

Fresh Start & Stormont House Agreements

Six-Monthly Update

14 December 2016

This paper highlights some of the progress made to implement the Fresh Start and Stormont House Agreements and takes a forward look at commitments over the next six months. A six-monthly progress report is annexed, in line with the reporting arrangements established under the Stormont House Agreement.

Key Achievements

1. The Executive **published its action plan on tackling paramilitary activity, criminality and organised crime** on 19 July. Over **£4 million** of funding was allocated to initiatives including a public awareness campaign on organised crime; a dedicated investigative resource for the PSNI; and funding to encourage and support the role of women in community development.
2. **£12 million** was allocated for **Shared Future** initiatives.
3. Both funding rounds under the Irish Government's **Reconciliation Fund** have been completed and details of the grants awarded in the second round were announced at the annual Reconciliation Networking Forum on 14 December.
4. The Irish Government allocated **€2.5 million** to the **North West Development Fund** to support the North West Gateway initiative.
5. The UK and Irish Governments signed a **treaty on 13 September to establish the Independent Reporting Commission**. Membership of the Commission was announced on 14 December.
6. The **Joint Agency Task Force** has been operational and active and has reported to the two Justice Ministers meeting within the framework of the Inter-Governmental Agreement on cooperation in criminal justice matters.
7. Significant progress was made on **delivering welfare reforms**:
 - a. the **Welfare Reform and Work (NI) Order 2016** received Royal Assent on 12 October and the second and third tranche of welfare regulations were made;
 - b. **Welfare Supplementary Payments** were made to over 2,500 households impacted by the benefit cap; and
 - c. An independent **Welfare Changes Helpline** was launched on 10 November.

8. A 10 year vision to transform the health and social care system was launched on 25 October.
9. The **draft Programme for Government** was issued for public consultation on 28 October.
10. The **Commission for Flags, Identity, Culture and Tradition** began a period of public and sectoral engagement.
11. The **membership of the six-person Civic Advisory Panel** was announced on 6 December.
12. The Bill to **reduce the number of MLAs to five per constituency** received Royal Assent on 22 July.
13. **Two new funding streams** worth in excess of £30million were opened **for victims and survivors** on 24 November including the Victims Support Programme worth £18.7million and PEACE IV funding of €17.6 million.
14. Agreement was reached on the Terms of Letters of Offer to programme beneficiaries for **PEACE IV and INTERREG VA projects**, these cross-border cooperation programmes being worth almost half a billion euro and which are important drivers of regional development in a cross-border context.

Looking Forward

1. The Executive will agree and publish its **Programme for Government** and supporting strategies and agree its **2017-18 Resource Budget and 2017-20 Capital Budget**.
2. The UK and Irish Governments will continue to work with the parties, the Executive and victims' groups and others **to build the consensus needed to establish the legacy institutions**, including by launching a public phase as soon as possible.
3. A new **service delivery model for victims and survivors** will be introduced in April 2017.
4. The UK and Irish Governments will make the final arrangements for the **establishment of the Independent Reporting Commission**.
5. The independent **Fiscal Council** will be established.
6. The UK Government remains committed to the **devolution of corporation tax powers** subject to the delivery of the financial reforms outlined in the Stormont House Agreement.

7. Drawdown from Executive match funding on the **North West Development Fund** will be made in early 2017.
8. Senior officials will continue to meet through 2017 to monitor progress on implementation of **Section E commitments** and an update will be provided to NSMC Plenary.

