



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Right Service, Right Place - A Consultation on Proposals to Reshape Maternity Services in Belfast – Request to Brief the Committee.
Date:	23rd March, 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	In 2008, the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust launched its New Directions consultation document, which was the commencement of a process to examine how the Belfast Trust would deliver health and social care services over the next decade.
1.2	As part of that process, the Trust had issued previously a number of consultations, for example, Excellence and Choice: Adult Mental Health Services, to which the Council had submitted responses.
1.3	The next stage is to undertake a formal consultation on specific proposals for service change in the delivery of maternity services and to this end the Trust has issued the “Right Service, Right Place – a consultation to reshape maternity services in Belfast”.
1.4	The consultation will take place from 1st March until 31st May, 2012 and, as part of the consultation process, Mr Colm Donaghy, Chief Executive, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, has written to Council offering to brief the Committee on the proposals.
1.5	A copy of the consultation document and the associated Equality Impact Assessment has already been circulated to all Members of Council.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Committee has a close working relationship with the Trust and has received presentations previously on major issues which could affect the Health Services provided to the citizens of Belfast.
3	Resource Implications
	None.

4	Equality Implications
	None.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that a briefing session, to which all Members of the Council are invited, be held for this purpose.

6	Decision Tracking
Mr Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer	
April, 2012.	