



Annual Review

2022





Belfast is at the heart of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network of more than 88 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

This report covers another successful year for Belfast Heathy Cities. As the new Chair of Belfast Heathy Cities, I am very proud of the charity's achievements in 2022, which is an indication of its strength and resilience, but also the tremendous commitment and creativity of the staff and Board of Directors. I would like to thank Karen Casson, for her excellent leadership as Interim Chair during the previous year.

The pandemic deeply affected communities at greatest risk and organisation's ways of working but we have continued to work collaboratively with other sectors across all levels, within those communities and also to continue to deliver our programmes.

At a WHO Europe level, we welcomed Kira Fortune, the new World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Healthy Cities lead in WHO Europe, and we were very grateful she was able to participate and present at two of our events during the year.

This year, Kira hosted the first in person WHO Annual European Heathy Cities Conference since the International WHO Conference was held in person in Belfast in 2018. Staff presented on three programmes in various sessions during the Conference, where 'One Health' was the overall theme.

While our programmes are based within the 6P framework of the WHO European Heathy Cities Phase VII (2019 – 2026), they are very closely aligned with regional and local government policy frameworks and particularly, with the Belfast Agenda - Belfast's Community Plan. We are involved in a number of groups and we will look forward to continuing to support delivery and some of the challenges during the incoming year.



Bringing emerging public health themes and new knowledge to the city is part of our role representing the city within WHO Europe. We will continue to do so during the incoming year with the challenges of people, planet and place health.

I would like to thank our funders, regional and local government across a number of departments, organisations and the many stakeholders who have contributed to the work of Belfast Healthy Cities during the past year.

I would also like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors, our Chief Executive, Joan Devlin, and our team of dedicated staff for all their contributions during this successful year.

Michael Boyd, Chairperson

Chief Executive's Report

As we move out of the Coronavirus pandemic, like many organisations and cities locally and globally, we have adapted to a new hybrid method of working with communities and organisations. This brings new challenges but also new opportunities and much flexibility.

We continued to deliver our programmes, adjusting to this new working environment and translating the 6P WHO Phase VII (2019 - 2026) framework of People; Prosperity; Place; Planet, Peace and Participation, into tangible programmes.

Our 'Greening the City' programme got off to a great start with a first webinar in March where a wide range of stakeholders came to explore opportunities to further develop the agenda in Belfast. This was followed up by a workshop in August 2022 to agree key elements of an action plan going forward.

The 'Walking Bus' initiative during 'Walk to School Week' in May was another successful intersectoral programme working with three schools in the Care Zone area, with support from DfC Ministerial Advisory Group advisers, school principals and local Community Champions. One of the schools has continued the programme and has noted a reduced number of cars taking children to school as well as a number of other social and well-being benefits to the children.

A significant programme during the year has been the production of the city health profile, Profiling Health, Well-being and Prosperity, which includes six chapters, using the WHO 6P framework of indicators relating to health and well-being and a summary chapter. At the launch of the chapters, presentations were made of inspirational programmes and initiatives from across the city addressing the theme of the chapters.



The Pharmacy Schools Programme resource proved to be popular this year with over 70 schools, across Northern Ireland delivering it during Self Care week in November.

We are also delighted to continue to be a partner in a number of projects with Queen's University and in doing so generating new knowledge and exchanging that knowledge with many of our European colleagues.

I am very grateful for the continued support from stakeholders in the city, across all levels who inform the development of our programmes, and support delivery of the programmes. We look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders in the spirit of collaboration.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their continuous support, special thanks to the Officers, Michael Boyd, Chair; Karen Casson, Vice Chair; and Ian Montgomery, Treasurer. Sincere thanks to the small but dedicated staff team. It is with their commitment that much progress is made. We welcome Claire Saunders who has joined the team this year and we look forward to achieving positive change long term for those who experience health inequalities.

Joan Devlin, Chief Executive

Greening the City

Greening the City is a key programme for Belfast Healthy Cities during Phase VII (2020-2025) of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network to support the themes of People, Place, Planet, Prosperity, Participation and Peace. The overall goal of the programme is to create mutually beneficial relationships between citizens and the urban environment for improved physical and mental wellbeing. An initial online seminar in March had more than 70 participants who were able to share views, ideas and questions and hear about the steps that can be taken at a local level to improve green space.

