



Subject:	Update on the Reference Group on Older People
Date:	5 November 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 22 nd August 2019.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Reference Group on Older People meeting held on 22nd August 2019.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The Reference Group on Older People is a working group of the People and Communities Committee which consists of an elected member from each of the political parties.

3.2	<p>The minutes from the Reference Group on Older People are brought before the Committee for approval.</p>
3.3	<p>The key issues discussed at the 22nd August 2019 meeting were:</p> <p><u>Election of chairperson</u></p>
3.4	<p>Following nomination by Councillor Groves, seconded by Councillor Heading, Alderman Copeland was appointed Chairperson</p> <p><u>Terms of Reference</u></p>
3.5	<p>Members were provided the Terms of Reference and agreed the date of the annual joint meeting with the Greater Belfast Seniors Forum would be 5th November 2019.</p> <p><u>Update on Age-friendly Belfast</u></p>
3.6	<p>Members were provided an update on progress with the Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021 and in particular delivery of the actions attributable to the Council. A PowerPoint presentation on the plan was delivered at the meeting.</p> <p>Our Vision remains that:</p>
3.7	<p>Belfast will be a city where older people live life to the full</p> <p>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.
3.8	<p>These each take cognisance of two cross cutting themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • addressing inequalities • supporting dementia friendly communities.
3.9	<p>For each theme commitment has been secured, from key stakeholders, to deliver specific actions detailed within the plan.</p>

3.10	<p>You can see the full plan:</p> <p>http://www.makinglifebettertogether.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/9598-Age-friendly-plan-2018-21-28SEPTWEB.pdf</p> <p><u>Presentation from Michele Smyth - AgeNI</u></p>
3.11	<p>Michelle Smyth reminded Members that every Councillor has committed to becoming an Age Friendly Champion, the Age Friendly Champions Action Guide is attached in Appendix 2</p> <p><u>Age-friendly Belfast Convention 2019</u></p>
3.12	<p>Members were informed of and invited to the annual Age-friendly Belfast Convention, held on International Older Persons Day, 1st October 2019 in the City Hall.</p> <p><u>Update on Age-Friendly Belfast Events</u></p>
3.13	<p>Age-friendly Belfast Positive Ageing Month takes place throughout October 2019. This year's events and activities include many of our arts and community groups, venues, organisations and projects to help celebrate Belfast as a city where older people can live life to the full. Information on this year's full programme can be found by clicking on http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/community/Seniors/positive-ageing-month.aspx?E_EventGroup=positiveageing</p> <p><u>Date of future meetings</u></p>
3.14	<p>Dates of future meetings were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th November 2019 12.30pm • 24th February 2020 12.30pm • 18th May 2020 12.30pm • 17th August 2020 12.30pm • 16th November 2020 12.30pm
3.15	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All events and activities are met within existing resources.</p>

3.16	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are currently no equality or good relation implications in relation to this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Copy of minutes of the Reference Group on Older People meeting on 22nd August 2019</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Age Friendly Champions Action Guide</p>