



Subject:	World Health Organisation Healthy Cities Invitation to attend Event
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
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

1.3	<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 took place in Cork on 21 and 22 September 2017 was 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>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Members are requested to consider a further request nominating a member of Committee to attend the WHO European Healthy Cities Mayors' Summit, in the absence of the Lord Mayor, which will take place in Copenhagen on 12th and 13th February 2018.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<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>
3.2	<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>
3.3	<p>The WHO European Healthy Cities Political Group Vision Group meeting was held in Cork in September 2017 and this provided 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>The Committee is asked to note that The Lord Mayor of Belfast had been invited to attend the event in Copenhagen, however is not available for the event. The Committee are therefore asked to consider a nominee to attend the event on behalf of Council.</p>

3.5	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>It is estimated that the cost per person to attend the WHO European Healthy Cities Mayors' Summit in Copenhagen will be accommodated within existing budgets.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Letter of invitation from Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director WHO Healthy Cities.