



Subject:	West Belfast Well-Being Hub
Date:	19 th April 2024
Reporting Officer:	Trevor Wallace, Director of Finance
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Is this report restricted? Yes No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

Insert number

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter
5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise members the Notice of Motion referred back to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (SP&R) from March's Council.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> note the report and agree on whether the request should be dealt with via the discretionary payments process or via the end of year finance report.
3.0	Main report
3.1	A Notice of Motion was brought to the Standards and Business Committee on 29 th August 2023 to explore all options to fund the West Well Being Suicide Prevention Centre, including using reserve funds, if necessary, to source up to £50,000 so the organisation can continue to deliver its full range of services for the remainder of 2023. It was proposed by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor McCusker. The Standards and Business Committee agreed that, in the first instance, the motion be referred to SP&R.
3.2	At the SP&R committee meeting of 22 nd September 2023, the Committee considered the motion and agreed that the request be considered as part of the Quarter 2 Financial Report.
3.3	The Quarter 2 Financial Report as presented to members at SP&R on 24 th November 2023 highlighted the Q2 financial position and the forecast position of the council. Members agreed that reallocation of forecast underspends be considered as part of the year-end finance report.
3.4	The Committee's attention was drawn to the motion calling for emergency funding of £50K to be allocated to West Wellbeing Suicide Prevention Centre which the Committee, at its meeting on 22 nd September 2023, had agreed to consider as part of the Quarter 2 Financial Report. It was noted that requests of this nature were dependent upon funding being available for reallocation and the Director of Finance pointed out that the Quarter 2 finance report, which had been considered earlier in the meeting, had indicated that none was available. The request would, therefore, be dealt with as part of the year-end financial report.
3.4	Subsequently information was provided to the Chair of West Well Being advising of the Discretionary Payments Fund that was being reviewed, and in January 2024 the application pack was sent directly to the Chair. No application, or further correspondence, was received.

3.5	<p>On this basis it was then recommend that the Notice of Motion was closed. Subsequently, at the Council meeting of 4th March 2024, it was agreed that the Motion would not be closed and referred to SP&R committee for further discussion.</p>
3.6	<p>Members are therefore asked on how they wish this motion to proceed, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Via the year-end reallocation process, which would be dependent on monies being available; or 2. Via the Discretionary Payment Process which will open in June but will again be capped at £20k. <p>As per any funding, either option would require due diligence to be carried out prior to funding being provided.</p>
	<p>Financial & Resource Implications</p>
3.7	<p>None at this stage</p>
	<p>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</p>
3.8	<p>None</p>
	<p>4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>