



<b>Subject:</b>	Update on the Reference Group on Older People
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<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 report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2022.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Reference Group on Older People meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
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.

3.2	The minutes from the Reference Group on Older People are brought before the Committee for approval.
3.3	<p>The key issues discussed at the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 meeting were:</p> <p><b><u>Update on Age-friendly Belfast</u></b></p>
3.4	<p>There was a presentation on the activities and events during the last few months including development of the new Age-friendly Belfast Plan, the work of the Greater Belfast Seniors Forum, The Age-friendly Belfast Convention 2021 and Positive Ageing Month 2021. The recently launched Health and Wellbeing information &amp; support for seniors in the community produced jointly with the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust was highlighted along with the Age-friendly Belfast 2022 Calendar.</p> <p><b><u>Update on Older Volunteers Celebration 2021</u></b></p>
3.5	<p>Members were informed on the success of the virtual Age-friendly Belfast Older Volunteers Celebration Event held in December 2021 and the work of older volunteers across the City.</p> <p><b><u>Safe Seniors Packs</u></b></p>
3.6	<p>Members were updated on the Safe Seniors Packs produced by Police and Community Safety Partnership, with Age-friendly Belfast and The Public Health Agency, the packs have been distributed to older people across the city by a variety of means.</p> <p><b><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></b></p>
3.7	<p>All events and activities are met within existing resources.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p>
3.8	<p>There are currently no equality or good relation implications in relation to this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Minutes of Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2022