



**Belfast**  
A World Health Organization  
**Healthy City**

**2021**

# Annual Review







**Belfast is at the heart of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network of more than 100 cities and 20 national networks.**

**Belfast Healthy Cities has represented Belfast within the WHO European Healthy Cities Network since 1988, working with partner organisations and stakeholders across the city, to deliver actions that fulfil the goals of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Phase VII (2019- 2026).**



**Belfast Healthy Cities has over 30 years of experience in challenging health inequalities, improving health and wellbeing for all our citizens and in working in partnership with Government at all levels.**

## **Vision and Mission**

### **Our Vision**

**Our vision is to be a leader in creating a healthy, equitable and sustainable city.**

### **Our Mission**

**Our mission is to promote health and wellbeing, provide inspiration and facilitate innovative collaborative action and good policies through:**

- leadership and learning from the WHO European Healthy Cities Network**
- supporting research, sharing evidence and building capacity**
- introducing and piloting innovative concepts and approaches**
- maximising partners' impact on health and inequalities.**

# Chairperson's Report



I am very pleased to present this annual review which describes a year of significant achievement by Belfast Healthy Cities. As the Interim Chair, I would like to thank our previous chair, Dr David Stewart for his excellent leadership over the past three plus years.

During this year, the COVID 19 pandemic continued to dominate the work of WHO Europe. In Northern Ireland, health and social care staff rose to the significant task of vaccinating the population which has been successful in dramatically reducing the severity of the disease and the number of deaths. The economic consequences of the pandemic are now being seen with a rise in the cost of living for many families, increasing stress among low income families and many programmes have been put in place across the city to support families.

Our Annual Review of 2021 presents the work carried out by Belfast Healthy Cities.

In August 2021, The Lord Mayor of Belfast accepted the WHO Healthy City Certificate, following the successful application of the city to membership of Phase VII (2019-2026) of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. Phase VII of the Network will take forward the goals set out in the Belfast Charter, and programmes on the six P themes: People; Place; Planet, Peace; Prosperity; and Participation. The City Health Profile, containing data on these themes is almost complete and will be a significant resource for all sectors in the city.

We were also very pleased to receive in December 2021, a very positive report of a review, on behalf of the funders, of the work of Belfast Healthy Cities covering the Phase VI period. The report highlighted the quality and significant productivity of our small team, reinforcing our considerable contribution to health and wellbeing and inequalities programmes across the city. We welcomed the affirmative comments from WHO Europe, government departments, public sector organisations and local groups. We will continue to work with partners within the local and regional frameworks in delivering the WHO Phase VII programmes.

I would like to thank the many individuals and organisations who have contributed to the work of Belfast Healthy Cities, particularly to our Chief Executive, Joan Devlin, and our team of dedicated staff for their major contribution to progressing programmes during another very challenging year. I would also like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors for their help and commitment to the work of the organisation. I would especially like to express my thanks to Michael Gibbs, who is stepping down from the Board, for his dedication and commitment as a Board member and Treasurer for 5 years.

Dr Karen Casson  
Interim Chair



# Chief Executive Report



This year, colleagues locally and in cities across the World Health Organization European Healthy Cities Network, continued to address the ongoing complexities associated with Covid-19.

At a local level our programmes continued, with significant progress made in developing the city health profile that will be a huge resource to all organisations in the city, highlighting the health determinants that affect the lives of the people of the city and those experiencing inequalities.

We continued to work with key partners in developing and delivering action plans in response to the issues raised by communities within the Care Zone report. We particularly welcome the support from the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) and from the local primary schools and Community Champions in developing the Walking Bus initiative which was identified by parents as a way that could increase the number of children walking to school and reduce car dependency. The Road Safety project, funded by Department for Infrastructure, provided the foundations for this initiative.

Another key success of the year was the finalising and launching of the innovative Health Literacy School Pharmacy Resource, working again in partnership with the Department of Health and schools in the development and piloting of the resource. We continue to be involved with a number of projects and partnerships with Queen's University Belfast, offering valuable research and learning on the relationship between the urban environment and health.

