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| Subject: | Notice of Motion: Inclusive Leisure Services |
| Date: | 6th December, 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |
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| Restricted Reports | |
| Is this report restricted? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted? | |
| After Committee Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| After Council Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Some time in the future | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Call-in | |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider a motion in relation to Inclusive Leisure Services, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 24th November. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how this would be facilitated, resourced and managed will be brought back. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 275 1469 405">At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 24th November, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Michael Collins and seconded by Councillor Ferguson, was referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> |
| 3.2 | <p data-bbox="320 461 1398 591">“This Council recognises the shortage of services available for people with disabilities. The Council will seek to engage with BETTER to expand and promote inclusive services within our leisure centres to ensure an accessible and welcoming environment for everyone.</p> <p data-bbox="320 629 1398 759">The Council will seek the input of service users, engage with autism support networks, BETTER and Disability Sport NI to bring inclusion and community to our leisure centres by improving accessibility for people with autism and other disabilities in a number of key areas including:</p> <ul data-bbox="320 797 1362 1816" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="320 797 1362 898">• Belfast’s 12 leisure centre to promote inclusive sessions for people with disabilities as is the case with Lagan Valley Complex and Dundonald Ice Bowl in Lisburn <li data-bbox="320 936 1362 1037">• These sessions should include but not be limited to swimming pools, and should be at an accessible hour for children and parents to make best use of them <li data-bbox="320 1075 1362 1176">• The Council will work with BETTER to ascertain which other services: such as trampolining, Inflatable Park facilities and any other leisure facilities which may be included in these inclusive sessions <li data-bbox="320 1214 1362 1375">• The Council will strive to ensure all amenities inside leisure centres are fully inclusive for people with disabilities. This includes improving advertising and continuing to promote the use of WAP cards, as well as ensuring staff are adequately trained to support children, families and carers to provide fully inclusive services to people with autism and other abilities <li data-bbox="320 1413 1362 1574">• The Council will continue its pioneering work with Swimming Buddies in Brooke Leisure Centre and explore ways to expand this across all 12 leisure centres in Belfast, to ensure the life skill of swimming lessons are readily accessible for children at a local level offering a supportive space for families and provided in an inclusive manner <li data-bbox="320 1612 1362 1682">• The Council will engage with BETTER to explore the permanent installation of a Sensory Room in one or more of our leisure centres in Belfast <li data-bbox="320 1720 1362 1816">• The Council will strive to better promote and advertise inclusive services in our leisure centres across all of our social media platforms and publications with the overall aim of being leaders in the area of inclusive leisure services.” |
| 3.3 | <p data-bbox="272 1888 748 1917"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1955 352 1984">None.</p> |

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| 3.4 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | None. |