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| Subject: | Pre-loved Toys scheme Christmas 2023 |
| Date: | 5 December 2023 |
| Reporting Officer: | Cathy Matthews, Director Resources and Fleet, City & Neighbourhood Services Department |
| Contact Officer: | John McConnell, City Services Manager (Resources and Fleet), City and Neighbourhood Services Department Brendan Murray (Waste Manager) |

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

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
| 1.1 | The purpose of the report is to update Members on the 2023 pre-loved toys scheme operated at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in the run up to Christmas. The aim of the initiative is to ease the burden on families during the current cost of living crisis, increase reuse and reduce waste going to landfill during this period. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | Members are requested to note the contents of this report. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| | <u>Background</u> |
| 3.1 | Members will recall that in November 2022, delegated authority was granted to the Director of Resources & Fleet to operate a pre-loved toys scheme at the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres in the run-up to Christmas. This followed a member's motion previously raised on this matter. |
| 3.2 | The scheme was a clear example of a circular economy project, seeking to reduce waste while at the same time delivering social benefits to the local community. The 2022 scheme was extremely popular with around seven tonnes of waste diverted from landfill and an estimated 700 families benefitting from the initiative. At the committee meeting of April 2023, Members agreed to run the scheme again this year. |
| 3.3 | The Council has teamed up with East Belfast Missions (EBM) as the lead re-use logistics partner and EBM will liaise with other charities to distribute the toys back into the community via a network of charity operators. The collection points are located at the Council's four recycling centres and donations will be received up until Monday 11 December 2023. |
| 3.4 | In line with last year's scheme, some items will be resold at affordable prices through charity shops, but it is envisaged that the vast majority will be gifted free of charge to households in need. Should Members be aware of any charity or community organisation which would like to be considered as a beneficiary of this initiative they can signpost the organisation to complete the contact form on the EBM web site East Belfast Mission - Contact Us (ebm.org.uk) |
| 3.5 | Further details can be found via; Pre-loved Toy Appeal (belfastcity.gov.uk) |
| | <u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> |
| 3.6 | There are no significant financial resources associated with this event. |
| | <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> |
| 3.7 | There are no Good Relations or Equality implications associated with this report. |
| 4.0 | Appendices - Documents Attached |

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