Our seminar series offer the opportunity to learn from cities across the WHO European Network on the topical and emerging health issues across WHO Europe. Our e-Information Service and WHO and City Health newsletters further expand on that learning and are valuable sources of information to all across the city and our annual WHO Healthy City Award applicants provide excellent examples of the many local initiatives working to improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to the Board of Directors, particularly to the past chair of the Board, Dr David Stewart; to the Interim Chair, Dr Karen Casson; to the Treasurer, Michael Gibbs and to the Board Review sub-group, all of whom provided invaluable support during the year. I would also like to record my sincere thanks to the small but dedicated staff team for their hard work, flexibility and commitment to delivery of programmes and a special welcome to Aranvir Gawera, who joined the team in July 2021.

Many challenges remain in improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Belfast but I look forward to continuing to work with partners and colleagues locally and across WHO Europe, to strengthen Belfast's commitment to meeting the standards of being a WHO healthy city.

Joan Devlin  
Chief Executive

## Belfast Designated to WHO European Healthy Cities Phase VII

In September Belfast was officially designated as a World Health Organization European Healthy City for the seventh phase of the programme.

Belfast's ongoing inclusion in the Network was confirmed when Lord Mayor Councillor Kate Nicholl signed the designation certificate with Belfast Healthy Cities Interim Chair Dr Karen Casson.



The WHO Healthy Cities Network is a global movement of cities which are pledged to improve the health of citizens and reduce health inequalities, particularly among vulnerable groups.

Belfast participation in Phase VII comes after the priorities of the phase were agreed at the International Healthy Cities Conference which took place in Belfast in October 2018.

The overriding goals for the Phase VII work are (i) Fostering health and wellbeing for all and reducing health inequities and (ii) Leading by example nationally, regionally and globally and (iii) Supporting implementation of WHO strategic priorities. These are supported through delivery on 6 themes; People, Place, Participation, Prosperity, Peace and Planet.

Belfast has been a member of the World Health Organization for over 30 years, and in that time the city has learnt much from participating in the network of European healthy cities which includes cities from 53 countries. We have just joined a new but important sub group in WHO Europe on Urban Preparedness with representation from three BHC partners.

Lord Mayor Councillor Kate Nicholl welcomed Belfast's inclusion in the next phase of the WHO Healthy Cities Network and said, "I'm delighted to officially sign the certificate confirming the status of Belfast as a member of the World Health Organization European Healthy Cities Phase VII programme. It is as important as ever that we all continue to work in partnership both within Northern Ireland and with our partner cities across Europe to make Belfast a healthy city for all citizens.

Belfast Healthy Cities Chief Executive Joan Devlin said being part of Phase VII WHO Network is vital for Belfast.

"Belfast has been a central part of the WHO Healthy Cities Network for more than 30 years and the city has benefited from the ongoing partnerships with other cities across Europe. Through our active involvement in Phase VII of the programme we will continue to bring new concepts to the city to influence regional and local policy that makes health and inequalities a central part of all policies."



# Health Literacy: Fostering Greater Participation for Health and Wellbeing through Increasing Health Literacy

## UK Health Literacy Group

The UK Health Literacy Conference took place online in April, the theme was Health for Life: how can health literacy be developed through the life course? The conference was opened by Chi Onwurah, Member of Parliament Newcastle Central and UK National Network Political lead, Cllr Ali, Newcastle City Council. Panel discussion included speakers from Bielefeld University, Germany; WHO Europe, UCD; and NALA. Belfast Healthy Cities supported organisation of the conference, presented the Pharmacy Schools Resource and chaired one of the parallel sessions.

In October the UK Health Literacy Group held a series of Lunchtime webinar series to mark Health Literacy Month. The focus of the seminars was on community empowerment and co-production, and the Northern Health & Social Care Trust presented on the development of the Health Literacy Tool.

## Health Literacy Schools Resource (Self-care and Pharmacy)

The Pharmacy Schools Resource was launched in November in an online event, with the support of the Health Minister, Robin Swann, and the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer Cathy Harrison.

The event included introduction to the resource from the Health Literacy Working Group Chair Dr Bernadette Cullen and a programme outline by Anne McCusker, as well as a presentation from one of the pilot schools, by teacher Aideen Bradley and some pupils at Our Lady's Girls Primary School. There was coverage of programme across social media during the launch and as part of self-care week.

Information on the resource has been shared with Primary Schools across Belfast, and will continue to be promoted.

A short video about the resource [can be viewed here](#).



