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**Democratic Services Section  
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Belfast City Council  
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6th October, 2023

## **MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item(s) will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Tuesday, 10th October, 2023.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

#### **4. Committee/Strategic Issues**

- (g) Invite to 2023 WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting 2023 (Pages 1 - 4)

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<b>Subject:</b>	Invite to 2023 WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting 23
<b>Date:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services, CNS
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Nicola Lane, Neighbourhood Services Manager, CNS Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer – Community Provision, CNS

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**Call-in**

**Is the decision eligible for Call-in?** Yes  No

1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise members of an invite from Belfast Healthy Cities for either the Chair or Vice Chair of People and Communities committee to attend the 2023 WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference November 2023 in Utrecht, Netherlands.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Committee is asked to consider the invitation and advise whether Council will be represented at the conference and if so, by whom.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<b>Background</b> Belfast's membership to the WHO European Healthy Cities Network is facilitated by Belfast Healthy Cities (BHC), an independent partnership organisation. In May 2021 the City of Belfast was successful in its application to re-designate as a WHO Healthy City and participate in Phase VII of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network until April 2026.
3.2	<b>WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Conference</b> Belfast Healthy Cities contacted Council on 4 <sup>th</sup> October to extend an invitation for the Chair or Vice Chair of People and Communities committee (or their nominee) to attend the 2023 WHO Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference. This year marks the 35 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of this movement, and the Conference will take place from 21 to 23 November 2023 in the historic city of Utrecht, with the theme "Health and well-being for all: celebrating 35 years of the Healthy Cities movement".
3.3	Healthy Cities conferences are the main forum for both political and technical participants from member cities from across the WHO European Network to share experiences, debate and discuss health challenges from the perspective of cities throughout the WHO European Region. Further detail on the meeting and a link to the full programme is provided in Appendix 1.
3.4	Public sector organisations cover the costs of a member attending. Only one political representative from Belfast is asked to attend, three BHC staff and a BHC board member will also attend. Costs for attending the meeting in person are £900/£1,100 – this includes return flight to Utrecht; 4 nights' accommodation and any allowance for each day.
3.5	<b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b> As public sector organisations cover the cost of political members attendance at WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Meetings, this cost will have to be taken from council budgets, there is no potential to cover this expenditure from existing budgets.
3.6	<b>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</b> None identified.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
4.1	Invite to WHO European Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting 21-23 November 23



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Dear Healthy Cities political representative

### **WHO European Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting Utrecht, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, 21-23 November 2023**

We are delighted to invite you to the 2023 Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. The meeting will be held at Jaarbeursplein in Utrecht, Kingdom of the Netherlands from 21 to 23 November with the theme of “**Health and Well-being for All: Celebrating 35 Years of the Healthy Cities Movement**”. For this on-site meeting, we would like to also take this opportunity to **invite you to the politicians’ dinner, which will take place on the evening of Tuesday, 21 November 2023.**

To access background documents related to the establishment and functioning of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network including its Conference Code of Conduct, please click on the following link: [Euro Healthy Cities Documents](#)

The latest versions of the working documents for the conference can be accessed and downloaded using the following link: [ABM 2023 meeting working documents.](#)

Healthy Cities conferences are the main forum for both political and technical participants from member cities from across the WHO European Network to share experiences, debate and discuss health challenges from the perspective of cities throughout the WHO European Region. City politicians and decision-makers have the power and the means to make a tremendous difference in the health and well-being of their population. Health goes hand in hand with the social, economic and sustainable development of a city or province. We value your ongoing commitment as a Healthy Cities political representative to the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors – Healthier and Happier Cities for All.

As outlined in the terms of reference for the WHO European Network, being represented at the Conference is considered obligatory for all flagship cities in the WHO European Network. At least two representatives (coordinator and lead politician) should attend the Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference. The delegation’s size is based on designation and accreditation status in Phase VII; **please consult with your coordinator for more information.**

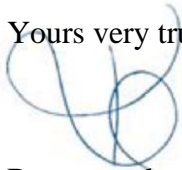
You may register for the Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference online using the following form: [Register | 2023 WHO European Healthy Cities \(eev-gu.nl\)](#)  
Please note that registration for in-person attendance should be completed by **Saturday, 30**

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**September 2023.** The scope and purpose and provisional programme of the Conference are attached for your further information.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference.

Yours very truly,



Best regards,

Kira Fortune

Regional Adviser, Healthy Cities, Health Promotion and Well-being

WHO Regional Office for Europe

Conference website: [HOME | 2023 WHO EUROPEAN HEALTHY CITIES \(EEV-GU.NL\)](https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/healthy-cities/healthy-cities-conference-2023)