Chaired by Carol Ramsey, the panel of Mark Whittaker, a senior planner from Belfast City Council; Denise Cahill from Cork Healthy Cities, and Aranvir Singh Gawera, Programme Officer, Belfast Healthy Cities set out what the Greening the City programme aims to deliver for Belfast.

A Greening the City Action Planning Workshop was then held in August facilitated by Erica Ison and provided stakeholders with an opportunity to inform the details of the action plan for the greening the city programme, and begin to identify partners to support its outcomes.

The expected outcomes for the action planning workshop were:

- A well-informed initial set of actions and desired outcomes for each aim of the greening the city programme reflecting the needs and priorities of stakeholders.
- Identification of key stakeholders to support each action.
- Commitment from partners to join a cross-sector advisory group to support and review the action plan moving forward.



Organisations represented at the workshop were Belfast City Council, Department for Infrastructure, Department for Communities, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Public Health Agency, EastSide Partnership, Forward South Partnership, West Belfast Partnership Board, Youth Education Health Advice, Greater Shankill Partnership, Queens University Belfast, Ulster University, Belfast Hills Partnership, RSPB, Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Environment Link, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, Outdoor Recreation NI.

A Greening the City Advisory Group, co-chaired by Ruth Hunter, Queen's University Belfast, and Carol Ramsey, has been established and held their first meeting in September.

More information:

belfasthealthycities.com/greening-city

Health Literacy

A health literacy seminar series was developed with the UK Health Literacy Group and delivered in October. Belfast Healthy Cities hosted this series online:

- Building Health Literacy Skills with patients and public
- Building Health Literacy Skills with health professionals
- Building Health Literacy Skills within the workforce – turning training into action

A policy information event took place in November with a key note presentation from Don Nutbeam. Chris Garland, Department of Health also presented at this event.

The UK Health Literacy website has been redeveloped to highlight the role of the group and share best practice and evidence.

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 has been updated to better promote nature and biodiversity, active travel, water, and health literacy.

Political Engagement

Election Step Challenge

Belfast Healthy Cities asked election candidates across the city to count the number of steps they take as they canvassed for votes earlier this year.

As part of work improving health outcomes, BHC have worked with local community groups to complete walk assessments of their local area. This has looked at how easy it is to move around, considering crossing points, street furniture such as benches, lighting and cleanliness. These factors are important to how people can move around their local streets, and, as walking has an important physical and social role, the walkability of an area is important to health outcomes.



City Profile

In November, Erica Ison briefed MLAs & MPs from across the city on the key findings in the City Health Profile. The data shows health & wellbeing trends right across Belfast, and is key to future planning for services and tackling problem areas.

Walking Bus Pilot

Belfast Healthy Cities in partnership with teachers, community champions, the Ministerial Advisory Group and the Youth Education Health Advice (YEHA) have developed 'walking buses' in the north Belfast Care Zone area. Three local primary schools pioneered the walking bus model during Walk to School week, 16-20 May.

This project involves a group of children walking together in the morning, supported by an adult at the front and at the back of the group, acting as the 'driver, and 'conductor' of the walking bus. Ballysillan Primary School & Nursery, Our Lady's Girl's Primary School, and Sacred Heart Primary School hope that by providing the safe Walking Bus model, more pupils will be encouraged to get out of the family car and walk to school.

The initiative follows on from the Road Safety project funded by the Department for Infrastructure, which included an Active Travel survey with parents and guardians of children attending primary schools in the Care Zone Area.



Respondents highlighted reasons for not walking to school which included issues of safety, distance to school, and children being too young, with the majority of respondents stating they would consider allowing their child to walk if supervised by adults as part of a walking bus.

Work continues to roll out the walking bus model in other areas of the city.



Walk Assessment Tool

To increase the ease of use of the [Walk Assessment Tool](#) it was developed as an online accessible version. The toolkit has been developed to enable people of all ages and organisations to independently undertake a walk assessment. The resource supports individuals, communities, and organisations to:

1. Facilitate discussions about the quality of walking in the local area and identify priority areas for action.
2. Develop an evidence base that can inform and influence projects, plans and decision makers that are shaping the local area.
3. Identify suitable and preferred routes for walking.



UK Healthy Cities Network

Belfast continues to be a member of the UK Healthy Cities Network. A joint UK and Nordic National Network meeting took place in June to explore approaches taken by each Network on impact, sustainability and long term cross-sectoral partnerships for health in all policies.

Environment and Health Working Group

BHC CEO has been working with WHO and city of Utrecht to establish Terms of Reference and future priority actions for EHWG.

