitators during this year who have provided a wide range of activities:

Duncairn Health Partnership delivered a two week programme with the children on how to de-stress by using children's yoga, this included de-stress yoga sessions.

North Belfast Christmas Carnival sent two facilitators from the 'Beat' festival to complete workshops on Woodland mask making for the Christmas parade on the Shankill Road.

New Lodge Arts – Artists completed a number of workshops with the children again this year which have included lantern making for the Halloween parade in Alexander Park.

Jigsaw provided workshops to help children recognise and explore their emotions and how to express themselves along with their ideas using differing emotions. This was part of 'wellbeing' programme.

Resident outreach artist – We were provided with a facilitator from our own Duncairn Arts Centre to do workshops on Lego moving images and the children made their own films. These film workshops proved to be a huge hit with the children.

We are very lucky as a childcare provider to have an enclosed back garden. Children are able to use this outside area for physical play. This year we accessed the help from The Prince's Trust who provided volunteers to create a new dimension to the garden space. They created a music wall from old household articles, a fairy garden and a dinosaur pond which has helped to further develop the children's imaginations and create more play opportunities. We ran a very successful summer scheme in July/August from 8.30a.m – 5.00p.m daily. Breakfast and snacks were provided and a varied programme of outings and activities were on offer.

As a childcare provider, we always strive to improve our service and this was recognised in our yearly Social Services inspection on the "Quality of care", in which we received no recommendations.

The 174 Trust is committed to providing quality and affordable childcare to enable parents to work or access training as a way back into the workplace.



2. Carrick Hill Residents Association:

Carrick Hill Community Centre has enjoyed a great deal of community engagement and local support in this last year – from our young people in particular and volunteers. In-centre activity continues to rise across all area of service provision; children, youth, pre-schoolers, senior citizens, computer suite, cultural classes in history and language and with gym users. Among our most popular and well attended classes are our ladies fitness classes. Stretch & Tone, Zumba and Pilates are firm favourites with women using the centre in the evenings and these classes continue to feature in our weekly programme. Our community centre has recently been awarded almost £60,000 from the Garfield Weston Anniversary Fund to completely overhaul our shower and changing areas and we are confident this refurbishment will help us see more people joining our physical activity programmes.

One of our senior citizens groups; the Trinity new Lodge Senior Citizen's Group continue to meet every Tuesday night for their weekly dance. This group runs at a capacity of around 100 people and as well as enjoying their weekly dance, they enjoy several weekends away each year and seasonal party nights at Christmas and Halloween. Another senior citizens group, 'The Thursday Club' meet weekly for bingo and tea and in addition to this they participate in some additional services such as boccia, flower arranging, crocheting and outdoor trips. They have recently completed a programme through the Women's Resource and Development Agency designed to raise awareness regarding breast, cervical and bowel screening.

Children in the early years are a focus for Carrick Hill and SMILE Sure Start are one of our regular user groups within our centre and they offer a range of services for parents & toddlers from cross the SMILE geographical remit within the Carrick Hill area including parent and toddler sessions, song and rhyme times and parents are supported in accessing additional services such as speech and language therapy when needs be.

We have a strong relationship with the local statutory nursery school too at Stanhope Drive who use the centre three afternoons per week as part of their extended schools programme. Our afterschool's programme runs two afternoons per week where primary school aged children can get support in homework projects etc, particularly if their homework is IT based and they can avail of our internet suite. Our evening activities for children can range from arts and crafts, hip hop dancing and of course our Friday night kiddies disco is a fixed activity throughout the year.

Our youth project is growing in number and strength. Our youth worker, Kevin has engaged a new tranche of local young people this year again and continues to work with them on a variety of issues affecting them. Recently, these young people completed a programme of work with Mind skills Training and Coaching on mental health. We as a community are very proud of them, all too often our young people get a bad name but this singular project is testament to the commitment and passion, often untapped, in all of them.

These weekly programmes are complimented with seasonal and other programmes such as summer schemes, Christmas activities, days away and residential. All are welcome at Carrick Hill, we would love to see new people coming through our doors.

