



Subject:	Attendance at Events - Healthy Cities Annual Conference
Date:	12 th May 2015
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>Belfast City Council is a key stakeholder in Belfast Healthy Cities, being a core funder and also having officer representation on its Board. The UK Healthy Cities Network offers members the opportunity to be part of a dynamic and supportive network of cities and towns committed to embedding health and health equity in all local policies, to improving the health of their populations and to developing a strong collective voice for public health and sustainable development.</p> <p>This year is the first Annual Business and Technical Conference In Phase VI and will be hosted in Kuopio, Finland from 24-26 June. The overarching conference theme this year is "Political Choices for Healthy Cities."</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is recommended to consider if they wish to nominate the Chairman and/or the Deputy Chairman (or their nominees), together with an appropriate officer from Environmental Health Service, to attend the conference on behalf of Council.</p>

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The WHO European Healthy Cities Network was established in 1987 and now consists of 98 cities, alongside 30 national healthy cities networks involving more than 1400 cities and towns similarly committed to Healthy Cities' values and ways of working.</p> <p>The overarching theme of “political choices for Healthy Cities” will be explored through three main thematic strands:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. city health diplomacy and reaching out to other sectors; 2. equity, resilience and life-course, with a special focus on the health of women and older people; and 3. healthy urban planning and urban innovation and technology, with a special focus on physical activity and active living in general. <p>Ultimately, the Conference offers a platform for political leaders, health professionals and activists to shape their visions for the future and to renew and reinvigorate their commitment to health, sustainable development and the Healthy Cities movement. Individual sessions will be held for politicians on the topics of political choices for healthy cities and city health diplomacy. The provisional scope and purpose of the conference is outlined in Appendix 1.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The cost of flights to Kuopio from Belfast is approximately £320 per person. The organisers have provided details of a range of hotels in the area, the costs of which are attached in Appendix 2.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	<p>Appendix 1 - Provisional Scope and Purpose</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Hotel and Transportation Information</p>