



Subject:	Update on the Reference Group on Older People
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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
	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 24th February 2020.
2.0	Recommendations
	That the People and Communities Committee approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Reference Group on Older People meeting held 24th February 2020.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>

3.1	<p>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>The minutes from the Reference Group on Older People are brought before the Committee for approval.</p> <p>The key issues discussed at the 24th February 2020 meeting were:</p> <p><u>Leisure Centres and Older peoples programmes</u></p> <p>Noel Munnis, BCC Partnership Manager provided the Working Group with an update on the leisure transformation programme with particular reference to the programming and facilities available for older people.</p> <p>Membership by the over 60's comprised currently 19% of the total membership, which reflects the general population.</p> <p>He referred to the rehabilitation services and activities suitable for older people.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Update on Neighbourhood Services and Area working</u></p> <p>Alison Allen and Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Managers outlined the new neighbourhood working arrangements.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Update on Age-friendly Belfast</u></p> <p>Members were updated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Age-friendly Belfast Older Volunteer of the Year Awards • The Be Prepared Event on 4th February • St Patricks day Tea Dances and Parade • Happy to Chat Bench
3.4	<p><u>Dementia Friendly Belfast Celebration Event</u></p> <p>Member ewer invited to a Dementia Friendly Belfast Celebration Event which would be held the City Hall on 3rd March, 2020 and to a performance of the play 'Songbirds', in be held on Thursday, 12th March in the Duncairn Centre at 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Dementia awareness training will be offered to GLL staff and Elected Members.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All events and activities are met within existing resources.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are currently no equality or good relation implications in relation to this report.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Minutes of Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 5th November 2019.</p>