



Subject:	Invite to 2023 WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting 23
Date:	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
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Is this report restricted? Yes  No

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After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Call-in**

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes  No

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>

1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise members of an invite from Belfast Healthy Cities for either the Chair or Vice Chair of People and Communities committee to attend the 2023 WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference November 2023 in Utrecht, Netherlands.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Committee is asked to consider the invitation and advise whether Council will be represented at the conference and if so, by whom.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<b>Background</b> Belfast's membership to the WHO European Healthy Cities Network is facilitated by Belfast Healthy Cities (BHC), an independent partnership organisation. In May 2021 the City of Belfast was successful in its application to re-designate as a WHO Healthy City and participate in Phase VII of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network until April 2026.
3.2	<b>WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Conference</b> Belfast Healthy Cities contacted Council on 4 <sup>th</sup> October to extend an invitation for the Chair or Vice Chair of People and Communities committee (or their nominee) to attend the 2023 WHO Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference. This year marks the 35th anniversary of this movement, and the Conference will take place from 21 to 23 November 2023 in the historic city of Utrecht, with the theme "Health and well-being for all: celebrating 35 years of the Healthy Cities movement".
3.3	Healthy Cities conferences are the main forum for both political and technical participants from member cities from across the WHO European Network to share experiences, debate and discuss health challenges from the perspective of cities throughout the WHO European Region. Further detail on the meeting and a link to the full programme is provided in Appendix 1.
3.4	Public sector organisations cover the costs of a member attending. Only one political representative from Belfast is asked to attend, three BHC staff and a BHC board member will also attend. Costs for attending the meeting in person are £900/£1,100 – this includes return flight to Utrecht; 4 nights' accommodation and any allowance for each day.
3.5	<b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b> As public sector organisations cover the cost of political members attendance at WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Meetings, this cost will have to be taken from council budgets, there is no potential to cover this expenditure from existing budgets.
3.6	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</b> None identified.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
4.1	Invite to WHO European Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting 21-23 November 23