



Belfast
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Annual Review

2011/12



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Healthy Cities 21st Century

Phase V (2009 – 2013) – A Milestone
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Belfast Healthy Cities

A member of the World Health Organization (WHO)
European Healthy Cities network

Our Vision

Our vision is of a healthy, equitable and vibrant city where all sectors provide individual and shared leadership, enabling citizens to achieve their full potential.

Our Mission

Our mission is, through our leadership and innovation, to inspire and utilise the collective and individual strengths of partners to deliver the World Health Organization European Healthy City Phase V (2009-2013) goals and requirements and maximise their impact on health and inequalities.

Belfast is a leading member of the World Health Organization (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network, with a strong track record of meeting the WHO Healthy City goals and objectives of each five year phase. Belfast Healthy Cities' office has a staff team dedicated to working with partner organizations and other stakeholders to facilitate change in delivering the WHO goals and requirements. The direct link to WHO resulted in Belfast Healthy Cities being appointed as the WHO Secretariat to the WHO European Healthy Cities Networks.

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Chair's Report



Dr Bernadette Cullen

I am very pleased to present this annual report. This is my fifth year as Chair of Belfast Healthy Cities and the fourth year of Phase V of the European Healthy Cities Network (2009-2013).

The overarching goal for Phase V of the Network is Health Equity in all Policies (HEiAP) and this provides Healthy Cities with the opportunity to work with partners across a wide range of sectors. The approach is to look at the policies in that sector, to explore the impact those policies may have on health and identify ways to reduce potential negative health impacts and to maximise positive health impacts. Belfast Healthy Cities is working with a range of organisations on HEiAP including Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Belfast City Council and the Housing Executive and examples of the work are given in this report.

Another key plank of the Belfast Healthy Cities work is Healthy Urban Environment and Design. This work demonstrates the impact that the urban environment can have on health. Working with planners, architects and others who traditionally may not have considered the impact of their work on health, ensures wider understanding and gives the opportunity to improve the lives of people living and working in Belfast. Demonstration projects such as KidsSpace, which looks at how city centre space can be used for children and families, allows Belfast Healthy Cities to work with organisations and government departments, such as Department of Social Development (DSD) and Belfast City Council to show what is possible.

Belfast is a designated city within the World Health Organization's (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network and will be celebrating its 25th anniversary as part of the Network in 2013. In recognition of this milestone a series of six lectures are running from October 2012 to March 2013. Keynote speakers from across Europe have been invited to Belfast and while here will also engage with policy makers and senior staff in relevant organisations in Northern Ireland. At the opening lecture Dr Erio Ziglio presented the WHO Health 2020 policy and attended the Assembly Health Committee to meet and discuss issues with Members of the Local Assembly (MLAs).

I wish to acknowledge and pay tribute to the staff in the Belfast Healthy Cities office. The Chief Executive, Ms Joan Devlin, and the small team of officers are all extremely capable and dedicated, always working to the highest standard. It is a privilege to be associated with them and the Healthy Cities movement.

The work of Belfast Healthy Cities would not be possible without the commitment of all our partners. I would like to thank the politicians, Permanent Secretaries and Chief Executives who provide this on-going support. Finally, my thanks to the Board of Directors for their support to me as Chair.

Dr Bernadette Cullen

Chief Executive's Foreword



Joan Devlin

Preparing the annual review provides the opportunity to reflect on the year's work and on the progress made, not only on the success of the work that Belfast Healthy Cities is delivering on behalf of the city of

Belfast as a World Health Organization Healthy city but also on the visibility of health, wellbeing and inequalities in public policies; in the improved understanding of health and inequalities across the sectors and in the engagement of a wide range of stakeholders working to improve health, wellbeing and inequalities.

With the large number of studies associated with the World Health Organization, from gender to trade, behaviour to economics as well as the second Marmot review of WHO Europe, the evidence and knowledge is clear on the determinants of health and inequalities. However what is still lacking is knowledge on addressing inequalities and making change happen. Governance, leadership and capacity are essential elements of change and WHO's new European health policy, Health 2020: a European policy framework supporting actions across government and society for health and wellbeing, has as a strategic objective, improving leadership and participatory governance for health. At a local level, our programme 'Leadership for the Common Good' was designed to improve individuals' skills across the various sectors to support them to make changes within their environments to address inequalities.