# Greening the City: Inter-sectoral Partnership for Healthy Places

**To promote inclusive green environments for all, increasing physical activity and mental wellbeing to reduce the risk of long term disease.**

Improving the provision and use of green and blue spaces and features across our city can and does play an important role in supporting good health and wellbeing, and reducing health inequalities. Our work aims to create mutually beneficial relationships between citizens and the urban environment for improved physical and mental wellbeing.

Underpinning this overarching goal are four strategic objectives that Belfast Healthy Cities have committed to working towards. These are to:

1. Promote inclusive green environments for all, increasing physical activity and mental wellbeing to reduce the risk of long term disease.
2. Encourage the greening of public spaces to mitigate the consequences of climate change, support bio-diversity, and increase recognition that trees and other vegetation are critical urban infrastructures.
3. Increase stakeholder collaboration and community engagement in the design of green spaces.
4. Promote green space interventions to reduce health inequalities.

To aid in the development of this work within Phase VII, which will build upon a number of programmes delivered in Phase VI, we undertook a scoping exercise. This involved a review of documents related to the greening the city programme, alongside discussions with a range of stakeholders in Belfast.

The conversation with stakeholders and review of evidence has enabled the organisation to develop a baseline assessment of the understanding of greening the city in Belfast, the current and emerging work being undertaken to support the programme, the challenges and constraints likely to affect the development and delivery of green and blue initiatives, and emerging roles for Belfast Healthy Cities to consider taking forward. Emerging themes include:

1. The need to build capacity and promote joint working amongst stakeholders.
2. The development and sharing of evidence and best practice.
3. Enabling all individuals and communities to shape and use green and blue spaces and features.

Belfast Healthy Cities will continue to work with stakeholders to further address the identified gaps and collaboratively take forward opportunities at the strategic and project levels. As part of this, Belfast Healthy Cities will host a 'greening for health in Belfast' webinar which will set out the findings of the evidence review and discussions with stakeholders to explore opportunities to develop the agenda moving forward. Speakers from Belfast City Council, Youth Education Health Advice, and Cork Healthy Cities will share their experience and ideas, and provide an opportunity for participants to engage with these discussions and shape the programme.

The evidence review and findings from the stakeholder discussions will be made available on [Belfast Healthy Cities website](#).



## Age-friendly and Child friendly cities

### Healthy Places Healthy Children Teaching Resource

The Healthy Places Healthy Children Teaching Resource continues to be a popular resource in schools, and CCEA have included it in the CCEA Shared Education training programme for primary school teachers, as well as the EA Shared Education Online Teachers Professional Learning Hub.

The resource is being updated to better promote nature and biodiversity, active travel, water, and health literacy. When this work is completed we will provide training and events to promote use of the resources.

### Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP)

Belfast Healthy Cities has participated in the development of outcomes for the new age-friendly Belfast Plan and highlighted UN Decade of Ageing priorities and WHO EPW flagship initiatives.

We have also participated in meetings with Sustrans and HASP regarding Forth Meadow Greenway, through the findings of our walking assessments.



# Community Prosperity: Caring Places that Enhance Health and Wellbeing and Reduce Health Inequalities

## Care Zone

Belfast Healthy Cities continues to play an active role in the Care Zone, supporting its work to improve their local community in north Belfast. Joan Devlin is Chair of the Management & Memberships groups and Caroline Scott provides the administrative support to these groups and in making arrangements for events. BHC supported the development of the Care Zone Action Plan; Constitution; and Financial Guidelines

The key areas set out in the action plan are:

1. Mental Health - a mental health research project proposed by Ulster University, working with a core group of young people in the Care Zone, is awaiting approval from the Ethics Committee.
2. Care Zone are currently working with Community Champions, local schools and MAG consultants on a Walking Bus pilot for the area.
3. Information - the Mobile Unit, provided by Inspire to the Care Zone, which will provide information from various organisations to local residents in the area was launched in March with support from Eamonn Holmes.

In September the Lord Mayor hosted a meeting with Councillors from the local area to discuss the actions from the Care Zone action plan. A follow up meeting took place with Minister Mallon and it was agreed a further follow up meeting will be arranged with the BCC North Belfast Area Working Group to discuss actions on the Mobile Unit; Walking Bus and older people. The Management Group members attended, including the Community Champions. As part of the Working Group, Belfast Healthy Cities assisted in the organisation of a successful Family Connections fun day in August, which was attended by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Kate Nicholl.

