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| Subject: | Motion – Mental Health |
| Date: | 12th February, 2019 |
| Reporting Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer |

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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"/> |

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

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | To bring to the Committee's attention the Motion in respect of: Mental Health which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 4th February. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <u>Key Issues</u> The Council, at its meeting on 4th February, considered the following Motion which had been moved by Councillor Pankhurst and seconded by Councillor Murphy: |

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| | <p><i>"This Council notes the sterling work conducted by a number of youth organisations across Belfast in attempting to break the stigma around mental health by supporting those suffering from illnesses such as depression and anxiety.</i></p> <p><i>The Council agrees to support and promote these youth organisations through providing events, seminars and funding, when required, in order to help combat mental ill-health in Belfast.</i></p> <p><i>The Council understands that the Department for Education is now considering implementing resilience training as part of the school curriculum. The Council welcomes this and agrees to write to the Department for Education to encourage it to implement this as a matter of urgency.</i></p> <p><i>The Council also calls upon the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to consider adopting safe spaces in Accident and Emergency centres, including a pathway of care, for those suffering from severe mental health difficulties who feel suicidal and need urgent care.</i></p> <p><i>Finally, the Council agrees to convene a meeting between these youth organisations and other statutory agencies to try and establish a pilot online chat platform operated by trained staff for those suffering from mental ill-health. This platform will also be available in phone applications, should it be successful, making it much more accessible to young people in particular."</i></p> |
| 3.2 | <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> |
| | <p>None.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> |
| | <p>None.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices - Documents Attached |
| | None |