3. Star Neighbourhood Centre:

The Star Neighbourhood Centre is an organic and generic community organisation, based on the Duncairn Gardens interface in the New Lodge area of North Belfast

We are a quality driven organisation where the focus is on our user requirements and where quality is demonstrated in our day-to-day operations.

We aim to respond to locally identified need through close engagement with the community, beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries. The services the Star offers are tailored to meet local need, e.g., opening hours and range of activities and programmes.

The Star works on a holistic basis within the neighbourhood, catering for pre-school age children to providing a services for older people. Given its 'position' within the community, the Star Neighbourhood Centre has the flexibility to be able to react to particular situations and respond to changing local needs as and when they arise.

Star Neighbourhood Centre provides a number of programmes, facilities and services to the Greater New Lodge community. These include:-

- Childcare social economy projects
- Out of Schools
- Family Support
- Youth projects
- Older Persons group
- Support for groups
- Volunteer development Projects
- Community inclusion events

The Centre acts as a local resource centre for the community. This includes offering services such as typing, photocopying, computer and internet access, telephone/fax and lending equipment. The Star also acts as a conduit to statutory and voluntary organisations for local people to access information of training, benefits, legislation, employment and acts as a "sign poster" to other community organisations and training providers within the area.

As well as the provision of services, the Star acts as a development catalyst for the area advocating and campaigning on behalf of the community to attract resources and drawing the attention of resource providers and policy makers to the needs of the Greater New Lodge area.

Highlights of the year

- 40** Children availed of childcare places enabling parents to access work or training
- 170** people participated in community relations/inclusion projects
- 20** volunteers engaged in community development activities

- 140 children took part in holiday schemes
- 26 people took part in programmes to support and develop local parents
- 22 individual young people received up to 4 different OCN qualifications
- 25 people took part in suicide prevention programmes
- 38 people participated in programmes to promote a healthy lifestyle
- 27 residents participated in programmes to promote community safety
- 155 young people benefitting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects





4. Mount Vernon Community Development Forum / Loughview Community Action Partnership(LCAP)

The Forum and Partnership is an umbrella group that seeks to address social and economic issues for residents from White City to Tigers Bay. They work collaboratively with other groups to address these social and economic issues within the Inner North Neighbourhood area. As such, thematic groups have been established that focus on issues for seniors, youth and health. Examples of this are; Ashton Community Trust, Northern Ireland Alternatives, Good Morning Belfast, Sure start and the CLARE project as well as a wide range of statutory agencies, which enables programme delivery such as training and employment services, and a wide range of other programmes including arts, sports and culture, health, seniors and environment and youth.

5. Arts for All



Arts for All was established to increase opportunities for artistic activity in communities that traditionally had limited engagement with the arts. Since its inception, and with the refurbishment of its cultural hub, the John Luke Gallery, the organisation has caused a rippling effect gently influencing and inviting groups to developed their own arts and cultural activities.



Economic Renewal



6. Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment

Ashton Community Trust Employment & Training Services is an initiative designed to help unemployed people overcome those issues that may be preventing them from finding and keeping a job. Its services are securely embedded in local communities where it has gained significant trust with local people. Its services are about empowering people and where people take responsibility for and ownership of their own lives. It offers a number of training services that are flexible around need, it involves a structured framework for clients to uncover barriers, explore ways of overcoming their barriers, accessing training, develop employability skills and secure employment.

Community ICT is part of this service it; Targets those who have not previously derived full benefit from learning, providing Essential Skills training in literacy and numeracy, as well as ICT training. Using one to one tuition, small group learning and group orientated sessions, the programme has enabled participants to acquire new and improved skills, and given them the opportunity to progress to jobs or to further education or vocational training both within the Ashton Community Trust and at other educational establishments. Essential skills support is designed to enable them to improve their overall quality of life, their personal development and their employment opportunities.

