

Draft Terms of Reference for the Elected Member Disability Working Group

Introduction and purpose

A Disability Working Group has been established to provide Members with a forum within which to discuss the progress and implementation of the Belfast City Council Disability Action Plan 2022-2025 and ensure alignment with the Council's Disability Strategy.

Whilst the Working Group will not be a decision-making body, it will be required to report into or make recommendations to the Council's Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on progress against the strategy and associated action plans.

Terms of Reference

The Disability Working Group Terms of Reference are:

- to provide elected Members with a forum to discuss how to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people, and encourage their participation in public life across the Council;
- to monitor the delivery of the commitments set out in the Disability Action Plan;
- to support the development of a Disability Strategy;
- to report on progress or make recommendations to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on a regular basis through reports and minutes of meetings.

Membership

- All political party groupings should be represented.
- Each political party grouping should have one representative.

Ways of Working

- The Working Group will decide on arrangements for chairing the meetings.
- The Working Group will meet quarterly or as required.

Governance

The Working Group will be supported by staff within the Council's Legal & Civic Services Department.

The Working Group does not have decision-making powers. Its recommendations, as set out in the minutes of its meetings, will be reported to the Strategic Policy and Resources to adopt, amend or reject the recommendation of the Working Group.