



Subject:	World Health Organisation Healthy Cities Invitation to attend Event
Date:	8 August 2017
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Belfast City Council has been a stakeholder in Belfast Healthy Cities for some years, also having officer representation on its Board. The Healthy Cities Network offers members the opportunity to be part of a network of cities and towns committed to embedding health and health equity in all local policies, to work towards improving the health of their populations and to develop a strong collective voice for public health and sustainable development.
1.2	The influence of the Healthy Cities Network lies in the collaborative capacity of its political leaders and it is within this context, that a World Health Organisation (WHO) European

<p>1.3</p> <p>1.4</p>	<p>Healthy Cities Political Vision Group has been established, to consider the vision and strategy for the next phase of Healthy Cities within Europe, 2019-2023. The role of the Political Vision Group which will take place in Cork on 21 and 22 September 2017 is to ensure that politicians define the key themes for inclusion in the 2019-2023 phase.</p> <p>Belfast Healthy Cities was successful in its recent expression of interest, to host the 2018 WHO International Healthy Cities Conference. As hosts of the 2018 International Conference, WHO Europe has invited a politician from Belfast to join the WHO European Healthy Cities Political Vision Group in the lead up to the International Conference next year.</p> <p>The Purpose of this report is to provide members with information in relation to the Cork event.</p>
<p>2.0</p>	<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that Belfast Healthy Cities has extended an invitation to the Chair and / or the Deputy Chair (or their nominees) to represent Belfast City Council at the WHO European Healthy Cities Political Vision Group Meeting in Cork on 21 and 22 September 2017.
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main Report</p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The WHO European Healthy Cities Network was launched in 1988 as a political, cross-cutting and inter sectoral initiative, to be implemented through direct collaboration with cities. It is now a principal political and strategic vehicle for promoting whole of government and society approaches within the WHO European Region.</p> <p>The WHO European Healthy Cities Network consists of almost 100 cities. In addition, 20 accredited National Healthy Cities Networks in Europe have more than 1,400 cities and municipalities as members.</p> <p>The WHO European Healthy Cities Political Group Vision Group meeting being held in Cork in September 2017, will provide an opportunity for an Elected Member to engage with other political representatives from across Europe, to discuss the key themes for inclusion in the 2019-2023 phase of Healthy Cities within Europe. These themes will be consulted on, updated and adopted at the Mayors' Summit in Copenhagen in February 2018.</p>

3.4	<p>Members are ask to note that The Lord Mayor of Belfast has been invited to attend the WHO Healthy Cities Mayors' Summit which is to be held in Copenhagen on 12 and 13 February 2018 and this is under consideration.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>										
3.5	<p>It is estimated that the total cost per person to attend the WHO European Healthy Cities Political Vision Group Meeting in Cork will be approximately £383, this will need to be accommodated within existing budgets. A breakdown of estimated costs is included in Table 1 below.</p> <p><u>Table 1: Estimated Costs Per Person</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 757 1437 1012"> <tr> <th colspan="2">WHO European Healthy Cities Political Vision Group Meeting in Cork from 21 to 22 September 2017</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Return train journey from Belfast to Dublin</td> <td>65.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Return train journey from Dublin to Cork Euro</td> <td>78.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hotel accommodation (estimated £120 / night / person)</td> <td>240.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Cost</td> <td>£383.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>	WHO European Healthy Cities Political Vision Group Meeting in Cork from 21 to 22 September 2017		Return train journey from Belfast to Dublin	65.00	Return train journey from Dublin to Cork Euro	78.00	Hotel accommodation (estimated £120 / night / person)	240.00	Total Cost	£383.00
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3.6	None										
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached										
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