



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposal by Belfast Healthy Cities for the City to Host the 2018 Healthy Cities WHO Conference
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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 request that Members consider a proposal from Belfast Healthy Cities that Belfast City Council supports the bid for the 2018 International WHO European Healthy Cities Network Conference.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• recommend that the Lord Mayor, Cllr Brian Kingston provides a letter indicating the city's interest and support to host this international event.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> This is an opportunity for Belfast to host this international conference and represents a very exciting and important milestone in the WHO European Healthy Cities Network – not only will it mark the close of Phase VI (2014 -2018) and the launch of a new phase, it will also act as a celebration of 30 years of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. As

such WHO are seeking a host city who is enthusiastic and committed to deliver a memorable event which reflects the innovation, dedication and vibrancy which has seen these Networks succeed over the past three decades.

3.2 Belfast has been a leading and active member of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network for almost all of the thirty years - we were in fact the eleventh city to become a member of the European network which now has a limited membership of 100 cities. Belfast Healthy Cities office has held the WHO Secretariat of the European Network since 2009 until now. The Healthy Cities movement has become a global movement and this Conference will bring representatives from the WHO six global regions to Belfast from across the five continents.

3.3 This global conference would take place over 4 days in June 2018 with an estimated 800-1100 participants. It is an open event and as such the Host City requests a fee for participation - a number of dates in June 2018 will be held by in Waterfront Hall, if Belfast's bid to host the Conference is successful. Tours will be provided for accompanying persons during the days of the Conference, creating the opportunity for many visitors to explore Belfast and beyond and post Conference tours will be organized for delegates and families. It is an opportunity to bring international delegates to Belfast, adding to the growth of tourism and regeneration of the city and promoting the significant changes in the city over the past decade.

3.4 It will also provide the opportunity to showcase best practice from Belfast and from across Northern Ireland to an international audience. Input from the Universities will also be key and many visiting Professors will be present alongside many NGO's and community associations who participate and deliver the Healthy Cities approach across the world.

#### Financial & Resource Implications

3.5 In preparing the bid to host this Conference, the CEO and Belfast Healthy Cities team have met with Visit Belfast and four tenders have been submitted. Estimated costs for Belfast Healthy Cities to host the Conference could be between £30,000 to £100,000. It is expected that Belfast Healthy Cities will receive additional income from the WHO Secretariat and government departments. Belfast Healthy Cities will be engaged in discussions with relevant stakeholders to support the additional funding requirements. There are no financial implications for the Council at this time.

3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> There are no equality or good relations implications at this stage.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Proposed draft letter from Lord Mayor