Urban Villages provide funding to support the work of the Care Zone.





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## Care Zone DfI Road Safety

Belfast Healthy Cities also supported the Care Zone with a Road Safety Campaign, in partnership with the Department for Infrastructure. To advance this we undertook walks in the area around the schools, developed an Active Travel Questionnaire, working with teachers, Community Champions and members of the Steering Group, and a wider programme of activities for the school children was agreed.

The work programme for the school children culminated in a Road Safety week in April, where the survey was undertaken with parents at schools. A total of 179 responses were received, through online and face to face interviews. In total four schools participated, and they learned about road safety and participated in a poster design competition. To highlight the project and the importance of road safety in the local area a billboard campaign and walk to school safety video were produced.

We continue to work with the local schools through the Care Zone, and have organised information sessions for Care Zone Management group and Community Champions with the city of Udine, Italy.



# Profile

The Profile of Belfast is being developed, which looks at key statistics and trends in Belfast over six areas - People, Prosperity, Place, Peace, Planet & Participation.

The Profile will be launched in April 2022, and will be the subject of a seminar series held over the spring and summer.



# Core Funders Review

Belfast Healthy Cities recently welcomed the exceptionally positive findings of a 'value for money' review which was led by Belfast City Council, on behalf of Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, our core funders.

The review identifies its key strengths, effectiveness, flexibility and agility, and confirms 'full justification for supporting Belfast Healthy Cities in Belfast' as well as emphasising the positive profile provided by Belfast Healthy Cities for the city of Belfast across the 53 countries of World Health Organization Europe and internationally.

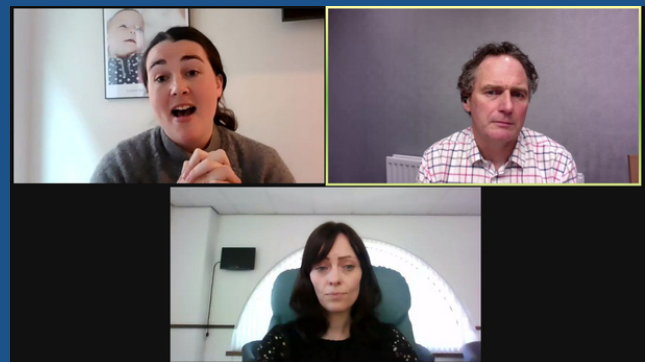
Belfast Healthy Cities welcomes the opportunity to continue to collaborate with funders and stakeholders to deliver public health and address health inequalities across the city within the local and regional frameworks as well as within the agreed WHO Phase VII programmes and to discuss how some areas can be strengthened, going forward.

# Seminar Series

With COVID-19 restrictions still in place, Belfast Healthy Cities continued to deliver its seminar series virtually, to engage experts from across NI & Europe to tell their story to a local audience. The Seminar Series was developed in line with the themes of Phase VII.

Seminars included Designing a City for children, which launched the joint BHC/MAG publication Designing Places for Children and Young People. Speakers included Minister for Infrastructure, Nichola Mallon, Urban 95, MAG and Cork Healthy Cities.

In May the seminar on Green Recovery highlighted the NI 5-point Plan for Green Recovery, innovative approaches to rewild Utrecht and Belfast Healthy Cities work on active travel, with a focus on walking. Speakers included NI Environment Link and the City of Utrecht.



## Child Friendly Design Guidelines

The Guidelines were launched at the Child Friendly Places Seminar in April with speakers from WHO HC Network. The Minister for Infrastructure attended and took part in a Q&A discussion as part of this event. The Guidelines have been published online and hard copies are also available.





## Maximising Learning and Knowledge Exchange from Global, European, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Belfast Networks

To share evidence and learning from WHO European Healthy Cities Networks to support policy development, reviews and actions at strategic and operational level

### Ministerial Advisory Group

Belfast Healthy Cities has participated in the Ministerial Advisory Group Living High Streets workshops which take a co-design process to reimagine our Living High Streets for the future. A craft kit to support implementation is being developed, and we continue to contribute to this work.

### Community Planning Belfast: VCSE

Belfast Healthy Cities Chief Executive continues to play an active role on the Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprise Panel. The role of panel is to support engagement of the wider VCSE sector across Belfast and ensure their voice is heard in the priorities of the Belfast Agenda refresh. Joan Devlin has been involved in a range of events to inform the wider sector on key issues within the Belfast Agenda, for Health & Wellbeing and Justice, including facilitation of events on health and wellbeing, and contributed to the development of the 2nd annual VCSE Conference.