The results of an independent midway review of Belfast Healthy Cities Phase V were overwhelmingly positive with the challenges outlined considered by the Board of Directors and included in the annual action plan. 2013 will be the final year of Phase V and this review will contribute to WHO's Phase V Evaluation. Plans are well underway for Phase VI (2014-2018) and we are uniquely placed to contribute to the framework that will support priorities in Belfast.

We have continued to deliver our programmes throughout 2012, making progress on a number of important areas that determine good health – both in policy and practice. The report highlights progress on the theme of healthy urban environment and our joint mandate to deliver on regeneration and healthy urban environments within the Belfast Strategic Partnership. Health Equity in All Policies also is still a developing concept and we are making progress and seeing the influence of this approach.

Within Belfast Healthy Cities we work in a constantly changing and complex environment at a local, regional, UK/Ireland and European level. This creates high expectations from staff who live up to the daily challenges of delivery through their energy, commitment and team work. I would like to thank each of them and the range of individuals who work with us at all levels, but particularly our working groups who support implementation of the requirements of being a WHO Healthy City. I would also like to record my thanks to my Chair, Bernadette Cullen for her persistent support, to the officers, Leslie Boydell and John McMullan and to all Board members for their support. I look forward to our continued working relationship in 2013.

Joan Devlin

Regeneration & Healthy Urban Environments

Regeneration and Healthy Urban Environments (R&HUE) Group

The Healthy Urban Environment Group established by Belfast Healthy Cities to deliver action on the WHO Healthy City core theme of healthy urban environment and design is now also mandated to deliver on the theme of regeneration and healthy urban environments on behalf of the Belfast Strategic Partnership (BSP) – the name of

the group has been amended to include the regeneration theme. Membership of the group has been expanded to reflect this change and an action plan to consider the additional issues was agreed in June 2012 with five priority areas: child friendly spaces; age friendly cities; regeneration; active travel and policy and capacity building.

Child Friendly City

Child Friendly Cities continued to be a major theme of the Regeneration & Healthy Urban Environments programme this year building on the success of our work in 2011. Child friendliness is about taking account of children's needs across sectors and policies and the programme had two aims: to allow children to think critically about their environment giving them an opportunity to express their views and to gain information that would underpin guidance on environments for children.



Marianne Jorgensen, Norway; Martina Anderson & Jonathan Bell, OFMDFM Junior Ministers; Cllr Niall O Donnghaile, Lord Mayor, Belfast; Joan Devlin, Belfast Healthy Cities. February 2012

The programme with children in west Belfast, resulted in the launch of 'Shaping healthier neighbourhoods for children', in City Hall on 28 February. It involved 100 children from three primary schools St. John the Baptist,



Free space at Culture Night, September 2012

St. Oliver Plunkett, Bunscoil Phobal Feirste and Suffolk After School Club. The children, aged 9-11 years from the schools and the after school club presented their findings on 'what they like about their physical environment and the changes they would



Games and creativity in Belfast City Hall Grounds, October 2012



OFMDFM Junior Ministers Jonathan Bell & Martina Anderson view the 'Shaping Healthier Neighbourhoods' Children's Charter at Belfast City Hall February 2012.

like to see', directly to decision makers at the event, which was opened by the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Niall O Donngaile. The event was also supported by the attendance of the two Junior Ministers from the Office of the First & Deputy First Minister, Junior Minister Martina Anderson and Junior Minister Jonathan Bell and the Children's Commissioner, Ms Patricia Lewsley. The event also included a 'Children's Question Time: What can you do for us?', chaired by Jeannette Chapman, Principal of St John the Baptist Primary School with a panel of senior decision makers, where children put forward questions directly to decision makers on issues relating to the

physical environment. A live survey asking the children key questions about their environment resulted in an overwhelming response from the children indicating their preference is to be 'outside' rather than 'inside'.