FRESH START UPDATE		
Commitment		Progress Report/Milestones Achieved
A.	ENDING PARAMILITARISM AND TACKLING ORGANISED CRIME	
Tackling Paramilitarism, Criminality and Organised Crime		
A3.6 Page 16	The Executive will implement additional measures aimed at tackling the impact of criminality and paramilitarism in Northern Ireland, to include:	See below
A3.7 Page 16	Criminal Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further measures to speed up criminal justice and support victims to give evidence. 	Implementation of the Speeding Up Justice reforms is underway including provisions arising from the Justice Act 2015; the roll out of Indictable Cases Pilot principles to other offences; and introduction of Staged Forensic Reporting across all regions for all offence types, commencing for all drugs cases, indictable and summary.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures to improve forensic capabilities to enable evidence to be secured more effectively 	COMPLETED: The necessary equipment is on site and undergoing calibration.
A3.8 Page 16	Proceeds of Crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for agencies to enhance specialist capabilities, such as forensic accounting. 	COMPLETED: Funding has been allocated to the PSNI to support intelligence capacity in 2016/17. Funding arrangements for future years is being developed.
A3.9 Page 17	Community Engagement and Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-departmental programme to prevent vulnerable young people being drawn into paramilitary activity. 	The Early Intervention Programme Board is developing an outcome-based plan to address the issue of diverting young people from involvement in paramilitary activity. Initial engagement has taken place with stakeholders.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a programme to increase the participation and influence of women in community development. 	A detailed co-design process is underway with consultation planned for January 2017.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional programmes aimed at reducing re-offending. 	Funding has been allocated to the Department of Justice to commission research into effective programmes aimed at reducing reoffending. The research specification is to be agreed by end December 2016.
A3.10 Page 17	Support for Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiatives to help moves away from paramilitary structures and activity. 	The Executive action plan, published on 19 July, set out high level measures including a dedicated fund to support communities in transition. A process of community engagement and co-design is underway to develop delivery programmes. Funding has been allocated for a scoping study on a restorative justice centre of excellence.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reintegration of people previously involved in the Troubles taking into account the report of the Review Panel on employers' guidance on recruiting. 	The second report of the Ex-Prisoners Working Group was considered as part of the Executive's Action Plan. Recommendations to aid greater uptake of Employers Guidance have been made. The Review Panel has discussed uptake of the principles outside the public sector and will bring forward proposals to the Ex-prisoners working group for consideration.

A Strategy Tackling Paramilitarism, Criminality and Organised Crime		
A4.2 Page 17	The Executive shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> carry out research into the social costs and implications of paramilitarism and further steps that the Executive can take to promote a more integrated cohesive and lawful society; 	Funding has been approved for a number of scoping studies/research projects. The UK Government is also taking forward research on paramilitary style attacks. Data in the NI Omnibus survey in September on public attitudes towards organised crime will inform evaluation of the public awareness campaign.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertake a public awareness campaign to raise public understanding of the harm done by paramilitarism and organised crime and the steps that everyone can take to contribute to the prevention of crime and progress towards the end of paramilitarism in Northern Ireland; and 	The campaign was launched on 5 December 2016.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> report on how efforts to tackle paramilitarism will be linked to wider cross-departmental and statutory agency work programmes aimed at reducing community division and the causes of sectarianism and racism in NI. 	The Executive action plan set out the context within which the new work arising from Fresh Start will take place. Where appropriate existing work programmes will be utilised and enhanced to deliver this work. A Tackling Paramilitarism Programme Board, which has been established to oversee delivery, is also identifying areas of commonality and linkages.
A4.3 Page 17	Before the end of June 2016, the Executive will publish an action plan including all of the above measures, together with timescales for implementation.	COMPLETED: The Executive's Action plan was published on 19 July 2016.
Monitoring and Implementation		
A5.1 Page 17	A four member international body including persons of international standing will be established by the UK and Irish Governments. The UK Government and the Irish Government will nominate one member each and the Executive shall nominate two members. The body will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report annually on progress towards ending continuing paramilitary activity connected with NI (or on such further occasions as required); report on the implementation of the relevant measures of the three administrations; and consult the UK Government and relevant law enforcement agencies, the Irish Government and relevant law enforcement agencies and, in Northern Ireland, the Executive, PSNI, statutory agencies, local councils, communities and civic society organisations. 	The UK Government and Irish Government signed a treaty to establish the IRC on 13 September 2016, UK primary legislation making provision about the IRC received Royal Assent in May 2016. The Irish government have approved proposals for legislation to establish the IRC for priority drafting. The UK Government has laid supporting regulations which give full effect to the Treaty before Parliament, and these were approved on 7 November 2016. Work is ongoing on the practical arrangements for the establishment of the Commission as soon as practicable. The four nominees for IRC commissioner were announced following the review meeting on 14 th December.
A5.2 Page 18	The reports of the body will inform future Executive Programme for Government priorities and commitments through to 2021.	For future consideration once the body has been established.
B.	NI EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL REFORMS AND CONTEXT	
Reform and Efficiency		
B1.2 Page 19	Public Sector Reform and Restructuring Transformation Fund	The VE schemes in the public sector have exited over 4,000 full time equivalent staff at a cost of just over £170million and generating savings of about £154million each year.