Activities this year have included

- 53 Participants achieving accredited qualifications in essential skills, communication, literacy and numeracy and ICT
- 3 Residents obtaining employment following participation in the training
- 113 Residents receiving careers advice and guidance
- 113 Residents receiving training in literacy, communication, numeracy, application of number and ICT
- 10 Gained formal ECDL essentials qualification

This training helps participants progress to further education, training or into employment.

7. Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids Day-Care

Throughout the year 17-March 18, Kinderkids day care provided childcare to 514 children. The project enabled 455 parents to remain in or uptake employment, avail of education and training opportunities and family support services. Kinderkids day care continued to work in partnership with Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to support 102 children through providing high quality childcare services to meet their needs.

Throughout the years 17-18 Kinderkids was delighted to open a new purpose built day care facility in Henry Place North Belfast. The new facility is registered for 98 children and has created employment for an additional 20 staff. Throughout this period, Kinderkids also focused on the enhancement of service delivery and improved outcomes for children accessing the service. The project built upon the established Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum to ensure the enhanced implementation of a child centred programme which focused on children's development, emotional wellbeing and resilience.

Kinderkids organised and delivered a Summer Programme for the out of school age group. This project was in extremely high demand. The children engaged in numerous in-house and out of centre activities. The main focus of the summer programme was on health and well-being, community safety, art and cultural awareness

The Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub of which Ashton Community Trust is the lead body continues to go from strength to strength. Throughout the year April 17-March 18 the project received 202 family referrals. Many of the referrals came from families themselves through self-referral as well as from Health Professionals, education, community partners and others. The lower North Belfast Family Support hub is committed to continue supporting families in Lower North Belfast by matching early intervention services to families' individual needs.

8. Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator:

The Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator is located within the Ashton Community Trust as lead partner for the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. The Coordinator supports the partnership and will support work on the agreed actions identified within the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The facilitate collaboration and joint working across the various initiatives relevant to the regeneration and renewal priorities across Inner North and promote best practice on joint outputs to achieve common outcomes.

The primary purpose of the post is still to continue to provide the Inner North Partnership and its subgroups; Children, Young People and Families; People and Communities; Spatial & Physical; and the Health and Wellbeing subgroup. With this dedicated resource and capacity to ensure that the following deliverables are met.

- Voluntary/community groups working in across Inner North are supported
- Better integration of Community Planning developments with the work of the INNRP and its stakeholders across Inner North
- Inner North N.R. Code of Practice and Guiding Principles is implemented;
- Inner North N.R. Action Plan is reviewed
- Inner North N.R. Information pack is reviewed and updated
- Inner North N.R. Partnership training and capacity needs are identified;
- Inner North N.R. Partnership membership is representative and effective;
- Regular meetings of Inner North Partnership and subgroups are held and administered with the ethos of being action orientated; and
- Inner North N.R. Annual report is drafted and produced.

Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership 2017/2018 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2017/18 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2017/18 total expenditure in the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	Funding Period	Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2017/18 Spend (as at 31/03/18)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL/ SOCIAL RENEWAL			
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator	1/04/2017 – 31/03/18	£ 27,539.59	£ 23,161.35
174 Trust (Part funding of Deputy Co-ordinator Post)	01/04/2017- 31/03/2018	£ 11016.78	£10,829.30
Carrick Hill Residents Association (FT Centre Co-ordinator, PT Finance/Admin Officer)	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£ 40,917.00	£39,499.68
Arts for All PT Admin Officer, Part-funding of Project Co- ordinator Post)	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£ 8,612.28	£ 8,612.28
Star Neighbourhood Centre (Centre Manager, Childcare Co-ordinator, Deputy Leader, 3 Youth Development Officers)	01/04/2017-31/03/2018	£123853.19	£120,297.27
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum / Loughview Community Action Partnership (Community Development Worker)	01/04/2017-31/03/2018	£ 85,835.76	£85,506.04
		Allocation	Expenditure