Marianne Jorgensen, from Sandnes in Norway – a colleague within the WHO Healthy Cities Network - presented the ways in which the city of Sandnes engages children and outlined the actions taken following these engagements – adopting one of the actions, children at the event strongly endorsed Royal Avenue in Belfast being converted into a beach for a whole weekend.



Children from St John the Baptist & St Oliver Plunkett Primary Schools and Suffolk Afterschools put their questions to public officials. February 2012



Shaping Healthier Neighbourhoods for Children, February 2012

The report includes a Children’s Charter, which is based on the wishes expressed by children and links to existing academic evidence in this field.

A subgroup specifically focusing on Child Friendly Cities was established in June, with representatives from the community, voluntary and public sectors engaged to support and advise on delivery of the action plan on child friendly spaces.



OFMDFM Junior Minister Martina Anderson, Belfast City Hall, February 2012

KidsSpace @ Buoy Park/Cathedral Park

Building on the success of last year’s event, KidsSpace took place on European Culture Night, 21 September 2012 in Buoy Park (Cathedral Park), Belfast City Centre. This event aimed to further promote and explore child friendly space in the city centre. The themes of the event were active space, creative space and free space.

An estimated 900 children and adults attended the event and feedback was very positive with all ages emphasising the need for and the fun of having dedicated child friendly space within the city centre.



Games at Culture Night, September 2012



Belfast City Council Sports Coaches encourage physical activity at Culture Night, September 2012

KidsSpace @ City Hall, Belfast and Belfast Streets Ahead Phase 2

A further KidsSpace event was held at City Hall, Belfast on 30 and 31 October over the Halloween holiday break and once again proved very popular with children and parents alike. Consultation at the event was carried out on behalf of Department for Social Development (DSD) to identify what children and young people would like to see in place to make Belfast 'a more child friendly city'. A report collating this feedback was presented to DSD with a view to informing the Streets Ahead Phase 2 Regeneration in the city centre. The concept of a network of child friendly spaces across the city is also being explored with DSD within the Streets Ahead project.



Creativity, storytelling and Halloween fun at Belfast City Hall, October 2012



Alderman Gavin Robinson, Lord Mayor of Belfast, and KidsSpace participants launch the event. September 2012



KidsSpace took over Belfast City Hall Gardens for 2 days in October 2012

KIDS SPACE **Kids Space@ HALLOWEEN**
Belfast City Hall
Tues 30 Oct | 1am-4pm
Wed 31 Oct | 1am-4pm
(Outdoor event) **FREE**
For more information visit www.belfasthealthycities.com
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Street games - Junk Art - Giant Board Games - and lots more fun...

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Long Streets – Regeneration in North Belfast

Building on the 'Shaping Healthier Neighbourhoods for Children' model, Belfast Healthy Cities is developing a project which seeks to engage children in the development of green space as part of housing redevelopment in the Long Streets area of New Lodge in north Belfast. Initial meetings with partners are very positive in engaging children and young people in designing the open space. A detailed project plan is being developed with a view to initiating delivery in 2013.

Good for Regeneration, Good for Health, Good for Belfast

Indicators to monitor urban development

In the past year Belfast Healthy Cities piloted the checklists produced as part of the Good for Regeneration, Good for Health, Good for Belfast publication. Pilots included one with Ballynafeigh Community Development Association (BCDA) and the Regeneration and Health Urban Environments (R&HUE) Group. Other projects completed using the checklist included Templemore Avenue School project in east Belfast and the Village Urban Renewal project in south

Belfast. Current piloting is still on-going with an opportunity to use the checklists on planned regeneration initiatives in the Upper Springfield area of west Belfast.

The checklists are proving to be a systematic way in which the positive and negative social, environmental, economic and access impacts of regeneration projects can be identified. Follow up discussion then identifies ways to gain positive wellbeing outcomes.

Healthy Living Active Travel – Active Belfast

Belfast Healthy Cities was engaged in submitting evidence to DRD Active Travel strategy.

