

The Network has a commitment to addressing the **deep rooted causes** of societal problems which lie at the heart of **addressing community safety in a holistic manner.**

Comment [J1]: Suggested revision: *The Network is committed to addressing the deep-rooted causes of societal problems which lie at the heart of the most challenging community safety issues.*

The Network's role is in keeping with the recommendations of the Masterplan in its commitment to address community safety. Moreover, the multi-partner approach to delivery means that the Network is **directly** contributing **directly** towards an integrated approach to neighbourhood renewal.

Comment [J2]: Suggested revision: *The Network's role in improving community safety is in keeping with the recommendations of the Masterplan.*

Funding

There is potential in engaging with a range of funders, to include:

- Private Sector
- the **local** Partnership and DSD **to explore the viability of the Network accessing (i.e., Neighbourhood Renewal Funding) as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.**
- Belfast City Council
- Peace III
- OFMDFM

Comment [J3]: This section should copy the format and level of detail of the Context section above – i.e., potential sources of funding should be specified, together with a brief explanation of how the Network might appeal to the unique funding criteria of each.

The While the Network **cannot** will never be self-sustaining. **However**, funding the Network will lead to reduced costs to other public services **through the redirection of resources, and** by eliminating duplication and increasing collaboration, integration and efficiency. A properly resourced Network also will generate income indirectly, by attracting investment (and expenditure) **into** the area, which will be made safe, and be shown to be safe, through its efforts.

Comment [J4]: The argument is strong but the future tense weakens it here, where you're listing current gains, rather than forecasting future outcomes. Is there any evidence that this already has happened? Or can one of the Network's statutory members (the police, perhaps?) offer an estimate of how much has been saved through successful partnership? I would present this evidence, then go on to argue that proper investment will lead to even greater returns in the form of savings to other agencies.

Proper resourcing also would enable the Network to develop its role as a local research body, identifying local need and working in partnership with statutory bodies to:

- develop and deliver operational **initiatives**;
- contribute to the development of protocols and policy locally;
- reassure the community when specific concerns arise, and challenge public perceptions about the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. **This has already been achieved by the Network through its enabling of a joined up approach between police and the community to address the concerns of local parents following reports of attempted child abductions in the area.**
- and provide a conduit through which to identify and address area/city-wide issues, and to contribute to national and cross-border conversations.

Comment [J5]: Such as? For example, is there an issue in need of an initiative that you cannot deliver currently, but could if properly resourced? If so, say so – but not here (see next comment).

Comment [J6]: The significance of this is diluted here by a lack of specificity about what that approach entailed. On the other hand, illustrating this point and not the others creates imbalance and distracts the reader. I therefore suggest you present the list, then supply an examples of what you have done and/or could do if funded.

Regarding the section specifically highlighted here, I would suggest the following revision: *To address widespread concern following reports of an attempted child abduction in the area, Network members organised and facilitated a series of meetings between the local parents and the PSNI which enabled the police to inform and reassure the community as the investigation progressed.*