The aims are to provide a platform for cities who want to strengthen work on environment and health, develop tools and guidance materials, and to disseminate results to the WHO European Healthy Cities Network and national healthy cities networks. The Working Group works closely with the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health and is chaired by the City of Utrecht.

The Working Group met during the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference providing an opportunity for further knowledge exchange beyond the membership of the Working Group. The main topics were One Health at the local level and the 7th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health.

Belfast Healthy Cities Information Service

The Belfast Healthy Cities Information Service continues to provide quick and direct links to Departmental press releases, relevant research findings as well as selected other information, particularly from other Healthy Cities and Belfast Healthy Cities' partners. It aims to provide individual and organisations with direct access to up to date news and information.

To become a subscriber, [sign up here](#).

Pharmacy Schools Programme

The Pharmacy Schools Programme has been developed by Belfast Healthy Cities, in partnership with the Department of Health. The aim of the Programme is to promote self-care as the best choice to treat common childhood ailments and to equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to use medicines safely throughout their lives. It also aims to highlight the role of community pharmacy services to treat common childhood ailments such as colds, head lice and hay fever.

The resource is being utilised in primary schools right across Northern Ireland. The dedicated teaching resource includes lesson plans to support delivery of the Northern Ireland Curriculum and has been co-produced with a range of organisations across pharmacy, education, health, academia and community and voluntary sectors.

Using a health literacy approach and considering the importance of medication safety the lessons enable children to understand health professionals and health services, the role of a pharmacist in supporting the management of common childhood ailments, and how we can access and understand health information.



The Pharmacy Schools Programme was developed to support the delivery of the Department of Health's Medicines Optimisation Quality Framework as well as the Department's "Transforming medication safety in Northern Ireland" strategy which aims to reduce severe avoidable harm from the use of medicines by aligning Northern Ireland's medication safety priorities to the WHO Third Global Patient Safety Challenge, "Medication without Harm". STEM NI provided support to pharmacy workforce participating in delivering the programme through the STEM Ambassadors programme.

During 2022 Self Care Week, 14-20 November, schools were invited to register to deliver the Pharmacy Schools Programme - receive resources, support and join in showcasing learning. Over 70 schools have registered interest in the programme and a number of these schools were visited by Anne McCusker, Cathy Harrison, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer and Chris Garland, Department of Health.



Supporting Students

University College London visited Belfast on a field trip as part of the Urban Health Post-graduate course. A group of 25 staff and students visited Belfast during 1-5 May 2022. BHC supported development of the programme for field trip visit, as well as project development linking students with ongoing areas of work and key personnel across Belfast. Support was provided for four research projects - Care Zone, Reducing Car Dependency, Childhood Obesity and Planning and Lead Water Replacement Programme. Support for the programme also included interviews with key stakeholders to inform the project groups with BHC partners across Belfast. A roundtable discussion hosted by QUB, BHC participated in the discussion which took place to discuss urban health in post conflict cities. Field trips activities included visits to parks, greenways and Care Zone area and a special screening of Young Plato film with a Question and Answer session with Kevin McArevey, Principal of Holy Cross Boys' Primary School in north Belfast. Students showcased the initial findings of the projects during presentations at Queen's University Belfast on final day of field trip.

Further student placements supported include QUB Planning student seeking a work-based placement, linked with the Walking Buses Pilot. BHC participated in an interview with a QUB post-graduate Sustainable Development student exploring green space and health links. Leonard Cheshire are a UK charity supporting people with disabilities and are delivering a pilot programme to support graduates with disabilities gain work based experience.

The graduate placement joined BHC for 12 weeks to conducting an evidence review on the links between public transport and access to health services.



Partnership with Queen's University, Belfast

Belfast Healthy Cities continues to work with QUB on a number of projects:

- Reducing Car Dependency Project, which fits within our Active Travel agenda.
- The QUB SPACE Project (Supportive Environments for Physical and Social Activity, Healthy Ageing Cognitive Health). The SPACE Intergenerational Time Capsules Workshop took place in November which looks at how the environment impacts our health as we age - air pollution/soil toxins; noise/light pollution; green and blue spaces; urban design/transport; biogenetics; and planetary health/climate change. A time capsule will be buried at a later date including objects from participants.
- Groundswell – exploring evidence of green and blue space to support health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities.