B1.4 Page 19	Reform of property management	Over £300million of capital is likely to be available to realize programme goals by 2020-21. Planning for the potential capital investment is underway and business cases for a number of estate rationalisation projects are being prepared.
B1.5 Page 19	Asset Management Strategy	Capital realizations of over £155million have been achieved from 2011-2016. Annual asset management resource savings of £36million were achieved 2011-2015, aiming for £100million per year by 2020-21. A Public Land for Housing initiative has commenced to identify under-utilized public land that could be used to address shortages in housing supply. Recommendations on the reform of the asset disposal process are being finalised. Invest to Save proposals are being developed for estate and energy projects.
B1.6 Page 19	Digital Transformation Programme	COMPLETED: The original Programme has been completed and a further 10 new/transformed digital services projects will be delivered by April 2017.
B1.7 Page 20	OECD Review	The report was formally launched on 6 July. Relevant recommendations to be included in Programme for Government delivery plans.
B1.9 & B1.10 Page 20	Cross-cutting reform in 6 thematic areas Benchmarking, alternative models of delivery and structural reform in the big spending areas of education, health, and justice are inherent in these themes. It is anticipated that the Executive will shortly endorse the implementation of action plans associated with these proposals.	Six new projects for 2017-18 have been agreed subject to funding. A 10 year vision to transform the health and social care system was agreed by the Executive and launched on 25 October.
B1.11 Page 20	The Executive is also committed to progressing significant structural reform of social housing provision. This will be focused on reducing the Departmental Expenditure Limit subsidy pressures.	Plans for Housing Reform including scope for, and affordability of, reform are still being considered in light of available funding.
B1.12 Page 20	Cost Reduction Targets: The Executive will have to set challenging cost reduction targets for each of the nine new departments for each year of the forthcoming Spending Review period.	Budget 2017-18 will impose Public Expenditure constraints to live within Control Totals. Budget proposals for 2017-18 are being prepared.
B1.14 Page 20	...the Executive will consider revenue raising measures if cost reductions cannot be achieved quickly enough or if there is a decision to maintain enhanced public services.	Budget proposals for 2017-18 and beyond for Capital allocations are being prepared.
Executive's position on Corporation Tax		
B1.18 Page 21	In accordance with the requirements of the Stormont House Agreement, the Executive reaffirms its commitment to take all the actions necessary to demonstrate that its finances are on a sustainable footing for the long term including successfully implementing measures in the Stormont House Agreement, this agreement and subsequent reform measures.	A programme of Public Sector Reform to support budgetary measures is in place. The 2017-18 Resource Budget will be balanced as it must adhere to Control Totals. The Executive will determine its Capital budget to 2020. The UK Government remains committed to the devolution of corporation tax powers subject to the Executive being able to demonstrate that its finances have been put on a sustainable long-

