

Belfast Healthy Cities Phase VII Strategy

Phase VII Strategic Plan: A Phase VII Strategic Plan is in place and Belfast Healthy Cities 'model of working enhances regional and policy objectives with a solid commitment to focusing on the determinants of health, reducing inequalities in health, and sharing learning and expertise from WHO and other Network cities.

Vision: Our vision is that Belfast is recognised as globally as a healthy equitable and sustainable city.

Mission: Our mission is to promote health and wellbeing, provide inspiration and facilitate innovative collaborative action and good policy making.

Values:

- Good health is a fundamental human right of each individual
- Health inequalities are avoidable and unacceptable and have consequences on all of society
- Good health is a valuable resource for families and for social and economic development
- Health & wellbeing is a shared priority for all sectors and for whole of government

Programmes include:

- Promoting healthy transport
- Greening the City
- Community Prosperity
- Increasing Knowledge and Capacity Building
- Maximising Learning and Knowledge Exchange from Global, European & other Networks

Structurally there are several components:

- The Board of Directors is the governing body of Belfast Healthy Cities. They determine the mission and strategic direction of the organisation, and ensure that it stays within its remit, the statutory and regulatory requirements. The Memorandum and Articles of Association sets out how the company is run, governed and owned by members. The Audit and Risk Committee, consisting of Board members, provides the Board of Directors with independent assessment and assistance on the risk register framework, the effectiveness of internal control mechanisms, and the levels of regulatory compliance, both internal and external, legally and financially. Monitoring Service Level agreements are in place with funding organisations
- Working Groups and partnerships with organisations will be established to support delivery during Phase VII. Briefing papers, health profiles, training on health determinants and health inequalities will be developed to support organisations to deliver the Phase VII programmes
- Opportunities will exist for partner organisations to participate in the WHO subnetworks, task forces and working groups established by WHO Europe and the WHO Healthy Cities Network on core themes and priority areas

Methods of Working: Belfast Healthy Cities uses various methods of working to deliver programmes on each theme including: **research, thought leadership, coproduction, community engagement, policy influence, information sharing and dissemination and training and skills development.**