



Present

Members: Alderman Knight-McQuillan (Chair), Boyle, S McKillop, Stewart, Councillors Chivers, Mairs, Peacock and Stirling

Officers: Moira Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (DCS), Stephanie McLaughlin, Business Support Officer

Agenda No.	Item	ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	An Apology was received from Councillor Huggins.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no Declarations of Interest.	
3.	Review Terms of Reference (previously circulated)	
	<p>The DCS read through the Terms of Reference which she had shared on screen. She pointed out that dates for future meetings for 2025 were included and that these had been carefully chosen in order to avoid clashes in the Corporate Calendar.</p> <p>It was agreed that there would be flexibility around the meeting dates provided.</p> <p>Following discussion,</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Peacock</p>	

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	<p>Seconded by Alderman Boyle and</p> <p>RESOLVED - that the Women's Working Group approve the updated Terms of Reference.</p>	
4.	Notes of Meeting held on 20 January 2025 (previously circulated)	
	<p>The Notes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2025 which had previously been circulated were agreed.</p>	
5.	International Women's Day 2025 (report previously circulated)	
	<p>The DCS shared the Report on IWD 2025 on screen.</p> <p>She stated that, as previously agreed, the Mayor will host a Reception in the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre on Friday 07 March 2025 with female representatives from Community Groups across the Borough being invited. This event will also include relevant key speakers.</p> <p>The DCS also mentioned that as International Women's Day is an opportunity to not only remember the struggles and resistance that women across the world have endured but also to recognise the many achievements that have been won, this will be an excellent opportunity to have an exhibition of notable women from the Borough.</p> <p>She went on to explained that exhibits from the Council's 'Peace Heroines' collection, which explores the stories of inspiring local women, will be displayed at the Reception.</p> <p>It was pointed out that Council has not set aside any budget for this event but that the Museums section is in possession of the above-mentioned exhibition and the Mayor will meet the costs of the Reception.</p>	

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	<p>Recommendation: It was agreed to recommend to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to note this event which will help mark International Women’s Day 2025.</p>	
6.	<p>Action Plan (previously circulated)</p>	
	<p>The DCS read through the various actions contained in the Action Plan which she shared on screen.</p> <p>She explained that the suggestions provided by Councillor Peacock have now been fed into the Action Plan. She also explained that outputs can already be demonstrated for some of the actions.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that an audit of the Action Plan will now be carried out to see where the gaps are and to identify any duplications.</p> <p>Councillor Peacock referred to her suggestion of an in-person meeting in order to launch the Action Plan. She explained the need to make the Women’s Working Group more visible and to promote the work that the Working Group does and also the work that it is aiming to do.</p> <p>Following discussion,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Proposed by Councillor Peacock Seconded by Councillor Stirling and</p> <p>RESOLVED - that an event to launch the Action Plan will be organised and held in the Bann Gallery at the end of March/beginning of April and will include a guest speaker and that female members of Staff will be invited along with Elected Members.</p>	DCS
7.	<p>Conferences</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CelebrateHER this International Women’s Day! The DCS advised that there is a waiting list for the above Conference. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Women’s Day Webinar • Reference was also made to event which is due to be held at Flowerfield Arts Centre on Saturday 08 March 2025 to mark International Women’s Day – Exhibition of Photographs on the theme of ‘The Way I See It’. It was agreed that details of this event would be forwarded directly to Elected Members. 	DCS
8.	Any Other Relevant Business	
	<p><u>Public Meeting: Women’s Safety in Causeway Coast and Glens</u> Alderman Boyle referred to an upcoming Public Meeting regarding Women’s Safety in Causeway Coast and Glens which is due to be held at West Bann Development Centre, Killowen Court, Coleraine at 7.00pm on Thursday 27 February 2025. It was agreed that details of this Public Meeting would be circulated to Elected Members.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Training</u> Alderman Knight-McQuillan advised of the importance of having awareness around how to deal with and assist using a first response approach.</p> <p>Following discussion, the DCS agreed to liaise with HR and Members’ Services to see what training is available.</p>	DCS DCS
9.	Date of Next Meeting	
	The next meeting of the Women’s Working Group is due to take place on Wednesday 14 May 2025.	

This being all the business, the meeting closed at 16:37