An active travel sub group will be established between the Active Belfast partnership and the Regeneration & Healthy Urban Environments groups reflecting the interlinkages between the two themes. Belfast Healthy Cities' staff participate in the Active Belfast Partnership, one of the thematic groups within the Belfast Strategic Partnership and the Active Belfast working group.

Policy responses & submission of evidence

Belfast Healthy Cities was invited to submit evidence on the draft Programme for Government to the Assembly Committees on Environment and Regional Development. Following written submissions, we were invited to participate in a stakeholder workshop with the Environment Committee to provide real evidence.

In addition to this, a number of policy submissions and comments were submitted on various policy areas relating to the theme of healthy urban environment, both at Belfast City Council level and at departmental level.

Queen's University Belfast Research Project – Knowledge Exchange, Spatial Analysis and Healthy Urban Environments: Integrating walkability models into practice (KESUE)

Belfast Healthy Cities is a partner and funder in this project which aims to expand the 'walkability index', originally developed for east Belfast within the Physical Activity in the Regeneration of Connswater (PARC) project into citywide indices for Belfast and Derry. The project has completed a detailed map of all the footpaths in the two cities and is now exploring the ways this can be used to provide accurate accessibility data to support decision-making in a variety of areas of public policy. The initial findings suggest this has

substantial potential for supporting strategies for active travel and to ensure public services are located in the places that are most accessible to a broad section of society, including older people. The project directly supports the themes of Belfast Healthy Cities' programme – age friendly cities and child friendly cities. UK project partners have been identified through the UK WHO Healthy Cities Network. For more information please contact Belfast Healthy Cities' Board Member Dr Geraint Ellis (g.ellis@qub.ac.uk)

In 2012 two programmes for capacity and learning were developed.

Belfast Healthy Cities 25th Anniversary Lecture Series: New Policies for a New Era (October 2012 to March 2013)

Belfast will celebrate its 25th anniversary of being a World Health Organization (WHO) Healthy City in 2013. Designated membership to each phase is gained through an application to the WHO European office by the Lord Mayor and other key decision makers. Belfast has been successful in being designated to each of the five year phases to date. Alongside this we are recognised as being of one the lead cities within the network.

A special publication is planned in 2013 to celebrate the anniversary but ahead of this a 25th anniversary lecture series has been organised that draws on local and international expertise and experience and examines how health, wellbeing and inequalities can be improved through a range of policy and practice initiatives. The lectures are supported by the Public Health Agency and we are delighted that so many of our international and



European colleagues have made themselves available to speak.

Lecture topics include:

- Health inequalities: new policies for a new era, 25 October 2012
- Creating resilient communities and supportive environments, 8 November 2012
- Investing in children and young people pays dividends, 12 December 2012
- Planning and regeneration, sustainable and healthy, 15 January 2013
- A life course approach: healthy and active ageing, 14 February 2013
- Leadership and governance for health, 26 March 2013

South Belfast Partnership

Belfast Healthy Cities was pleased to support and facilitate a series of workshops for the South Belfast Partnership to support the Health Forum on a range of issues.

'Leadership for the Common Good' Masterclasses

Leadership – administrative and political – is key to successful governance for health intersectoral working and to action on inequalities. The tremendously successful leadership programme from 2011/12 will re-run January to March 2013 and is aimed at managers across all sectors that have responsibility for leading policy and practice

in the area of inequalities and improving health and wellbeing. We are delighted that Irene Hewitt, Independent Consultant/ Senior Consultant in Leadership, The Kings Fund, will again facilitate this four day programme which is available, free of charge to approximately twenty four participants.

Belfast Healthy Cities 25th Anniversary Lecture Series: New Policies for a New Era (October 2012 to March 2013)



Speakers and participants at the opening lectures in the 25th Anniversary Lecture Series 2012

Climate Change and Health Partnership

A new intersectoral action plan for the Climate Change and Health Partnership (CCHP), a regional group supported by Belfast Healthy Cities, was developed for 2012-2014. Contributions from 14 organisations are included within this plan. Implementation of the action plan has

begun with the development of indicators to measure social and health impacts of climate change. This work will contribute to the development of regional indicators by the Department of the Environment aligned with the NI Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

Contribution to conferences

Two abstracts submitted to the Institute of Public Health Open Conference were voted into the top twenty four, to form the conference programme on 11 October 2012. These abstracts focused on: Creating child friendly cities and Engaging users in policy development: Health in all Policies approach.

