



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust – Request to make a Presentation
<b>Date:</b>	22nd August, 2008
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Mr. L. Steele, Head of Committee and Members' Services
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### Relevant Background Information

Correspondence has been received from Mr. William McKee, Chief Executive Officer, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, seeking permission to address the Committee on health issues.

At the end of August the Trust is commencing a formal consultation process on how it delivers health and social care to the people of Belfast. The Trust has already forwarded to Elected Members its proposed plans for service delivery and feels that a meeting with the Committee will provide an opportunity to discuss the Trust's proposals in more depth.

### Key Issues

One of the Strategic Themes in the Council's new Corporate Plan is Better Support for People and Communities, some of the key priorities of which state that by 2011 the Council will have led, supported and influenced others to ensure:

- people are healthier and more active;
- health and social inequalities are reduced; and
- people have, and avail of, opportunities to improve their well-being.

The Health and Environmental Services Committee will be instrumental in delivering measures to address health and social inequalities and a meeting between representatives of the Trust and the Members of the Council's Strategic Policy and Resources and Health and Environmental Services Committees would assist the Council in achieving its key objectives.

<b>Resource Implications</b>
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There are no financial or Human Resource implications associated with this report.
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<b>Recommendation</b>
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That a briefing session for the Members of both the Strategic Policy and Resources and Health and Environmental Services Committees, to which all Members of the Council would be invited, be held for this purpose.
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