Total Community/Social Renewal Expenditure		£297,774.60	£287,905.92
Programme / Project	Funding Period	Funding amount (Project Allocation)	2017/18 spend (as at 31/03/2018)
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment (ICT Tutor, Essentials Skills Tutor)	01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	£ 34,069.60	£ 31,247.92
Ashton Community Trust _ Kinderkids Day-care (Head of Childcare & Family Support, Manager, 2 Childcare Assistants, PT Administrator)	01/04/2017- 31/03/18	£106,984.55	£106,984.55
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		Allocation	Expenditure
TOTALS		£141,054.15	£138,232.47

Programme / Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding amount (Project Allocation)	
PHYSICAL RENEWAL			
Total Physical Renewal Expenditure		Allocation	Expenditure
TOTALS		0.00	0.00
TOTAL INVESTMENT		£438,828.75	£426,138.39

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2017/18 YEAR

Community Renewal Output Measures	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations programmes	CR2 – Number of people Participating in community bonding projects	CR3 - number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people engaged in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills/ capacity building	CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR7 - Number of community / voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported
PROJECT								
Carrick Hill Residents Association			24		11			
Arts for All	300	30					30	
Star Neighbourhood Centre	178		14					
174 Trust								
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids						6		
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP		40	34	45	88		6	
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment				2				
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator							38	
TOTALS	478	70	72	47	99			

PROJECT	SR (ED) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR (ED) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting/skills development programmes	SR (ED) 6 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from the project.	SR (ED) 14 – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project	SR (ED) 18 – Number of pupils directly benefitting from /being supported by the project	SR (ED) 33 - Number of young people involved in shared activity	SR (H) 1 – Number of people benefitting from healthy lifestyle projects	SR (h) 2 - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness Initiatives	SR (H) 4 - Number of health education/awareness initiatives provided /delivered	SR (H) 6 – Number of people participating in suicide prevention programmes
Social Renewal Output Measures										
Carrick Hill Residents Association		12		102	42	22			2	
Arts for All			376	153						
Star Neighbourhood Centre	140	42					28			15
174 Trust	18									
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids										
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP	21							306	2	
Ashton Community Trust										

- Skills and Employment										
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator										
TOTAL	179	54	376	255	42	22	28	306	4	15

Social Renewal Outputs Measures PROJECT	SR (c) 3 - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	SR (C) 6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects		
Carrick Hill Residents Association		96		
Arts for All				
Star Neighbourhood Centre	33	115		
174 Trust				
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids	67			
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP	30	108		

Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment				
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator				
TOTAL	130	319		

Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures

PROJECT	SR (ED) 14 – Number of young people directly benefitting from the project	SR (ED) 18 – Number of pupils directly benefitting from /being supported by the project	SR (ED) 33 - Number of young people involved in shared activity
Carrick Hill Residents Association	102	42	22
Arts for All	153		
Star Neighbourhood Centre			
174 Trust			
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids			
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP			
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment			
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator			
TOTAL	255	42	22

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
Carrick Hill Residents Association					
Arts for All					
Star Neighbourhood Centre					
174 Trust					
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids					
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP					
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment					
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator					
TOTAL					

Economic Renewal Output Measures

PROJECT	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER11 – Number of Social Economy Enterprises created/supported	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	Er15 – Number of FTE jobs safe -gaurded	
Carrick Hill Residents Association		13				1.6	
Arts for All						1.8	
Star Neighbourhood Centre		5	1	40		5.2	
174 Trust		1				0.8	
Ashton Community Trust – Kinderkids		15	3	193		4.6	
Mount Vernon Community Development Forum/LCAP		34				1	
Ashton Community Trust – Skills and Employment	79				34		
Ashton Community Trust – Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator							
TOTAL	79	68	4	233	34	15	

Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion

In the 2017/18 financial year, **Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership** total overall spend was £ 426,138.39

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

Community Renewal/ Social Renewal	£ 287,905.92
Economic Renewal	£ 138232.47
Physical Renewal	£0.00

There are still 3 key future developments in the Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal Area and these are detailed below:

