



Subject:	Update on the Reference Group on Older People
Date:	3 December 2019
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is seek committee approval of the minutes of the Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 5 th November 2019, and to update members on the key issues discussed.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• approve the minutes from the Reference Group on Older People meeting held on 5th November 2019.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 293 1453 371">3.1 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.</p> <p data-bbox="272 439 1461 517">3.2 The minutes from the Reference Group on Older People are brought before the Committee for approval.</p> <p data-bbox="272 595 1145 624">3.3 The key issues discussed at the 5th November 2019 meeting were:</p> <p data-bbox="272 696 643 725"><u>3.4 Positive Ageing Month 2019</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 797 1469 875">There was a presentation on the activities and events during Positive Ageing Month 2019, which was October 2019.</p> <p data-bbox="272 954 1469 1032">Members discussed participation of minorities and acknowledge work going on to increase this.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1111 1318 1140">City Matters was noted as a very successful engagement route for Older People</p> <p data-bbox="272 1211 1469 1290">In respect to activities for older people in Leisure Centres it was agreed to invite a representative from GLL to the next meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1346 778 1375"><u>3.5 Age-friendly Belfast Pharmacy Charter</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1458 1445 1536">It was noted that the Age-friendly Belfast Pharmacy Charter was launched on 8th October. Members asked for a list of pharmacies by District Electoral Area.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1603 1414 1632">Dementia awareness training was requested for newly Elected Members of the Council</p> <p data-bbox="272 1704 738 1733"><u>3.6 Greater Belfast seniors Forum (G6)</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1805 1469 1883">A report was presented on the Greater Belfast Seniors Forum before members of the G6 joined the meeting along with a Neighbourhood Services Manager.</p>

<p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Services Manager outlined the new neighbourhood working, and agreed the four Neighbourhood Services Managers would attend the next meeting of the reference group.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Area Managers would make arrangements to attend each of the forums in their areas.</p> <p>Members of the G6 provided updates on their work.</p> <p>After discussions on poverty it was agreed that an appropriate Council officer would attend the next meeting to discuss the issue and Councils role.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All events and activities are met within existing resources.</p> <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>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Minutes of Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 5th November 2019.</p>