		term footing, including by taking forward the reforms committed to in the Stormont House Agreement.
B1.19 Page 21	The NI Executive commits to a commencement date of April 2018, and a Northern Ireland rate of 12.5%.	A pre-implementation benefits maximization plan is being taken forward in conjunction with plans to agree longer term actions as part of the Economic Strategy refresh.
C	NI EXECUTIVE WELFARE AND TAX CREDIT ENHANCEMENTS	
Legislative Process		
C1.2 Page 22	The Executive will establish a small working group under the leadership of Professor Eileen Evason to bring forward proposals within this financial envelope (including administrative costs) to maximise the use of these additional resources.	COMPLETED: The second tranche of regulations received Assembly approval in July. Tranche 3a were made on 25 October and became operational on 7 November. Tranche 3b is scheduled to go to Executive in December before Assembly approval.
C2.4 Page 23	Any subsequent changes to the welfare elements of the Welfare Reform and Work Bill will be brought to the Assembly for debate and approval.	COMPLETED: The Welfare Reform and Work (NI) Order 2016 received Royal Assent on 12 October.
C2.5 Page 23	The welfare and tax credit top-ups will be taken forward by the Assembly	The first two sets of regulations were completed prior to summer recess. The second tranche received Assembly approval in July 2016. Tranche 3a became operational on 7 November. Tranche 3b is scheduled to go to Executive in December before Assembly approval, and the final batch before summer recess 2017. Legislative powers to pay future claimants were incorporated within the Welfare Reform and Work (NI) Order 2016. Supplementary Welfare Payments are now available for claimants impacted by the introduction of Personal Independence Payment. Welfare supplementary payments have also been paid to households impacted by the £20k and £26k Benefit Cap.
Advice Centre Support		
C3.1 Page 23	The Executive, in preparing its budget for next year, will provide additional funding for independent advice services in recognition of the complexity of welfare and tax credit changes.	COMPLETED: The 2017-18 allocation will be embedded within the Budget position presented to Executive for approval. The new welfare support service was launched in November.
D	UK GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
D1.1	In the SHA the UK Government agreed to provide support. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> flexibility to use £700m of capital borrowing to fund a voluntary exit scheme over a period of 4 years with £200m in 2015-16, £200m in 2016-17, £200m in 2017-18 and £100m in 2018-19; a contribution of up to £500m over 10 years of new capital funding to support shared and integrated education subject to individual projects being agreed between the Executive and the UK Government; 	The UK Government's support remains subject to the conditions set out in the financial annex to the Stormont House Agreement, and funding for bodies to deal with the past is subject to agreement on their establishment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to an additional £350m borrowing for infrastructure projects with a profile over four years with £100m in 2015-16, £100m in 2016-17, £100m in 2017-18 and £50m in 2018-19; • allowing the proceeds of specific agreed asset sales to be retained in their entirety and exceptionally consideration of these funds being used for a combination of both capital and resource spending; • flexibility to repay both the £100m loan from the Treasury and £114m welfare deductions from asset sales and capital budgets; • if the implementation of welfare reform is completed during 2015-16 (including the relevant secondary legislation) the £114m deduction will be reduced to reflect the proportion of the year prior to implementation of the measures; and • up to £150m over 5 years to help fund the bodies to deal with the past. <p>This support remains subject to the conditions set out in the financial annex to the SHA, and funding for bodies to deal with the past is subject to agreement on their establishment.</p>	
Welfare Reform		
D3.5 Page 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any successful bid for a share of error and fraud savings will need to demonstrate forecast savings that can be verified by the Office for Budget Responsibility, in line with the process for assuring similar forecasts by the Department for Work and Pensions. 	The UK Government has confirmed the release of funding to be accessed by the Department for Communities in a manner which best supports the implementation of welfare reform and addresses welfare error and fraud.
D3.6 Page 26	...the UK Government has agreed that half of all savings certified by the OBR can be reinvested by the Executive (for example for integrated health, work and wellbeing interventions; employer support to hiring young unemployed and long-term unemployed).	Any savings from these proposals that are certified by the OBR will be made available for the Executive to reinvest.
Budget Controls		
D4.1 Page 26	<p>The UK Government welcomes the Executive's plans to establish an Independent Fiscal Council for Northern Ireland. The Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare an annual assessment of the Executive's revenue streams and spending proposals and how these allow the Executive to balance their budget; and • prepare a further annual report on the sustainability of the Executive's public finances, including the implications of spending policy and the effectiveness of long-term efficiency measures. <p>The membership and terms of reference of this Council will be agreed with the UK Government.</p>	Work is ongoing to finalise the membership of the Council.
Corporation Tax		
D6.2 Page 27	The UK Government will undertake an ex-post review of the costs of the devolution of Corporation Tax four years after the implementation of a devolved rate by the Executive. This review will consider the extent of behavioural costs (but not second round effects) and will make further adjustments to the Northern Ireland Block Grant as supported by new evidence	Review to commence four years after implementation.