### Boardroom Apprentice

Anne McCusker participated in the Boardroom Apprentice programme with host Department of Finance Departmental Board. The programme was delivered through a mix of online and in person events and training. The programme completed in June 2021 and Anne has recently joined the Board of ABC Community Network.

### Belfast Agenda City Development Board

A workshop for the Belfast Agenda City Development Board was held in November with representation from across the city, which Belfast Healthy Cities CEO participated in as the VCSE panel representative on this Board. There is still a strong focus on retail and city centre economic growth but being a member of the Board allows issues relating to the local communities to be raised as part of the city centre discussion and on the potential role the city centre can offer families. The issue of the importance and connectivity that public transport links could bring to local communities that experience deprivation in accessing jobs and specialist health services, is also highlighted.



## **Maximising Learning and Knowledge Exchange from Global, European, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Belfast Networks**

### **UU Course Committee**

Belfast Healthy Cities Chief Executive continues to participate in the MSC Health Promotion and Public Health Course Committee. The new course Director is Dr Lesley Dornan and BHC can provide the current public health challenges and trends from WHO Europe.

### **Belfast Healthy Cities Annual Explorer Bursary Award to a WHO European Healthy City**

Travel restrictions due to COVID-19 meant that the Explorer Bursary was not able to take place in 2021, but we are planning for a 2022 Explorer Bursary Award, where learnings from across Europe can help to improve health and wellbeing delivery in Belfast.

### **UK Healthy Cities Network**

A series of seminars were held online to promote the Phase VII themes on environment, mental health and COVID-19 recovery, with Belfast Healthy Cities attending and participating. Belfast Healthy Cities has supported UK National Network members to develop a health literacy approach within their cities. There are future plans for more events in the UK HC seminar series, and Belfast Healthy Cities has invited a RSPB NI representative to present on green recovery and nature based solutions.

### **WHO European Healthy Cities network, Taskforces and Working Groups**

WHO Monthly Co-ordinators meetings have been held regularly, with Belfast Healthy Cities participating. These meetings suggest actions to support cities and networks, and seek views on where priorities should be placed.

### **Environment and Health Working Group**

A refreshed Environment and Health Working Group has been launched, and is working on the priorities for the group based on the Phase VII themes. Belfast Healthy Cities has participated in this group, including on the development of Terms of Reference for the group, providing clarity on resources from WHO to support the work of the group, and areas of interest such as 20-minute neighbourhood concept. Information on this work has been shared with the Public Health Agency, Belfast City Council and with public health registrars.

## Maximising Learning and Knowledge Exchange from Global, European, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Belfast Networks

### WHO HC Advisory Group

Belfast Healthy Cities is represented by Anne, as a member of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Advisory Group and was part of a subgroup of the Advisory Committee which is tasked with developing a survey to be circulated to Healthy Cities and National Network Co-ordinators on the 2020 Annual Conference. Belfast Healthy Cities introduced the survey at the HCN Co-coordinators meeting and presented analysis of completed survey to the Advisory Committee to inform discussion on future events.

### WHO

WHO Europe invited Belfast Healthy Cities to support Georgia & Tbilisi to work towards designation and accreditation to the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. Meetings and training sessions have been held with Tbilisi and WHO Georgia to initiate this process and support has been provided on the application process and the WHO requirements essential to become a designated WHO Healthy City. A number of cities in Georgia have expressed interest in applying to be members of the WHO network and members of the Georgian National Network.

### Participate in WHO HCN Annual Business Technical Meeting

WHO Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting is due to take place in person in 2022, following an online event in 2021. The Advisory Committee will support development of the programme and event, including the format and agenda.

### WHO Urban Preparedness Group

A new Urban Preparedness sub group has been established in WHO. David Tumilty from the Public Health Agency, Claire Carlton, Belfast City Council and Ruth Hunter from QUB have been nominated to join the group to represent Belfast. The group will meet quarterly to submit and collate case studies to develop policy guidance on Urban Preparedness using city response to COVID-19, and they aim to publish their findings in 2022.



