



Subject:	Motion – Mental Health Accessibility Audit
Date:	24th November, 2023
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
	To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to a Mental Health Accessibility Audit, which the Standards and Business Committee considered at its meeting on 24th October.
2.0	Recommendation
	The Committee is asked to consider the motion.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 24th October, considered the following motion which had been received for submission to the Council on 1st November:</p> <p><u>Mental Health Accessibility Audit</u></p> <p>“Northern Ireland (NI) has the highest prevalence of mental health problems in the UK.</p> <p>It is estimated that only 40% of people in NI who seek help can access effective mental health care and 79% of those do not receive the service they need.</p> <p>This Council will conduct an online survey open to everyone who lives in the Council district to assess accessibility to mental health support within each District Electoral Area.</p> <p>The survey will include but not be limited to assessing stakeholders' ease of access to mental health support, sample stakeholders' understanding of their rights regarding mental health, document the source of stressors and the number of services perceived to be providing mental health and well-being support in the district.</p> <p>As leaders in the field of mental health provision, this Council will work with MindWise in co-designing and hosting the survey and will invite a representative from MindWise to give deputation to the relevant or interested Committee or Committees.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Garrett Seconder: Councillor McCormick</p>
3.2	The motion calls upon the Council to undertake a survey to ascertain ease of access to mental health support. Whilst the Council has no statutory responsibility for mental health

	<p>services, it does, in the Belfast Agenda, under Theme 1: Our People and Communities – Health Inequalities, have a strategic intent to promote and improve positive mental health and emotional wellbeing by raising awareness of support and services available and actions which can be taken at an individual level to improve or maintain good mental health. The motion was, therefore, referred, in the first instance, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.3	<p>None at this stage.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.4	<p>This 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	Documents Attached
	None