



<b>Subject:</b>	Resilience and Sustainability Board - Annual Review
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**Call-in**

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes  No

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
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1.1	To provide members with an overview of the progress of projects outlined in the Resilience Ambitions document and the additional projects emerging from the Resilience and Sustainability Board.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. This update gathers together projects currently taking place in the city that ultimately aim to support the transition to an inclusive, resilient and low emission economy.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<b>Background</b> Elected Members will be aware that in December 2020, Belfast launched a Resilience Strategy, a framework to safeguard the city against situations (shocks and stresses) that could threaten its safety and stability over coming years. The development of the Strategy was led by the Belfast Resilience Commissioner, who worked alongside a range of key partners to undertake extensive data, and consultation to inform its development. Belfast became a member of the 100 Resilient Cities Network and was able to draw upon valuable experience, insights and resources to help develop the Resilience Strategy.
3.2	Using a wide range of data and research and, following a two-year programme of engagement across the city, the Resilience Strategy identified a number of shocks and stresses which could make Belfast more vulnerable in the future. The strategy set out 30 strategic ambitions and foundational programmes which it felt would transition Belfast to an inclusive, net-zero emissions, climate resilient economy within a generation. The ambitions and programmes differed in both scale and the direct role that the council could play in assuring delivery.
3.3	The strategy had been developed as a city rather than a council document, to be delivered in partnership with external partners across the city. There has been significant progress made on many of the ambitions outlined within the strategy with regular reporting to the Climate & City Resilience Committee and the Belfast Agenda Resilience & Sustainability Board on ongoing climate activity. Many of the programmes contained within the Resilience Strategy are being progressed, monitored, and reported on individually through the appropriate led organisations with the ultimate goal;
3.4	<b>To transition to an inclusive, net zero-emissions, climate-resilient economy in a generation</b>
3.5	The Ambitions document comprised 30 projects designed to transition the city. The Resilience and Sustainability Board oversee the delivery and implementation of Belfast's Resilience Strategy. The Board have a particular responsibility for climate action, climate resilience and sustainable development across the city. The Board supports the embedding and delivery of sustainable development and resilience across all Belfast Agenda priorities, linking across Boards as appropriate, and reporting on progress to the Community Planning Partnership.
3.6	Since 2020 when the Ambitions document was developed, these projects have progressed and new projects have emerged across the city. The Board's first Annual Review is intended to capture the progress of all of the projects that support the transition.
3.7	For each project, the review captures some basic project information and includes a backward and forward look. Going forward the review will be completed on an annual basis.

3.8	Each Board member completed a template that captures the aims of the project, what has been delivered and their next steps. This template was also completed for new projects, delivered by board members organisations, but not highlighted in the Ambitions document.
3.9	<p>The review has been structured around the updated Belfast Agenda (Our Planet) so that it aligns with current ambitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-naturing the city and increasing resilience to climate change;</li> <li>• Creating a sustainable circular economy; and</li> <li>• Innovating to net zero.</li> </ul>
3.10	The report also highlights the UN Sustainable Development Goals that are covered through the list of projects.
3.11	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There was no additional cost in the creation of this document.</p>
3.12	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None known.</p>
4.0	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
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