

STRATEGIC POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Belfast City Council

Subject:	Disability Action Plan 2019-2022
Date:	12 th April 2019
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
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Restricted Reports		
Is this report restricted?	Yes No X	
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?		
After Committee Decision		
After Council Decision		
Sometime in the future		
Never		
Call-in		

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes X No

Γ	1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues	
	1.1	Members are being asked to consider the Council's Draft Disability Action Plan for 2019 –	
		2022 prior to consultation.	
	2.0	Recommendations	
	2.1	The Committee is asked to:	
		 approve the Draft Disability Action Plan 2019- 2022 (Appendix 1) approve the document for consultation for a 12 week period, from 15th April 2019 – 8th July 2019. 	
	2.2	The final documents, including consultation feedback will then be resubmitted for approval prior to sending to the ECNI.	

3.0	Main Report
	Key Issues
3.1	Under section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 ('the Act'), (as amended by the Disability Discrimination(NI) Order 2006) public authorities, when carrying out their functions must have due regard to the need to:
	 Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people; and Encourage participation by disabled people in public life.
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3.2	The Council's Disability Action Plan items expired on March 2018. We arranged a one year holding Action Plan April 2018 – March 2019, to allow us time to develop the draft three year plan. The Equality Commission were advised that we would be resubmitting a DDO Disability Action Plan in 2019 which will cover a three year period.
3.3	The three year DDO Disability Action Plan items are now being presented as a draft document to proceed through the committee cycle and also to go out for public consultation as required.
3.4	This draft document is presented to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee for approval and will be submitted for a twelve week period of public consultation from 15 th April 2019 to 8 th July 2019. The final document will then be resubmitted to Council with any subsequent amendments.
3.5	Financial & Resource Implications
	All costs met from Equality and Diversity Unit's revenue budget
3.6	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications
	Final Equality Screening will be prepared following consultation.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Disability Action Plan 2019 – 2022 (DDO) (Appendix 1)