SHA Flexibilities and Support		
D7.2	<p>The UK Government will provide a number of further flexibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensuring that the NI Executive can access the full amount of additional borrowing provided by the SHA even if it is able to realise agreed efficiency savings from Voluntary Exit Scheme without switching the full amount of existing borrowing for that purpose; capital funding for shared and integrated education can be used to support shared housing projects, with individual projects to be agreed by the UK Government (expansion of commitment at SHA A7); and any under spend of new legacy funding in 2015-16 may be carried forward to 2020-21 (but funding for bodies to deal with the past is subject to agreement on their establishment). 	<p>£30m of additional borrowing has been released in 2016-17 to support additional spending on economic and community projects</p> <p>£43m of capital funding to support shared and integrated education has already been agreed for release. The Government will consider flexibility over the use of this borrowing to support a long term plan for the sector from the Executive.</p> <p>Funding for bodies to deal with the past is subject to agreement on their establishment.</p>
Tackling Continued Paramilitary Activity		
D8.2 Page 28	The UK Government will provide an additional £25m over five years to tackle continuing paramilitary activity. The UK Government funding will only be released after the Executive has agreed a strategy to address continuing paramilitary activity.	Over £4 million of funding has been allocated to initiatives including a public awareness campaign on organised crime; a dedicated investigative resource for the PSNI; and funding to encourage and support the role of women in community development.
D8.5 Page 29	The UK Government recognises the need to ensure progress against any strategy to tackle paramilitary activity is delivered effectively. It will provide funding of up to £3m over four years to establish and fund the new Monitoring and Implementation body.	The UK Government will fund the Independent Reporting Commission once established.
Shared Future		
D9.1 Page 29	The UK Government will provide an additional £60m over five years in support of the Executive's delivery of confidence and relationship building measures within and between communities, contributing to the conditions that will allow the removal of peace walls and the creation of a shared future.	£12million was allocated in 2016-17 for actions to help create a shared future.
E.	IRISH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
SHA B1	The Irish Government is fully committed to North South Cooperation...will continue to commit to substantial resources to support agreed work programmes.	This is ongoing and on target.
SHA B2	The Irish Government will continue to support measures to promote reconciliation, including through continued annual provision of €2.7million in the Reconciliation Fund	The first round of funding under the Reconciliation Fund was completed in July 2016 and full details of allocation are available on www.dfa.ie/reconciliation . The closing date for the second round of funding was 16 September. The annual Reconciliation Networking Forum is taking place on 14 December 2016.
E1.3 Page 30	The Irish Government reaffirms its support for the EU PEACE and INTERREG programmes, which includes substantial funding negotiated during the Irish Presidency of the European Union. It will continue to work closely with the Northern Ireland Executive to ensure that funding opportunities are maximised under these EU programmes. Almost half a billion euro will be available from EU sources during the period 2016 to 2021.	Agreement was reached on the Terms of Letters of Offer to programme beneficiaries for PEACE IV and INTERREG VA. Funding announcements have commenced.
E1.5	The Irish Government will also continue to explore capital	The commitment to explore capital