Ulster University Greater Belfast Development

This development is still the most significant regeneration project in the Northside of Belfast for a generation. It holds the potential for significant economic and social development for a part of the city which suffered badly during the years of unrest. This is a significant £250 million development, built around the existing campus in York Street. The construction will take place in two stages and it is hoped to have the full campus opened by September 2018. The university acknowledges there will be challenges ahead in ensuring Belfast has the right infrastructure in place for a development of this scale. They are working in partnership with Belfast City Council and a number of government departments including DSD to ensure that concerns around student housing, car parking and public transport, public realm and community benefit are addressed. The University has engaged with the Inner North Neighbourhood Partnership and the local community to address a range of issues.

York Street Interchange.

Transport NI and DRD have proposals, estimated at a cost of £120m - £165m, to provide a grade-separated junction at York Street that would provide direct links between Westlink, the M2 and M3 motorways and greatly improve access between these roads. Plans to improve the York

Street Interchange with Westlink are included in Department's Investment Delivery Plan for Roads. Proposed plans have raised concerns for residents particularly residing within the New Lodge and Carrick Hill area. Alternative plans have been submitted to the Department and Translink NI and presented at a public inquiry. Residents are still waiting for a positive response and reaction to their suggestions for improvement.

Building Successful Communities

Neighbourhood decline is still be viewed as being fuelled and cascaded by a combination of factors, including social and economic change. Factors affecting areas include: mass joblessness as a result of recession and the decline of old manufacturing industries; and rising skill demands in new industries affecting future employment prospects. At the same time these areas have seen more family breakdown with the majority of lone parents reliant on benefits, a decline in popularity of social housing areas and increasing concentrations of vulnerable people in poor neighbourhoods; coupled with an increasing availability of drugs and the growth of the drug economy. If the income of an area goes down, it is less likely to be able to sustain shops and banks, but has more need of access to credit and good value shops and if people start to leave an area, higher turnover can destabilise communities. If properties are not filled, desertion creates a deteriorating physical environment and more opportunity for crime.

In DfC currently, housing and regeneration programmes are still largely delivered in isolation. Regeneration programmes focus mainly on town and city centres and arterial routes and largely ignore the needs of adjacent communities. Social housing development is primarily delivered in areas on the fringes of town and city centres and is delivered in isolation of regeneration policies and programmes. Also, the Neighbourhood Renewal programme², the NI Executive's still main programme to tackle deprivation and disadvantage, which aims to tackle disadvantage and deprivation in all aspects of everyday life through programmes targeting economic, community social and physical renewal has had some impact on health and education indicators within disadvantaged communities but has largely excluded housing development and improvement within target areas.

²People and Place-A Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal DSD (NI) 2003 Available from: http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/urcdg-urban_regeneration/neighbourhood_renewal.htm

This approach does not recognise the potential for economies of scale and greater return on investment which could potentially be generated from collaborative working.

The Programme for Government (PFG) 2011-15 stated that the primary focus of the Executive is to grow the economy and tackle disadvantage. Some of the stated measures for achieving this objective area to:

- Support people (with an emphasis on young people) into employment by providing skills and training;
- Contribute to rising levels of employment by supporting the promotion of over 25,000 new jobs; and
- Improve community safety by tackling anti-social behaviour.

Building Successful Communities will meet the strategic aims of the Executive by providing greater opportunities to access social homes and will decrease levels of homelessness and housing stress; primarily through the development of housing in areas of lower housing demand, and also through the redesign of areas of high demand to enable greater development.

