



<b>Subject:</b>	Update on the Reference Group on Older People
<b>Date:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	David Sales, Director, Neighbourhood Services Rose Crozier, Interim Director, Neighbourhood Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Manager Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer, Community Provision

<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 30th May 2022.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the report and approve the minutes from the Reference Group on Older People meeting held on 30th May 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	The key issues discussed at the 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 meeting were:  <b><u>Update on Development of Age Friendly Belfast Plan 2022-2026</u></b>
3.4	Alison Keenan, Eos Community Consulting CIC, presented on 'What we know and what we have heard' the results from the baseline work and consultations.
3.5	Members agreed the process for developing the new Age Friendly plan, which was outlined to along with the strategic themes areas and draft actions that are planned for each theme.  The themes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure/getting out and about</li> <li>• Social connections</li> <li>• Health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Financial security/cost of living</li> </ul>
3.6	Leadership and governance for Age Friendly Belfast will be provided by The Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP).
3.7	HASP Partners will oversee the delivery and performance management of the Age Friendly action plan and report on progress to Belfast Community Planning partnership.  <b><u>Update on Get IT project</u></b>
3.8	A recent project where 50 older people were identified and given tablets and training. The benefits ranged from zooming grandchildren, to booking MOTs, online banking and shopping.  <b><u>Age Friendly Belfast Activities and Events</u></b>
3.9	Members were updated on Age Friendly Belfast activities and in particular the very successful tea dances in 2 Royal Avenue and the hope to create an older peoples hub there when it reopens in autumn.

3.10	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u> All events and activities are met within existing resources.
3.11	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are currently no equality or good relation implications in relation to this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Minutes of Reference Group on Older People Meeting held on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022