



Present

Members: Alderman Knight-McQuillan (Chair), Councillor MA McKillop, Alderman Boyle, Alderman S McKillop, Councillor Peacock

Officers: Moira Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (DCS), Pauline Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager (DCSM), Stephanie McLaughlin, Business Support Officer

Agenda No.	Item	ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	An Apology was received from Councillor Stirling.	DS note
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no Declarations of Interest.	
3.	Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair	
	Alderman S McKillop proposed Alderman Knight-McQuillan as Chair , seconded by Councillor MA McKillop. AGREED. Alderman Boyle proposed Councillor MA McKillop as Vice Chair , seconded by Alderman S McKillop AGREED.	
4.	Update Report	
	<u>Activity 2021-2023</u> The DCSM referred to the Activity Report 2021-2023 (previously circulated) and explained that this highlighted the work of the Women's Working Group to date.	

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	<p><u>Terms of Reference</u> The DCSM referred to the Terms of Reference agreed by Council in 2021 when the WG was formed (previously circulated) and it was agreed that the Terms of Reference did not require any changes and would be used for the WWG going forward.</p> <p><u>Draft Action Plan</u> The DCSM referred to the Draft Action Plan (previously circulated) and explained that this centred around the main objectives listed in the Terms of Reference. Following discussion, it was agreed that this would be used as a template going forward and that some suggestions would be brought to the next meeting for consideration.</p> <p><u>International Women’s Day 2024</u> Following discussion, it was agreed to try to link into the event being organised by the Good Relations team and due to take place on 06 March 2024.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to organise a short meeting and photo opportunity for International Women’s Day 2024 with the Mayor and female Elected Members.</p> <p>The DCSM agreed to liaise with the Mayor’s Office to ascertain if there might be any other opportunities to promote International Women’s Day 2024.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to suggest to the CPR Committee that Council puts plan in place for an event to mark International Women’s Day 2025.</p>	<p>DCSM</p> <p>DCSM</p> <p>DCSM</p> <p>DCS</p>
5.	Conferences	
	<p>The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.</p> <p>The following is listed:</p>	

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	<p>2.1 International Women’s Day Conference</p> <p>Date: Friday 1st March 2024, 9 am – 2.30 pm Venue: The Diamond, Ulster University Cost: Free</p> <p>2.2 Women in Northern Ireland Conference</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 5th March 2024, 9.30 am registration Venue: Riddel Hall QUB, Belfast Cost: Free</p> <p>This conference is the first in a series to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The DCSM explained that Elected Members should contact Democratic Services to register interest and advised that a reminder of all the conferences would be sent to Members following the meeting.</p>	
6.	Any Other Relevant Business	
	There was no other AORB.	
7.	Date of Next Meeting	
	It was agreed that dates for three further Meetings would be circulated by the Democratic Services Officer.	DCSM

This being all the business the meeting closed at 16:32 .