



Subject:	Marie Curie NI: A whole society approach to end of life care
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a request from Marie Curie Northern Ireland, for Committee to endorse and support a whole society approach to end of life care.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the content of this report; and• Approve the outlined proposal to allow officers to continue discussions with Marie Curie Northern Ireland and other organisations.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 208 421 237"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 255 1469 439">3.1 Committee is reminded that, at its meeting on 6th February 2018, it agreed to invite representatives from Marie Curie Northern Ireland to present on its case for a whole society approach to end of life care. Subsequently, a special meeting of Committee was held on 16th April 2018, at which representation was made from Marie Curie NI.</p> <p data-bbox="165 510 1469 741">3.2 A whole society approach to end of life care recognises the limitation to clinical care and service provision and considers the need to provide non-clinical support in a community setting, treating care as a civic responsibility, shared by everyone. This approach involves social efforts from across society to improve health in the face of terminal illness, caregiving and bereavement.</p> <p data-bbox="165 813 1469 996">3.3 The approach requires a range of partners from across all the major sectors in the community, to provide support to those affected by terminal illness and their loved ones. This includes partnerships with local government, the business community, education, arts and cultural institutions and the housing sector.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1068 1469 1252">3.4 Central to this approach is the recognition that care is not solely the responsibility of Health and Social Care services, but rather it is everyone's responsibility and that the issues associated with death and dying cannot be fully addressed without all sections of society playing their part.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1323 1469 1704">3.5 Benefits of a whole society approach to end of life care include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 1368 1469 1451">▪ Expanded reach of end of life care services by engagement with the wider community; <li data-bbox="325 1469 1469 1552">▪ Addressing the greater range of needs that may not always be met by clinical services; <li data-bbox="325 1570 1469 1653">▪ Mobilisation of untapped sources of social and spiritual care / support, as well as practical resources and expertise; and <li data-bbox="325 1671 1469 1704">▪ Increased social networks and reduced social isolation. </p> <p data-bbox="165 1776 1469 1960">3.6 Marie Curies' request to Committee is that it endorses the benefits of a whole society approach to end of life care and considers supporting Marie Curies' ambition of them being able to host a partnership event in the City Hall, which would seek to raise awareness of the issues around terminal illness and a whole society approach to end of life care. Marie Curie</p>

	<p>NI would intend to include other Cancer services support services at this event.</p> <p>3.7 The whole society approach to end of life care is reflective of the Compassionate City Charter for Belfast, which Council agreed to support in September 2014. The Charter ‘calls on us all to treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves’ and ‘compels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures’.</p> <p>3.8 Our vision for Belfast in 2035, as set out in the Belfast Agenda, also speaks of Belfast as a ‘compassionate city offering opportunities for everyone’ and recognises the need to support and care for people who face multiple challenges, to support our older people and to reduce life inequalities.</p> <p>3.9 It is proposed that Council officers would engage further with Marie Curie Northern Ireland to consider the necessary action to host such an event. This would include undertaking the appropriate steps to secure the use of City Hall and raising awareness of the event and the whole society approach to end of life care, across all relevant forums with which Council have a connection. Following this engagement a further report will be brought back to Committee for its consideration.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.10 The Council’s contribution to this work is being undertaken within existing budgets and there are no additional financial implications.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.11 None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None