Page 30	investment in health projects and services that benefit the border region.	investment in health projects and services that benefit the border region is an ongoing Irish Government exercise in the context of the capital expenditure programme.
A5 Western Corridor serving the North West		
E2.2 Page 31	...the Irish Government reaffirms its existing commitment to providing funding of £50 million for this project. It will also commit an additional £25m to ensure that Phase 1 of the project can commence as soon as the necessary planning issues have been resolved by the Northern Ireland authorities. In accordance with the revised project timeline, the Irish Government funding will be provided in three tranches of £25m in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively.	A Public Inquiry into the A5 Scheme is underway and the Inspector's Report is expected around May 2017. The spend profile and payment milestones for the Irish Government's contributions will be reviewed following the outcomes of the Public Inquiry. The High Court recently dismissed the claim that an ongoing public inquiry into the need for the road was planned.
E2.3 Page 31	... the Executive and the Irish Government have agreed that construction on the first section of the A5 will commence in 2017 with a view to completion by 2019. The first section will be the route between New Buildings (outside Derry/Londonderry) to north of Strabane.	Notwithstanding the ongoing legal challenge the A5 construction work remains on track to start in late 2017.
The Ulster Canal		
E3.3 Page 31	The Executive and the Irish Government agree to undertake a review with a view to identifying options for jointly developing future phases of the Ulster Canal restoration project, for consideration by the North South Ministerial Council in June 2016.	Phase 1 of the reopening of the 2.5km of the Ulster Canal is ongoing. An Ulster Canal Advisory Forum has been established to look at options for advancing the project and potential funding mechanisms.
E3.4 Page 31	As part of the Mid Term Review of the Capital Plan, the Irish Government will work also with the Northern Ireland Executive to seek agreement on a funding plan for the Atlantic Youth Trust initiative. This proposal involves a new sail training vessel to facilitate youth development, mentoring, and training on an all-island basis.	A strategic outline business case is being prepared by the project promoters and will be assessed in relation to Value for Money, affordability and governance.
Narrow Water Bridge		
E4.2 Page 31	The Northern Ireland Executive and the Irish Government agree to undertake a review of the project with a view to identifying options for its future development, for consideration by the North South Ministerial Council in June 2016.	There has been initial engagement on possible options for the Narrow Water Bridge Project and further discussions will be held in the New Year.
North West Development Fund		
E5.2 Page 32	The Irish Government has agreed to provide funding of €2.5m to support the [NW Gateway] Initiative, which will be complemented by matching funding from the Northern Ireland Executive.	The Irish Government has allocated €2.5million to the Fund. The Executive expects its contribution to be available for drawdown during 2017.
Next Steps		
E6.1 Page 32	A group of senior officials from the Northern Ireland Executive and the Irish Government will meet regularly to maintain a strategic overview of economic and infrastructural investment, with regard to the projects set out in this Section. They will also consider opportunities for sourcing further investment for all-island infrastructure projects for mutual benefit, including through PPPs, EU funding and other non-Exchequer sources.	An update was provided to the NSMC November Plenary.
E6.2 Page 32	Regular progress reports will be provided to the North South Ministerial Council.	An autumn schedule of NSMC sectoral meetings was held in advance of the November Plenary. Further NSMC meetings were held through December