Belfast Healthy Cities' staff throughout the year provide lectures at various courses in Queen's University Belfast; University of Ulster and Stranmillis College as well as contributing to the UK and Ireland Healthy Cities Networks



Laura McDonald, IPHI Open Conference, October 2012

Health Equity in all Policies

Health Equity in All Policies is a leading edge concept which is still developing globally and across Europe and is the overarching goal of being a WHO Phase V European Healthy City. Belfast Healthy Cities is currently working with a number of organisations to support better health outcomes and a reduction in inequalities within the policy making cycle.

Our role was to support facilitation of stakeholder engagement through the policy making cycle using a Health in All Policies approach; gather evidence of health equity impacts, and contribute to the writing of the strategy and associated action plan.

Early in 2012, Belfast Healthy Cities supported Belfast City Council in the development of a "Growing Communities Strategy" for Belfast. Our role was to support facilitation of stakeholder engagement through the policy making cycle using a Health in All Policies approach; gather evidence of health equity impacts, and contribute to the writing of the strategy and associated action plan. This process was highly successful establishing a good model for future engagement and consultation on health equity in all policies.

In addition Belfast Healthy Cities worked with the Belfast Children and Young People's Outcomes Group to carry out a mapping exercise of partnerships which had a focus on contributing to improving outcomes for children, young people and their families

within the Belfast HSC Trust area. This information has helped the Outcomes Group further develop their Action Plan and locality planning processes. A further piece of work to review the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Indicators was carried out by Belfast Healthy Cities at the request of the Health & Social Care Board, who we are also working with in their role as Chair of the Children & Young Peoples Strategic Partnership to carry out a review of social impacts on educational outcomes of children and young people.

Work is currently ongoing with DHSSPS to develop a new community pharmacy strategy for Northern Ireland. Belfast Healthy Cities' role in chairing the public health working group, will support gathering evidence and organising consultation with the community and voluntary sector with the Community Development & Health Network.

A fourth area of work within the Health Equity in All Policies programme is ongoing with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

A 'case studies' paper has been developed outlining work carried out by Belfast Healthy Cities in partnership with a range of health and non-health organisations demonstrating practical, straightforward ways to consider health equity in policy making and whilst a policy framework, identifying key steps in the process is available, we are also developing an organisational framework to support organisations integrate across departments a health equity in all policies approach.

WHO European Healthy Cities Subnetworks WHO Health Equity Subnetwork

Belfast was honoured to be invited by WHO to be lead city for the Health Equity subnetwork, which has membership of fifteen European cities. During

2012 Belfast Healthy Cities facilitated two meetings of the group – one in Saint Petersburg in June at the annual WHO European Healthy Cities Conference

and the second meeting in Belfast in October. The purpose of the group is to share knowledge on activities to promote health equity across cities; review existing health equity tools and resources and develop new tools to support cities to embed health equity into the policy making cycles of organisations.



Members of the Health Equity Subnetwork, October 2012

New tools are currently being developed to build capacity and support engagement of politicians and policy makers in this important area to reduce inequalities.

WHO Healthy Ageing Subnetwork & Age Friendly Cities

Anne O'Reilly, Chief Executive AgeNI is currently the Belfast representative on the WHO Healthy Ageing Subnetwork. Anne attended the first meeting in Udine, Italy in October 2012, and the next meeting will take place in Belfast in February 2013. This will create the opportunity to hear at first hand the vast and significant experiences of approximately twenty

other cities on healthy ageing. We were also pleased to welcome to this meeting Manfred Huber who leads on ageing and disability in WHO Europe.

