



Subject:	Update on the Reference Group on Older People
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update committee on the key issues discussed at the Reference Group on Older People Meetings held on 12 th June and 18 th September 2018
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	That the People and Communities Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• note the minutes from the Reference Group on Older People meeting held on 12th June and 18th September 2018.• Approve the recommendation that the chairperson and two officers attend the Korber Symposium, Hamburg Germany, between the 14th and 15th November, 2018.

	Members are asked to consider delegated authority to undertake the booking for this travel, if approved in October given the funding and tight timescale.
3.0	Main report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Election of Chairperson</p> <p>3.1 Alderman Copeland was appointed to the position of chairperson for the period ended on the date of the Local Government Elections in May 2019.</p> <p>Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021</p> <p>3.2 Members were asked to note the draft Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021 and in particular to delivering the actions attributable to the Council as highlighted in the body of this report prior to public consultation from 3rd July-25th September 2018</p> <p>3.3 The draft Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021 was agreed at Chief Management Team on 6th June 2018 and subsequently at SPR on 22nd June 2018 and Council on 2nd July.</p> <p>3.4 The Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership used a range of mechanisms to engage with older people and key stakeholders across the city with a view to identifying priority areas for the next 3 years and update the baseline assessment. These included working with city stats and partner organisations to utilise existing data sets, consultation events including the annual Age-friendly Belfast Convention and officer attendance at the Greater Belfast Seniors Forum meetings. We have also secured a number of questions in recent Council residence surveys and supplemented these with a specific age-friendly Belfast survey. AgeNI were also commissioned to consult with some of the harder to reach older peoples groups (disabled, carers, LGBT, BME and people living in residential care) using peer facilitators</p> <p>3.5 Our Vision remains that: Belfast will be a city where older people live life to the full</p> <p>3.6 Five new thematic areas of work have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership • Infrastructure • Social inclusion • Health and wellbeing

- **Financial security.**

3.7 These each take cognisance of two cross cutting themes:

- **addressing inequalities**
- **supporting dementia friendly communities.**

3.8 For each theme, commitment has been secured from key stakeholders, to deliver specific actions detailed within the plan.

Measuring success

3.9 We will know we are making a difference by using an Outcomes Based Approach.

There was discussion around infrastructure, transport, housing provision, disabled facilities grants and social isolation.

Age-friendly Belfast Summer Events

3.10 Members were informed of a few events on over the summer:

Rose Week Tea Dance

Tuesday 17th July

Lady Dixon Park

2pm -4pm

Bring your Grandparents to the Park

Wednesday 22 Aug

Botanic Gardens

10.30am – 1.30pm

3.11 These events provided grandparents the opportunities to bring their grandchildren to the parks to enjoy fun filled activities including: oldstyle and lawn games; kite workshops; play the gathering drums; mini mela (Indian and Mexican dance) ; growing workshops; dance workshops; multi-cultural arts and crafts and nature trails

Friday 24th August

Big Band Tea Dance

City Hall

2pm -4pm

3.12	<p><u>Age-friendly Belfast Convention 2018</u></p> <p>The Reference Group was provided with an update the Annual Age-friendly Belfast Convention, on Monday, 1st October, 2018. Speakers include the Lord Mayor, Alderman Copeland, the Commissioner for Older People and the coordinator for the Healthy Ageing Disability and Long Term Care, WHO Regional Office for Europe.</p>
3.13	<p><u>Positive Ageing Month 2018</u></p> <p>Members were given an update on the diverse programme of events for Positive Ageing Month, 2018. The objectives are enhanced well-being and the reduction in social isolation for Older People.</p>
3.14	<p><u>WHO Healthy Cities Conference 2018</u></p> <p>Age-friendly Belfast and the Greater Belfast Seniors' Forum are to be showcased at the Healthy Cities conference and there will be a site visit for delegates to the east Belfast Network Centre at which members of the East Belfast Seniors' Forum would be in attendance.</p>
3.15	<p><u>Age-friendly Network</u></p> <p>The Reference Group was informed that AgeNI, the Department for Communities and the Public Health Agency were in the process of establishing an Age-friendly network for Northern Ireland which would be launched in November 2018. Gillian McEvoy, Senior Environmental Health Officer and Elma Greer, Healthy Ageing coordinator have been nominated to represent Belfast on the network.</p>
3.16	<p><u>Update on Be Prepared Events</u></p> <p>The Reference Group were provided with a list of 'Be Prepared' events which would be held across the city from 30th October, 2018 till 28th January, 2019. These events would provide useful advice and guidance for older people on how they might improve their daily living.</p>
3.17	<p><u>Korber Symposium on Demographic Change</u></p> <p>An invitation has been received to attend and help deliver a workshop using Belfast as a good practise example at a symposium on demographic change to be held Hamburg, Germany, between the 14th and 15th November, 2018. The event would be of particular interest to those individuals with responsibility for developing policy around the issues of ageing and demography.</p>

3.18	Attendance at the symposium is free and organisers have offered to pay all travel and accommodation costs for 3 attendees.
3.19	The Reference Group considered the invitation and agreed that two officers from the Council be nominated to attend the Symposium, Gillian McEvoy, Senior Environmental Health Officer and Elma Greer, Healthy Ageing coordinator together with the Chairperson of the Reference Group, subject to the approval of the People and Communities Committee.
3.20	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All work will be carried out within existing budgets</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.21	The draft Age-friendly Belfast Plan has been equality and rural needs screened in line with the Council's agreed process
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Copy of minutes of the Reference Group on Older People meeting on 20th March 2018.</p> <p>Appendix 2- Copy of minutes of the Reference Group on Older People meeting on 18th September 2018.</p> <p>Appendix 3 - The draft Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021.</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Korber Symposium</p>