



<b>Subject:</b>	Update on the Reference Group on Older People
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	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	The purpose of this report is to update committee on the key issues discussed at the Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	That the People and Communities Committee approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Reference Group on Older People meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Specifically to agree a detailed proposal be developed to pilot the use of the Welcome room in the City hall as a drop in space for older people two days a week.</li></ul>

3.0	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p data-bbox="272 226 691 255"><b><u>Walking Football - Danderball</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="272 275 1471 506">Lynne Wilson, Sports Development Officer provided the Reference Group with a video and presentation on the work undertaken by Age-Friendly Belfast supported by both the Belfast Community Sports Development Network and the Irish Football Association. She stated that the objective of Danderball was to increase older people’s participation in physical activity and reduce the problem of social isolation.</p>
3.2	<p data-bbox="272 580 1471 757">The Danderball programme is taking place at Avoniel, Shankill and Olympia Leisure Centres and the Maureen Sheehan Centre. The Northern Ireland Walking Football Federation (N.I. W. F. F.) has been established to promote the sport and which was affiliated to the Irish Football Association (I.F.A.) to provide an official competition structure for the sport.</p>
3.3	<p data-bbox="272 831 1353 860"><b><u>Age-friendly Belfast Convention and Launch of the Age- friendly Belfast Plan</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="272 880 1471 1111">The annual Age-friendly Belfast Convention took place on 1st October, 2018. The Age-Friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021(appendix 1) was launched at the convention by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Hargey and an overview of the Plan had been provided by the Chairperson of the Reference Group, Alderman Copeland. The Members were informed of the thematic areas identified within the plan including:</p> <ul data-bbox="323 1131 708 1361" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Partnership</li> <li>▪ Infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Social Inclusion</li> <li>▪ Health and Wellbeing and</li> <li>▪ Financial Security</li> </ul>
3.4	<p data-bbox="272 1442 1471 1563">The Environmental Manager referred to the cross cutting themes within the plan, aimed at addressing life inequalities including the provision of support for dementia friendly communities.</p>
3.5	<p data-bbox="272 1644 1078 1673"><b><u>Korber Foundation Symposium On Demographic Change</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="272 1693 1471 1870">Age-friendly Belfast were invited to Hamburg to host a workshop at the Korber Foundation annual symposium. Delegates at the symposium were impressed with the strategic approach taken by Belfast in becoming Age-friendly however, they had expressed surprise at the levels of inequality within the city. They were keen to learn from Belfast.</p>

3.6	<p><b><u>Welcome Meeting Room</u></b></p> <p>Members of the Greater Belfast Seniors' Forum had requested the use of a city centre meeting area which they could use to as a discussion platform and as a means to coordinate their work and combat isolation at a recent meeting with the All Party Reference group. They had asked officers to explore the possibility of a room being available in City Hall for that purpose.</p>
3.7	<p>The People and Communities Committee is asked to consider the possibility of using the Welcome room in the city Hall for a short time as a pilot two half days a week as a drop in space for older people and approve a more detailed proposal to be developed and presented to the relevant committee.</p>
3.8	<p><b><u>U.K. Network of Age-friendly Communities Steering Group</u></b></p> <p>In October Belfast hosted a meeting of the steering group. Members of the steering group were represented from other cities including London, Manchester, Bristol, Leeds, Wales and Scotland and that they were impressed with Age-friendly Belfast, the partnership work and the work of the Greater Belfast Senior's Forum. Belfast is recognised as one of the leading Age-friendly Cities in the U.K.</p>
3.9	<p><b><u>Age-friendly Belfast Positive Ageing Month 2018</u></b></p> <p>Positive ageing month takes place in October, this year there were over 100 events organised throughout the city. It was a great success.</p>
3.10	<p><b><u>Age- friendly Belfast Older Volunteer Awards</u></b></p> <p>Age-friendly Older Volunteer Awards recognises groups, organisations and individuals under the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Older Volunteer of the Year Award</li> <li>▪ Marie Mathews Participation Award</li> <li>▪ Making a Difference Award</li> <li>▪ Good Neighbour Award</li> <li>▪ Team or Group Award</li> </ul>
3.11	<p><b><u>Age- friendly Belfast Events</u></b></p> <p>Members were informed of a number of tea dances and the 'be prepared' events.</p>

<p>3.12</p> <p>3.13</p> <p>3.14</p> <p>3.15</p>	<p><b><u>Expression of Thanks</u></b></p> <p>The Chairperson, on behalf of the Reference Group thanked the officers for their dedicated work throughout the year and for the success in respect of their contribution towards Belfast becoming an Age-friendly city.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The Reference Group agreed that its next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1 p.m.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; 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> <p>The Age-friendly Belfast Plan has been equality and rural needs screened in line with the Council's agreed process.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Age Friendly Belfast Plan</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Minute of Meeting on 12 December 2018</p>