



Subject:	Climate Change and Sustainability Training for Staff and Elected Members.
Date:	7 th August 2025
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the schedule and format of a climate change training workshop for the Climate and City Resilience Committee.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Note that Sustainable NI will deliver a two hour in-person climate workshop to the committee on Thursday 11th September 2025 as a pilot for the wider group of Elected Members;II. Give approval to commission training;III. Confirm attendance by 22nd August

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Background</p> <p>At the meeting on 12th June 2025, the Climate and City Resilience Committee agreed the following actions:</p> <p>“Approved the courses for Elected Members and CMT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) agreeing that officers would report back to the Committee, based on the Members’ feedback, with suggestions for the most appropriate format and time for the Members training to take place; and b) noting that officers were seeking three Members to participate in a Training Needs Assessment to gauge the level of training required, and that an email would be circulated seeking volunteers in the first instance.”
3.2	<p>Climate Change and Sustainability Training Arrangement</p> <p>Following discussions with Elected Members, it is proposed that a 2 hour in-person climate training workshop will be delivered immediately after the committee’s meeting on the 11th September 2025. The workshop will be delivered by Sustainable NI supported by members of the Council’s Climate Team. Content will be tailored to the findings of a training needs assessment carried out with members of the Climate and City Resilience Committee.</p>
4.0	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
4.1	The cost for up to 15 Elected Members attending the training is covered within Belfast City Council’s subscription as a partner to SNI for 2025/26. If additional places are required the cost would be £150 per delegate (a 50% reduction on the regular charge £295) and would be funded via existing City and Organisational Strategy budget.
5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
5.1	None identified. Engagement with Equality & Rural Needs team is ongoing across the Programme.
6.0	Appendices - none