# Maximising Learning and Knowledge Exchange from Global, European, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Belfast Networks

## City Health

The City Health Newsletter, circulated quarterly, covers the work of Belfast Healthy Cities.

Throughout 2021 this has included information on:

- Phase VII Strategic Plan
- Phase VII Seminar series,
- BHC/MAG publication Designing Places for Children and Young People
- Learn Well Live Well: Adult Learning and Health and Wellbeing publication in which BHC co-authored a chapter
- Care Zone Road Safety Project
- Phase VII Designation
- Health Literacy Month
- Belfast Healthy City Awards

## Political Engagement

The importance of Belfast Healthy Cities maintaining strong relationships with political representatives was seen throughout our work in 2021. This culminated in the work with the Lord Mayor, Cllr Kate Nicholl, to formally announce Belfast's designation to Phase VII WHO European Healthy Cities Network. The Lord Mayor also attended the Care Zone Community event in August at the request of Belfast Healthy Cities.

The Minister for Health and Chief Pharmaceutical Officer helped launch the Pharmacy Schools Resource in December.

## Website

Work to update the Belfast Healthy Cities Website has been undertaken, which reflects the priorities of the Phase VII Strategic Plan, and how our work aligns with the priorities. The new layout reflects the key information and is accessible for those looking to find out about the important projects and policy.



## Partnership with Queen's University, Belfast

Belfast Healthy Cities has worked with QUB on a number of projects including a Reducing Car Dependency Project, which fits within our Active Travel agenda.

We are also working on the QUB SPACE Project (Supportive Environments for Physical and Social Activity, Healthy-Ageing Cognitive Health), which aims to investigate the role of supportive urban environments to promote physical activity, healthy ageing and cognitive health.

# Belfast Healthy City Awards 2021

The Belfast Healthy City Awards were launched in October 2021.

The awards, which are divided into three categories, which reflect the current priorities of the WHO Healthy Cities Programme, looked for leading projects in the areas of Active Travel and Healthy Transport, Community Prosperity and Mental Wellbeing. With entries from a range of projects across Belfast, a panel of judges had the difficult task of whittling down the long list to award winners and highly commended groups in each category.

The WHO 2021 Belfast Healthy Cities Awards winners were:

- Mental Wellbeing Category: East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) How to be a Well Being programme
- Community Prosperity Category: Bosco Café and Bakery for their Bosco Café / Artillery Youth Group
- Healthy Travel & Active Transport: Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre for Legging it in Ligoniel



# Board and Staff

## Belfast Healthy Cities Board

Alistair Beggs, Department for Infrastructure  
Karen Casson, Ulster University - Interim Chair  
Justine Daly, Strategic Investment Board  
Michael Gibbs, Different Tracks Global - Treasurer  
Kelly Gilliland, Belfast City Council, co-opted December 2021  
Ruth Hunter, Queen's University Belfast  
Nigel McMahon, Department of Health  
Danny McQuillan, Extern  
Elizabeth Mitchell, Independent  
Bryan Nelson, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust  
Elma Newberry, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (Maureen Mawhinney representing)  
Carol Ramsey, Independent  
Christine Robinson, Belfast City Council - resigned September 2021  
David Stewart, Independent

## Staff

Joan Devlin, Chief Executive  
Anne McCusker, Programme Manager  
Caroline Scott, Events & Communication  
Coordinator  
Aranvir Singh Gawera, Programme Officer



Aranvir Singh Gawera joined the Belfast Healthy Cities team in July 2021 as Programme Officer

Caroline Wilson left the team in April 2021



# Financial Statement

## Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

### BALANCE SHEET

As a 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	11	1,749	3,197
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	12	677	68,230
Cash at bank and in hand		335,117	247,265
		<u>335,794</u>	<u>315,495</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(56,526)</u>	<u>(54,044)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>279,268</u>	<u>261,451</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>281,017</u>	<u>264,648</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>281,017</u></u>	<u><u>264,648</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Designated funds		225,326	216,808
Unrestricted Funds		55,691	47,840
<b>Total funds</b>	14	<u><u>281,017</u></u>	<u><u>264,648</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 8 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by



Dr Karen Casson  
Director

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### to the Members of Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited

A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)  
for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Directors' Annual Report.

#### Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

A further description of our responsibilities of the financial statements are comprised in the appendix to this report, located at page 12, which is to be read as part of our report.

#### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 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.



Mr Robert Barr (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

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