		and more are scheduled for the New Year.
F.	IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SHA	
Parades		
F16 Page 33	A discussion paper is currently being prepared for the Executive. The paper will outline options in relation to the model and operation of the regulation of parades and related protests and the key outstanding issues of contention such as code of conduct, criteria and accountability. OFMDFM will bring this paper to the Executive.	Draft Executive paper is to be prepared for submission to the First Minister and deputy First Minister at a time to be determined.
The Past		
F21-55 Page 34	There remains a need to resolve the outstanding issues and the UK Government and Irish Government will reflect on the options for a process to enable this.	The UK Government and Irish Government continue to engage with the Executive, political parties, victims' groups and others to build the consensus needed to establish the legacy institutions, including by launching a public phase as soon as possible. Two new funding streams worth in excess of £30million were opened for victims and survivors on 24 November including the Victims Support Programme worth £18.7million and PEACE IV funding of €17.6million. The Executive Office, with the Victims and Survivors Service, the Commission for Victims and Survivors and key stakeholders has been taking forward a collaborative design programme to review and improve services for victims and survivors. A new service delivery model designed to be simple, victims-centred and easier to access is planned to be operational from April 2017.
Institutional Reform		
F64 Page 37	Assembly officials are also considering mechanisms to ensure that the Independent Financial Review Panel has all the necessary information to enhance the robustness and transparency of decision-making [relating to the system of Members' salaries and expenses]	The tenure of the current Panel ended on 1 July. The Assembly Commission is reviewing the present model of determining and administering financial support for Members to further enhance the openness, robustness and effectiveness of that model.
F66 Page 37	...further areas of devolution and changes to intergovernmental machinery...The UK Government will consider any such proposals put forward by the Executive.	For future consideration.
Outstanding Commitments		
F67 Page 38	Compact Civic Advisory Panel - A panel of six people will be established by the Executive. It will be tasked by the Executive to consider specific strategic issues relevant to the Programme for Government and report to the Executive. It may also propose subjects that it wishes to consider and seek Executive agreement to do so. The Panel will seek the views of a wide range of representatives and stakeholders from civic society. Panel members, including the Chair will be identified and appointed by OFMDFM.	The creation of the new six-person panel was announced by the First Minister and deputy First Minister on 6 December.
F71	At the NSMC Institutional meeting on 25 February 2015 it	At the NSMC meeting in November

Page 39	was agreed that a meeting would take place to consider strategic approaches for the development of the North West region. The meeting date is to be confirmed.	Ministers noted the continuing commitment to a meeting of Ministers from both jurisdictions to take place in the North West.
F72 Page 39	The Executive will ensure full implementation of the T:BUC strategy, and beyond that will commit to a continuing effort to eradicate sectarianism in all its forms.	<p>£12million was allocated for Shared Future initiatives in 2016-17.</p> <p>To date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 103 groups offered funding to deliver summer camps with over 4,000 young people taking part; • 1 shared neighbourhood completed and launched; 3 further developments completed with 6 others underway; • Extensive funding has been secured to deliver United Youth in the form of a cross-border programme with the Irish Government under PEACE IV. The call for applications was launched on 3 November. • Economic Appraisals for Limavady Shared Education Campus have been approved and are being progressed for Moy and Ballycastle; project boards established for two further projects; a third call for proposals announced on 20 September. • 12 week pilot cross community sports programme has resulted in a further range of good relations activity in the pilot areas in Belfast. Sports programmes will be included in the urban village areas. • Strategic frameworks for each Urban Village area have been launched. Capital investment of £2.6million is supporting 28 projects and revenue funding worth £1.6million in 2016-17 is facilitating locally developed projects; and • Interface barriers reduced from 59 to 50, with sections of four other structures removed.
REVIEW AND MONITORING		
SHA 74 & 75 Page 39progress in implementing the provisions of this Agreement must be actively reviewed and monitored. Review meetings will include Executive party leaders as well as the UK Government and Irish Government... supported by the NICS and, as appropriate, officials of the UK and Irish Governments. There will be quarterly meetings, convened by the UK Government and Irish Government, with the first meeting before the end of January 2015 at which an implementation timetable will be agreed.	Review meeting scheduled for 14 December.
Page 39-40	Six-monthly updates on progress on the implementation of the Agreement will be published.	Review meeting scheduled for 14 December.