2022 WHO European Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference

The first in person meeting of the Healthy Cities Network since Belfast in 2018 took place 22-24 November in UN City, Copenhagen.

The theme and sub-themes of the 2022 WHO European Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting was Healthy Cities Leading by Example: One Planet, One People, One Health. The WHO European Healthy Cities Network welcomes the call to action of the Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development and will take forward the recommendation to operationalise the One Health approach at the local level and to intensify the conversation about the interaction between human, animal and environmental health in the context of Phase VII. The sub-themes explored in the parallel sessions as well as workshops included sustainable urban design, creating inclusive societies, healthy placemaking, lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, creating economies of well-being, migration and health and fostering coalitions for mental health for a healthier future.

The Belfast Healthy Cities staff team and Board Member Carol Ramsey attended the conference in person, with Councillor Ross McMullan and Sarah Bunting taking part virtually.



Three case studies from Belfast were presented at the conference:

- Walking Bus pilot, presented by Aran Singh Gawera
- Pharmacy Schools Programme – improving the health literacy of schoolchildren, presented by Anne McCusker
- Care Zone – building hope to improve community well-being, presented by Joan Devlin.

Joan Devlin and Anne McCusker also facilitated sessions throughout the 3 day programme.

The Healthy Cities Network adopted the Political Statement for the 2022 Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference including policy recommendations on operationalising One Health at the local level.



Advisory Committee Election

Congratulations to Anne McCusker who was re-elected to the Cities Advisory Committee of the Healthy Cities Network for 2 more years. Anne joins members from Bursa, Turkey; Cork, Ireland; Horsens, Denmark; Udine, Italy; and Utrecht, Netherlands.



City Health Profile

The Belfast City Health Profile brings together a comprehensive range of data; while most of these are publicly available, we have presented these data together in an accessible, concise and integrated way, highlighting potential inequities.

Whilst developing a city health profile is a requirement of being a designated member of the WHO Network, the profile is an invaluable resource for agencies and citizens in the city.

The profile provides data and analysis from a wide range of sources using the 6P framework of the World Health Organization (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network Phase VII (2019-2026): People; Prosperity; Place; Planet; Peace and Participation. It builds on the last city health profile, *Divided by Health*, published in 2008.

The City Profile was launched in a series of seminars throughout 2022 each of which saw Erica Ison, Expert Adviser to Healthy Cities present the relevant data in each theme.

The summary profile was launched in April with Aidan Dawson, Chief Executive, Public Health Agency and Kira Fortune, Regional Advisor, Healthy Cities, Health Promotion and Well-being, WHO Europe



The People Chapter launched in May heard again from Kira Fortune and from Charlene Stoops, Director of Planning, Performance and Informatics, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

In July the Prosperity Chapter was launched with input from Monika Kosinska, Head Economic and Commercial Determinants, World Health Organization and Jackie Redpath, Chief Executive, Greater Shankill Partnership

The Place and Planet Chapters were launched together in August with a presentation from Victoria Ramsey, Urban Climate Services Team, Met Office.

Finally in November the Peace and Participation Chapters were launched in an in person event with presentations from Jim Girvan, Policing and Community Safety Partnership; Damian O'Neill, Good Shepherd Primary School; and Craig Harrison, Carers NI



Sincere thanks to Karen Casson for her expert advice and guidance in scrutinising and appraising the data and to Erica Ison for her extensive work sourcing and analysing the data and for her invaluable interpretation of these data in this summary document and the full chapters.

The summary profile and profile chapters provide information from a variety of sources and are the product of an extensive and substantial programme of work for Belfast Healthy Cities.

We would like to thank the many agencies, government departments and individuals who supported the production of the profile documents.

Particular thanks go to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency who provided original sources of data for many of the indicators; the Northern Ireland Housing Executive who provided information on housing; to David Stewart, Maria Herron, Caroline Wilson and Benedict McAteer who brought together information in the early stages of the programme and to Brendan Scott for his support with design.






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PROSPERITY

Care Zone Mobile Unit

In March, a new mobile unit which will transform health and wellbeing information and services across the Care Zone was launched by Eamonn Holmes. The unit will deliver a range of services to people across the Oldpark area of Belfast, removing barriers to accessing important health care information.

The mobile unit has been gifted to the Care Zone by Inspire, with the aim of supporting local projects to improve mental and physical wellbeing, while Urban Villages has funded the branding for the bus, which will now be seen out and about in the local area.