It will also offer training and employment opportunities to people living within social housing estates to ensure that they are supported into employment and given the necessary skills and qualifications to actively contribute to the economy. Furthermore, it will deliver programmes to improve street and road layouts to design out crime, and support community led initiatives to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

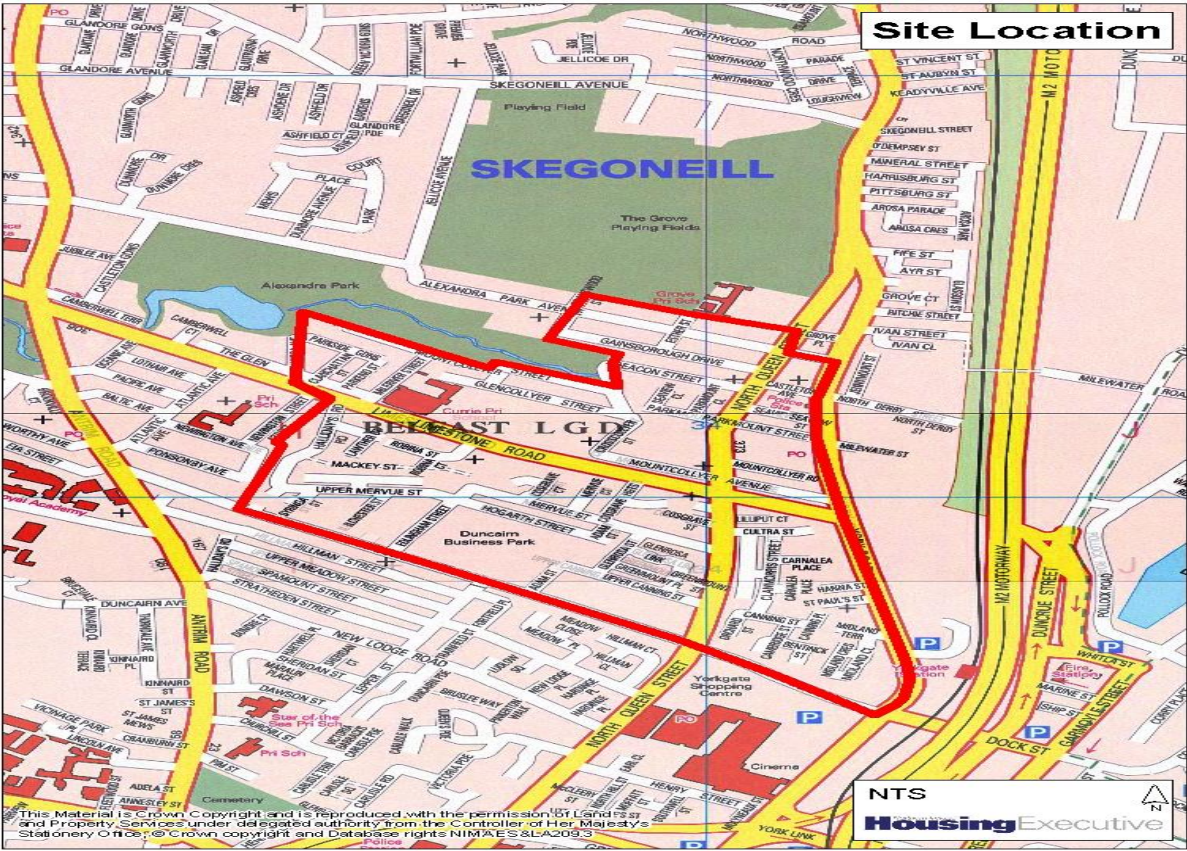
The agreed overarching objective for the project was to test a housing led regeneration approach in 4 areas which are experiencing blight, dereliction and decline in partnership with local communities and key statutory and voluntary and community sector organisations, e.g. NIHE, Housing Associations, DEL and PSNI. Tigers Bay / Mountcollyer in the Inner North NRA has been selected as one of the 4 pilot areas, Objectives within each of these areas are to:

- Improve current housing and infrastructure;
- Deliver new social and affordable homes;
- Deliver environmental upgrading works;
- Improve access to amenities; and
- Improve access to economic activity.

Following past resident surveys and public exhibitions, the Tigers Bay and Mountcollyer's action plan is in the final stages of agreement.

A map below details the targeted area.

It has to be acknowledged that the absence of a local Assembly making decisions and signing off on investments etc. has hindered progress.





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