

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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3.0	Main report
3.1	Key Issues Beat the Street NI is a mass participation programme of physical activity, using SMART technology in the form of Radio-Frequency identification (RFID) cards and 'Beat Boxes', to record and track physical activity levels, including walking and cycling journeys.
3.2	The initiative is one of six funded by the National Charity Partnership – a partnership between Diabetes UK, the British Heart Foundation and Tesco, as part of their commitment to helping support 40,000 families to get active and reduce their risk of type 2 diabetes and heart and circulatory disease. The initiative is delivered by Intelligent Health.
3.3	With support from Council, Beat the Street NI was delivered between 14 September and 2 November 2016 covering Belfast and the surrounding area. During this time 33,940 people took part, covering a total distance of 157,012 miles and recorded 797,201 activity recordings (taps).
3.4	A key focus for the initiative was to engage schools and school children and encourage them to support their families and wider community to participate. This is reflected in the 117 schools and 21,336 school children who took part in the initiative, and also in the age profile of participants which was highest amongst children 11 years old and under and adults aged 30-49 years old.
3.5	The outcome of Beat the Street NI is to improve health and being for all, with a focus on the communities of highest deprivation, which are more likely to experience increased health inequalities. A total of 2% of the population living in the most deprived areas of the city participated, compared to 0.4% of those living in the least deprived. One in three people living with a long term condition and who took part in the initiative, reported that participating had helped with their health problems.
3.6	Beat the Street NI will return to Belfast and the surrounding area in September 2017, with the ambition of engaging and supporting over 40,000 people to be more physically active. To support this, Intelligent Health are requesting support from Council around two areas:
	Firstly, permission from Council, to place a number of the 'Beat Boxes' in Council owned parks and open spaces. The cost of installation and maintenance for Beat Boxes and associated insurance costs will be covered by Intelligent Health; and

	Secondly, support from Council to promote the initiative through its social media
	and publication offerings.
3.7	Financial & Resource Implications
	There are no financial or human resource implications with this report.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications
3.8	There are no equality or good relation implications with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Beat the Street Northern Ireland – Evidence, Feedback and Engagement