



Subject:	World Health Organisation International Healthy Cities Conference
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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	Belfast City Council is a key stake holder in Belfast Healthy Cities, has officer representation on its Board and supports the network through funding. 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 improve the health of their populations and to developing a strong collective voice for public health and sustainable development.
1.2	This year the final annual Business Meeting and Conference to be held in Phase VI of the World Health Organisation (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network will be held in Pécs, Hungary from 1 to 3 March 2017. The overarching conference theme this year is Building Healthy Cities: Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider if they wish to nominate the Chairman and / or the Deputy Chairman (or their nominees) to attend the annual WHO Healthy Cities Conference on behalf of the Council which will be held in Pécs, Hungary in March 2017.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="256 208 405 237"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="148 255 1449 439">3.1 The WHO European Healthy Cities Network was launched in 1988 as a political, cross-cutting and inter-sectoral initiative, to be implemented through direct collaboration with cities. It is now a principal political and strategic vehicle for promoting whole of government and society approaches within the WHO European Region.</p> <p data-bbox="148 510 1449 640">3.2 The WHO European Network consists of almost 100 cities. In addition, 20 accredited National Healthy Cities Networks in Europe have more than 1,400 cities and municipalities as members.</p> <p data-bbox="148 712 1449 887">3.3 The conference in March 2017 will be strategic and visionary in nature, in preparation for the next phase of Healthy Cities and will include a strong political vision, presented by the newly formed Political Vision Group with political participation from the participating cities and networks.</p> <p data-bbox="148 958 1449 1290">3.4 The themes of the conference which are inclusive, resilient and sustainable will be explored through the following sub themes:</p> <ul data-bbox="308 1061 719 1290" style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport and environment; ▪ Migrant and refugees; ▪ Healthy ageing; ▪ Gender; and ▪ Early life <p data-bbox="148 1361 1449 1693">3.5 A special feature of the conference will be to dedicate significant time to the preparation for 2018, which celebrates 30 years of Healthy Cities and to the vision and criteria for the new phase, 2018 – 2022. There will be opportunities for dialogue between politicians and coordinators, learning & training for all delegates and surgeries that will offer the opportunity to consider city results from the mid-way review as well as other city challenges in improving health and reducing health inequities. The provisional scope and purpose of the conference is outlined in Appendix 1.</p> <p data-bbox="256 1765 703 1794"><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="148 1816 1449 1895">3.6 It is estimated that the total cost to attend the conference will be in the region of £600 per person which can be met within the revenue estimates.</p>

3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1 – Provisional Scope and Purpose