



Subject:	Older People's Reference Group
Date:	5 th November 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update committee on the key issues discussed at the Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 17th September 2024.
2.0	Recommendations
2,1	Members are asked to note the contents of the paper and recommend that members of the All-Party Reference Group on older people send a nominee if they are unable to attend meetings.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Reference Group on Older People is a working group of the People and Communities Committee which meets on a quarterly basis and consists of an elected member from each of the political parties. The minutes from the Reference Group on Older People are brought before the Committee for approval.
3.2	The meeting was held on 17 th September 2024 in the City Hall. The meeting was not in quorum and therefore no minutes were taken.
3.3	Members are asked to recommend that all members of the All-Party Reference Group on Older People send a nominee if they are unable to attend meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 12.30 on Tuesday 10th December.
3.4	Members may wish to note the following update on the main items discussed.
	Age Friendly Belfast Update The Age Friendly Coordinator provided the Members with updates on key actions that have been delivered in relation to the Age Friendly Belfast Plan 2023-2027. Further detail is provided in Appendix 1.
	Presentation from Great Belfast Senior's Forum(G6) The G6 attended the meeting to provide an overview of issues affecting older people. Issues that were raised included the need to maintain a focus on accessible transport for older people and concerns over the reduced availability of winter fuel payments.
	Presentation from Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT) The meeting received a presentation from BHSCT from Ciara Mc Clements, who is also the Chair of HASP. She provided an overview of the work undertaken by BHSCT particularly in relation to loneliness and isolation.

3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All work outlined in this report will be carried out within existing budgets and staff resources of Age Friendly Belfast and the partners involved.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This work is part of The Age Friendly Belfast Plan which has been equality and rural needs screened in line with the Council's agreed processes.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
4.1	<p>Appendix 1 – Age Friendly Update 17.09.24</p>