



Subject:	LGBTQ+ Hub for Belfast - Feasibility and Scoping Study
Date:	22nd October, 2021
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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of the report is to bring to Members' attention recent correspondence received by the Chief Executive requesting support from the Council to deliver a feasibility and scoping study on developing an LGBTQ+ Hub in Belfast City.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: i. note the correspondence received by the Chief Executive, as attached; and ii. consider if it is minded to agree the financial ask (amount not yet known) included in the correspondence for the Council to undertake a feasibility and scoping study on developing an LGBTQ+ Hub in Belfast.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Chief Executive has recently received recent correspondence setting out a collective request from HERe NI, The Rainbow Project, Cara-Friend and Transgender NI, for support for a feasibility and scoping study to support the development of a LGBTQ+ Hub for Belfast. A copy of that correspondence is attached.</p>
3.2	<p>The letter includes an ask for the Council to support the delivery of a feasibility and scoping study to measure the needs of the LGBTQ+ sector. The costs for this study are not yet known.</p>
3.3	<p>If agreed, a report with further detail would be brought back to Committee for consideration</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>If the Committee is minded to agree to financial support to deliver the feasibility and scoping study, then the cost (not yet known) could potentially be financed from the feasibility fund.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Any equality, good relations or rural needs implications will be considered using the council's usual screening process if the request is agreed.</p>
4.0	Document Attached
	<p>Letter to Chief Executive</p>