As a direct result of the success of Belfast Healthy Cities' Healthy Ageing programme in Phase IV, we were invited in September to the Global WHO Age Friendly Cities meeting in Switzerland to begin the process of developing a set of global age friendly city indicators. Amy Veale, AgeNI and Damian Connolly, Belfast City Council represented Belfast Healthy Cities at this meeting.

This will create the opportunity to hear at first hand the vast and significant experiences of approximately twenty other cities on healthy ageing.

Belfast Healthy Cities is currently supporting Belfast through the Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership in the application process to become a WHO 'Age Friendly City'. Our previous experience in the Healthy Ageing Programme is proving to be a valuable resource to this process as are our direct links with WHO.

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Study Visit

At the end of May Belfast Healthy Cities was pleased to organise a professional study visit for Sigita Vicaite, a health psychologist from Lithuania. Shadowing opportunities were arranged with Belfast HSC Trust, Derry Healthy Cities and South Eastern HSC Trust.

Romanian Project : Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas

Over the last two years Belfast Healthy Cities has been working with Romanian partners in a project aimed at building local partnerships and capacity for health; supporting a healthy workplace approach, and improving employability of people living in rural areas.

This year our work has involved completion of three comprehensive publications for a Romanian audience on the topics of "Health and Wellbeing: Influencing factors and policy considerations"; "Promoting and developing healthy workplaces"; and "Working in partnership for health promotion". Following publication in Romania the publications will

be available on the Belfast Healthy Cities website.

In addition, a number of training sessions have been held with local coordinators working in Romania. These included a three day training programme on community development approaches which was delivered by the Community Development and Health Network on behalf of Belfast Healthy Cities. In addition, training was provided by Belfast Healthy Cities on facilitative leadership, motivating partners and managing meetings. This work will continue during 2013.



Participants in training, Romania, August 2012

WHO Secretariat

The Belfast Healthy Cities office continued its role as WHO Secretariat for the WHO European Healthy Cities Networks throughout 2012. Work at a technical and policy level continued to support the WHO regional office, cities and national networks to deliver the three WHO Phase V (2009-2013) core themes to meet the overall goal of achieving Health & Health Equity in all Local Policies.

The Belfast office also continues to manage the Annual Reporting Template (ART) process for all Healthy Cities and National

Networks, a mechanism for reporting and monitoring on delivery on the core themes for the previous thirteen months to WHO. The Phase V designation process was also managed in the later part of the year and 98 cities are currently designated as WHO Healthy Cities.

Work has begun on developing the framework for Phase V evaluation and the Phase VI (2014 - 2018). Belfast Healthy Cities Secretariat will play a key role in developing the framework for Phase VI and the process for designation.

WHO European Healthy Cities Business & Technical Conference, Saint Petersburg, 14-16 June 2012



The fourth WHO European Healthy Cities Networks Business & Technical Conference of Phase V took place in June 2012

in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation with approximately 360 delegates in attendance, which is the highest number of registered participants the conference has had. Belfast Healthy Cities in its capacity of secretariat, worked closely with Russian colleagues to facilitate and manage the scientific programme which included parallel sessions, teach-ins and round table consultation sessions. The WHO Regions for Health Networks meeting was held alongside the Healthy Cities Networks conference for the first time.

The Belfast delegation included Mr John McMullan, Bryson Group; Cllr Pat McCarthy and Mrs Siobhan Toland, Belfast City Council; Dr Bernadette Cullen, Public Health Agency; Dr Leslie Boydell, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust; Mrs Deirdre Blakely, Belfast Healthy Cities. Members

of the Belfast delegation presented four case studies and acted as Chairs for a number of the parallel sessions.

The theme of the conference was 'Health and wellbeing: from an early start in life to healthy ageing'. Key note addresses were given by Professor Sir Michael Marmot, University College London on 'Life course approaches to addressing inequalities' and Professor Ilona Kickbusch on 'Health 2020 through an urban lens'.

