

Peace IV Draft Letter of Offer	10th January 2017
To: Leisure and Development Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture PEACE IV Co-Ordinator
Cost: (If applicable)	n/a

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the content of the draft Letter of Offer received from the SEUPB, to highlight the pre contract/commencement conditions and to seek approval to formally accept the Letter of Offer.

Background

The Causeway Coast and Glens PEACE IV Partnership submitted their final Business Plan to the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) on 28 September 2016. The Business Plan at that point entered a competitive process and as such was subject to two months of amendments, clarifications and negotiations.

The SEUPB's Steering Committee met on 22 November 2016 to consider the Business Plan and the Council received formal approval on 24 November 2016.

Draft Letter of Offer

The Council received the draft Letter of Offer on 6 December 2016. The letter outlined that the PEACE IV Partnership are entitled to avail of grant of up to a **maximum of £3,591,267.97 to be expended and claimed by 31st December 2019**, albeit that an additional 3 month extension has been granted to facilitate project closure and evaluation, in effect until March 2020 . The grant is 100% funded, with funding coming from the European Union (ERDF) 85% with Government of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Executive providing match funding of 15%.

Despite longstanding concerns regarding the availability of funding in light of the Brexit decision, SEUPB have confirmed that 100% of funding will be made available during the entire lifetime of the project.

Projects Update

The SEUPB Steering Committee has removed the Civic Leadership Project and the Partnership Development Project. This was a decision that was replicated across all Local Authority Action Plans. SEUPB have confirmed that they themselves will deliver a national Programme of Partnership training and development.

The inclusion of the proposed Early Intervention Programme under Children and Young People in the Partnership's Action Plan will be subject to review following the outcome of the PEACE IV Programme's Shared Education application assessment.

All other nine projects remain as originally bid for and are included in **Annex A** to this paper.

Output Indicators

In the table below are the high level indicators that the Action Plan will address as well as the key targets. These are still subject to final approval and the Children and Young People targets are likely be reduced following advice from SEUPB.

Output Indicators		
Priority	Indicator	Target
Children and Young People	Number of participants aged 0-24 completing approved programmes that develop their soft skills and a respect for diversity. - Project 1: Good Relations out of Schools. - Project 2: Developing Young Leaders. - Project 3: Leadership for Youth Practitioners. - Project 4: Good Relations in Early Years. Total	745 300 40 240 1,325 (775 by Dec 2018)
Shared Space and Services	Local initiatives that facilitate the sustained usage on a shared basis of public areas / buildings.	1
Building Positive Relations	Local Action Plans that result in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact between persons from different communities.	1

Pre-Commencement Conditions

A number of pre-commencement and Programme implementation conditions have been set and need to be met by 14 February 2017. Many of these are reflective of the positive changes to the PEACE IV Action Plans thanks to the total guarantee of funding for the full duration of Programme. The PEACE IV Partnership are confident that the conditions can be met. Primary amongst these conditions is the submission of the following:

- A revised Cross-Community Contact Plan.
- A revised “Recruitment to the Programme” Plan.
- Updated Programme budget, cost plan and quarterly cash forecasts.
- Updated procurement procedures and project procurement documentation for approval.
- A reflected approach to overall Programme Delivery.
- An updated monitoring, measuring and reporting Plan related to outcomes and progress.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council accept the draft Letter of Offer, subject to fulfilment of pre commencement conditions.

ANNEX A

Projects approved for inclusion in the Causeway Coast and Glens PEACE IV Local Action Plan

Children and Young People (CYP)	<p>Project 1: Good Relations out of Schools Programme</p> <p>Objective: To deliver a cultural identity and sports, cross community engagement programme through 10 primary schools (PS) with at least 200 PS children participants by September 2018 and at least a final total of 373 by December 2019. Delivery will also be through 10 secondary schools (SS) with at least 200 SS children by 2018 and at least a final total of 372 by December 2019.</p>
	<p>Project 2: Developing our Young Leaders</p> <p>Objective: To deliver a youth leadership and diversity awareness programme to 300 young people aged between 14-24 by the end of 2019 (with 175 by 2018). The participants will be broken up into 2 categories namely 14-16 years old and 17-24 year olds.</p>
	<p>Project 3: Leadership for Youth Practitioners</p> <p>Objective: To deliver a collective, cross-community, accredited training programme to enhance the learning, best practice and engagement skills of 40 youth leaders from March 2017 to December 2019.</p>
	<p>Project 4: Good Relations Early Years Programme</p> <p>Objective: To deliver a cross-community early year's intervention programme to 160 children aged 0-5 by September 2018 and a further 80 children by December 2019 focusing on the root causes of division, prejudice, sectarianism and racism in the language and behaviours of young people.</p>
Shared Spaces and Services (SSS)	<p>Project 1: Fresh Opportunities Programme</p> <p>Objective: To deliver a shared space programme in 20 local areas, including 25 Community owned centres and 5 Council owned yet community managed centres.</p>
	<p>Project 2: Shaping Our Place</p> <p>Objective: To deliver a targeted cross-community, area planning and reimagining programme in 8 local communities (4 rural and 4 urban) with at least 25 stakeholders per area to address issues such as lack of attachment, flags, emblems, territorial markings, parades and protests.</p>

Building Positive Relations (BPR)	<p>Project 1: Understanding our Area</p> <p>Objective: To engage with 30 community groups / historical societies with 750 participants across the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council in an area based heritage, history and built environment exploration project through two phases.</p>
	<p>Project 2: Developing Communities – Leadership & Capacity</p> <p>Objective: To deliver a one to one capacity building programme for 14 areas / communities by December 2019 (at least 9 communities by September 2018).</p>
	<p>Project 3: Cultural & Community Institutions Programme</p> <p>Objective: To deliver a cultural and community institutions programme across 3 bespoke projects namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3a: A Key Institutions Programme (Orange Order, GAA & Bands) with 300 participants. - 3b: A cultural / language institutions programme with 100 participants. - 3c: A BME Integration Programme with 200 participants across 10 areas.