As part of their engagement work with the community, the Care Zone identified that there was a range of services which were not available locally, and that this created a barrier to access.



To address the lack of services and difficulty accessing them, they sought a solution that would allow the delivery of services in a different way - the mobile unit.

The launch was well attended by local residents and by local politicians who both look forward to what the unit will bring to the area.



New Belfast Healthy Cities board members

The incoming Chair Michael Boyd is joined on the Board by Dr Lizzy Pinkerton, Linda Armitage and Professor Ian Montgomery.



Michael Boyd works at the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission in a Senior Engagement and Communications role. He is also a volunteer Board member of the charity Street Soccer NI and previously worked for the Irish Football Association.



Professor Ian Montgomery is Professor of Design and Director of Brexit & Sustainability at Ulster University. He has recently served as a Board member of the Arts Council for Northern Ireland and also served on the British Council's Northern Ireland Advisory Committee.



Linda Armitage has 36 years of community development experience and 14 of these years have been dedicated to health improvement, health promotion and early intervention, in local neighbourhoods using a community development approach. Linda is the Health Development Director at East Belfast Community Development Agency.



Dr Lizzy Pinkerton works for the Belfast Hills Partnership and as Scheme Manager oversees day to day operations of the organisation along with developing plans and securing funding for new programmes of work. She has worked within the Northern Ireland Environmental sector since 2005 and is a Board Member of Northern Ireland Environment Link.



Board of Directors

- Linda Armitage, East Belfast Community Development Agency
- Alistair Beggs, Department for Infrastructure
- Michael Boyd, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission - Chair
- Karen Casson, Independent - Vice Chair
- Justine Daly, Strategic Investment Board
- Michael Gibbs, Different Tracks Global – resigned March 2022
- Ruth Hunter, Queen’s University Belfast
- Nigel McMahon, Department of Health
- Daniel McQuillan, Start 360
- Elizabeth Mitchell, Independent
- Ian Montgomery, Ulster University - Treasurer
- Maureen Mawhinney, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Bryan Nelson, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
- Elma Newberry, Northern Ireland Housing Executive - resigned 20 June 2022
- Lizzy Pinkerton, Belfast Hills/NIEL
- Carol Ramsey, Independent
- David Stewart, Independent
- John Tully, Belfast City Council

Staff

- Joan Devlin, Chief Executive
- Anne McCusker, Programme Manager
- Caroline Scott, Office Manager
- Aranvir Singh Gawera, Programme Officer
- Claire Saunders, Programme Officer



Claire Saunders joined the Belfast Healthy Cities team in August 2022 as Programme Officer

Participation

Belfast Healthy Cities is a member of and participate in the following groups:

- Care Zone
 - Management Committee
 - Membership Committee
- Community Planning Belfast Agenda
 - Voluntary Community Social Enterprise Panel
 - City Development Board
 - Health Inequalities Group
 - Connectivity Active & Sustainable Travel (CAST)
 - Active Belfast Participatory Budgeting Design Team
- Climate Change and Health
- Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership
- Ministerial Cycling & Walking Group
- Strategic Design Group
- Ministerial Advisory Group - Living High Streets draft Craft Kit
- Public Practice
- Queen’s University Belfast GroundsWell Consortium
- Queen’s University Belfast Reducing Car Dependency Study
- Queen’s University Belfast SPACE - Supportive Environment for Physical and Social Activity, Healthy Ageing and Cognitive Health
- Town & Country Planning Association UK
- Ulster University, MSc Public Health & Health Promotion Course Committee
- UK Health Literacy Group
 - Healthy Cities Network Coordinators
 - Healthy Cities Network Advisory Committee
 - Environment & Health Working Group
 - Healthy Ageing Task Force

Financial Statement

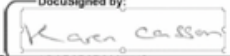
Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited
 (A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)
 Company Number: NI031042
BALANCE SHEET
 as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	11	388	1,749
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	51,936	21,979
Cash at bank and in hand		300,766	313,815
		352,702	335,794
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(66,751)	(56,526)
Net Current Assets		285,951	279,268
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		286,339	281,017
Net Assets			
Designated funds		226,773	225,326
Unrestricted funds		59,566	55,691
Total funds	14	286,339	281,017

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

and signed on its behalf by

DocuSigned 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)

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the company financial statements of Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited ('the company') for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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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
- 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 set out on page 8, 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:

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
to the Members of Belfast Healthy Cities Project Limited
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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.

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