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Political Engagement

Engaging and working with political representatives has been at the core of Belfast Healthy Cities since its inception. This year we strengthened that engagement through a systematic process of meetings with Belfast City Councillors and MLAs to inform them of our current and potential programmes. The Regeneration and Healthy

Urban Environments Group met with the Minister for the Environment, Alex Attwood in May 2012 and future collaboration opportunities with DOE are underway. BHC Board members and staff also briefed Committees at the Northern Ireland Assembly including the Environment Committee, Committee of the Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Regional Development and Health Committees.

WHO Health 2020 DELPHI Study with Northern Ireland Councillors

Information collated from approximately 110 responses from Councillors across Northern Ireland to a WHO study, a questionnaire requesting prioritisation of 10 statements relating to health, wellbeing and inequalities, supported the response to the draft WHO new European Health policy Health 2020. We were delighted that so many Councillors took the time to return the questionnaire, reflecting the political engagement and priority in this area. A short article on the findings was produced to support the response.

The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Belfast City Council Health & Environmental Services Committee are the political representatives for Belfast within the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. We were pleased that Councillor Pat McCarthy led the Belfast delegation to the annual WHO European Healthy Cities Conference and the support from all members of the Committee is essential in supporting Belfast to deliver the challenges to achieve the status of being a WHO healthy city.

New logo for Belfast as a WHO Healthy City



To reflect the changing face and environment of our city, Belfast Healthy Cities adopted a new corporate logo depicting old and new landmarks of Belfast.

Phase V (2009-2013) Midway Review

During 2011 a midway review was carried out by an independent consultant to determine Phase V progress on the core themes. The results proved extremely encouraging reporting 98% progress on all stated actions with an exceptionally high standard of performance consistent across all key areas and a high level of satisfaction from funders and user agencies. Respondents also stated that Belfast Healthy Cities education and learning development programmes delivered valuable outcomes to multi-agency participants. The report also outlined critical success factors and future challenges for the remainder of Phase V which have been implemented into the organisations operational business plan.

Belfast Healthy Cities Board of Directors 2011-12

Dr Bernadette Cullen, Chair

Consultant Public Health, Public Health Agency

Dr Leslie Boydell, Vice Chair

Associate Medical Director, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

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(co-opted February 2012)

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Ms Mary McDonnell, Principal Officer, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Mr Clifford McIlwaine, Area Planning Manager, DOE
(co-opted October 2012)

Ms Siobhan Toland, Head of Environmental Health, Belfast City Council

Our Partners and Funders

Belfast Healthy Cities would like to recognise the contribution of a wide range of stakeholders and partners from the community, voluntary, public sector, universities and government departments.

Appreciation is also expressed to our core funders who have helped to make our work possible throughout 2011/12

Public Health Agency

Belfast City Council

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

We are also grateful to the Department for Social Development and Belfast City Council for their financial contribution to the KidsSpace programme.



Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited for the year ended 31 March 2012 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 495 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditors

The trustees' (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and whether

the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is not consistent with the financial statements. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the charitable company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Trustees' Annual Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

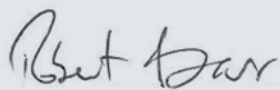
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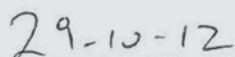
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Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2012 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and
- the information given in the trustees' report is consistent with the financial statements.





Mr Robert Barr ACA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

Date

For and on behalf of
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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2012

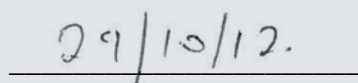
	Notes	2012		2011	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		7,131		2,111
Current assets					
Debtors	12	104,607		14,676	
Cash at bank and in hand		187,446		286,975	
		<u>292,053</u>		<u>301,651</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	13	<u>(89,059)</u>		<u>(94,094)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>202,994</u>		<u>207,557</u>
Net assets			<u>210,125</u>		<u>209,668</u>
Funds					
	14				
Restricted income funds			96,008		96,008
Unrestricted income funds			114,117		113,660
Total funds			<u>210,125</u>		<u>209,668</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

