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**Democratic Services Section  
Chief Executive's Department  
Belfast City Council  
City Hall  
Belfast  
BT1 5GS**



2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2011

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman / Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room (Room G05), City Hall on Thursday, 8th September, 2011 at 10.00 a.m., for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

PETER McNANEY

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

1. **Routine Matters**
  - (a) Apologies
2. **Accident and Emergency Services in Belfast (Pages 1 - 4)**  
(to receive from representatives of the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust a presentation in respect of accident and emergency services across Belfast)

**To: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and all Members of the Council**

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Belfast City Council

Item No:

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| <b>Report to:</b>         | Strategic Policy and Resources Committee  |
| <b>Subject:</b>           | <b>Future of Accident &amp; Emergency Services in Belfast – Presentation by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>              | Thursday, 8 September 2011  |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental Services  |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental Services  |

### **1.0 Relevant Background Information**

- 1.1 Members are advised that Colm Donaghy, Chief Executive, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust has requested a meeting with Members, in order that he can brief them on the immediate and longer term plans for accident & emergency services across Belfast.
- 1.2 Belfast Health and Social Care Trust are keen to talk to internal and external stakeholders about this issue and particularly welcome the opportunity to address the Committee and listen to Member views.
- 1.3 Attached at Appendix One is a short briefing paper from the Trust outlining the content of the briefing. A more detailed presentation will be given by Mr Donaghy and his team at the meeting.

### **2.0 Resource Implications**

N/A

### **3.0 Equality Implications**

N/A

### **4.0 Documents attached**

Appendix 1 – Briefing Paper – Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

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# Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

1 September 2011

## **Accident and Emergency Services in Belfast**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust welcomes the opportunity to present our plans to ensure the safest possible services to patients attending our Emergency Departments at the Royal Victoria, Belfast City and Mater Hospitals.

Changes to the way in which we deliver emergency services are currently needed for two key reasons;

1. A shortage of suitably qualified medical staff to work in our Emergency Departments despite a local and international recruitment drive and
2. An inability to ensure the supervision of junior doctors on some of our sites – in line with the requirements of the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA).

We have been taking every opportunity to talk to internal and external stakeholders about this issue – and particularly welcome the opportunity to address the committee and listen to Members views.

## **The Trust team will include;**

|                   |                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Colm Donaghy      | Chief Executive                    |
| Marie Mallon      | Deputy Chief Executive             |
| Dr Tony Stevens   | Medical Director                   |
| Patricia Donnelly | Director of Acute Services         |
| Denise Stockman   | Director of Planning Redevelopment |

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