



Subject:	International Men's Day, 18 th November 2016
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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	This report is to update Members on the celebration of International Men's Day on Friday 18 th November 2016. It is proposed that an event will take place in Belfast City Hall, 10am to 12noon.
1.2	Members will recall two years ago Alderman Ruth Patterson highlighted the significant issues affecting men and boys all over the world and the important opportunity presented by International Men's Day for the Council to raise awareness of these issues in the Belfast area. This resulted in a very successful event being held to celebrate International Men's Day in 2014 followed by another in 2015.
1.3	<p>The previous theme of “Working Together For Men and Boys” will continue this year; it is designed to encourage greater cooperation in addressing issues that affect men and again there will be events and initiatives happening all over the world reflecting the Six Pillars of International Men's Day, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Working together to promote positive male role models▪ Working together to celebrate Men's positive contributions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working together to focus on Men's health and well-being ▪ Working together to highlight discrimination against males ▪ Working together to improve gender relations and improve gender equality ▪ Working together to create a safer, better world
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm that this is an important annual event which should be recognised and supported by the Council as a member of Belfast Strategic Partnership in its work to address health and life inequalities across the city.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>It is proposed that the Council holds an event again this year focusing on men's health and wellbeing, including mental health and building emotional resilience. The event will be organised together with the Belfast Health Development Unit and the costs will be covered within existing revenue estimates. This year it will be a morning event and will include a talk from Patrick Nelson, the Chief Executive of the Irish Football Association, and Andrew Steenson from the Belfast Health Development Unit. A draft of the Programme is attached at appendix 1. It is hoped to attract local men from all walks of life across the city to attend the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall this event is an occasion for men to celebrate their achievements and contributions, in particular their contributions to community, family, marriage, and child care while highlighting the discrimination against them; ▪ The theme will be health and wellbeing and there will be practical information and activities tackling issues to do with isolation, poverty, debt management, obesity, drugs and alcohol, smoking, diversity, stress, and skills development; ▪ Invitations will be targeted to endeavour to make the event as inclusive as possible; for example through the Family Support Hubs, Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Community organisations, etc; ▪ This will be the third consecutive year the Council has celebrated International Men's Day.

	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>3.2 The anticipated cost of catering, design and set up is estimated at £1000 and will be covered within existing Environmental Health revenue estimates.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>3.3 Gillian McEvoy (Senior Environmental Health Officer) and Norman Neill (Human Resources) are organising this event in conjunction with Valerie Brown (Environmental Health Manager).</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>3.4 Assets from last year's event are being used this year (pop-up stands) and there are no other asset implications.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.5 There are no equality or Good Relations implications to report. To note, Good Relations is involved in planning the event to ensure any implications, if they arise, are dealt with accordingly.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1 - Draft Programme