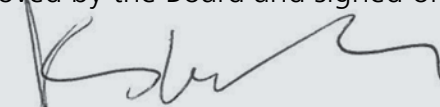


Dr Bernadette Cullen

Chair

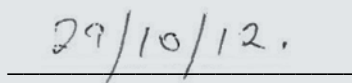


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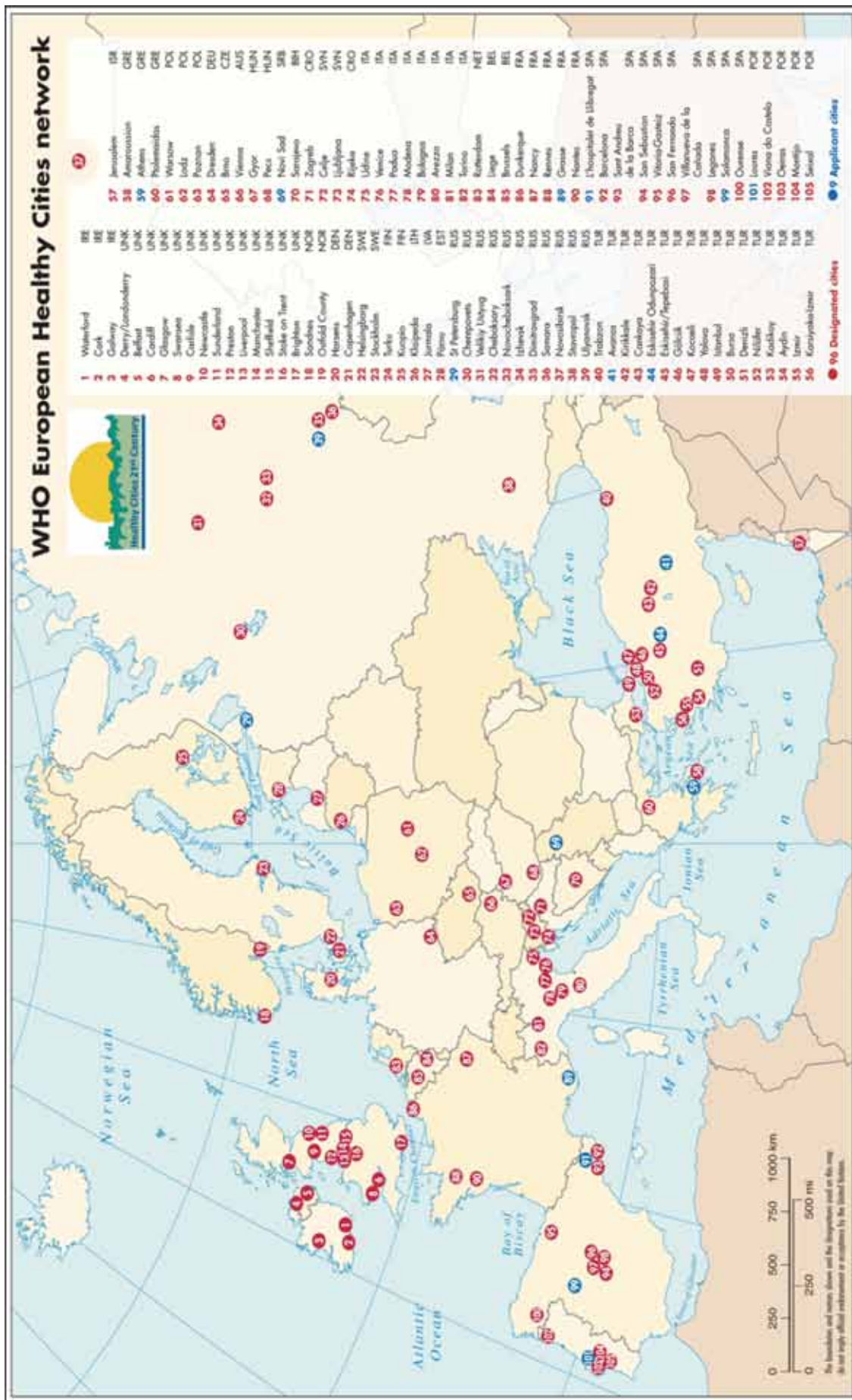
Mr John McMullan

Treasurer



Date

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