

**Democratic Services Section  
Legal and Civic Services Department  
Belfast City Council  
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**Belfast  
City Council**

31st October, 2024

## **MEETING OF THE CLIMATE AND CITY RESILIENCE COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet as a Hybrid meeting in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Thursday, 7th November, 2024 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

#### **1. Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Declarations of Interest
- (c) Schedule of Meetings 2025 (Pages 1 - 2)

#### **2. Presentations**

- (a) Segregation and the Environment: Breaking Down Barriers (D Robinson BCC and Peter Osborne Rubicon)
- (b) UK Future of Urban Treescapes Programme, Rebekah McCabe, Head of Northern Ireland, Involve (Pages 3 - 12)

#### **3. Restricted Items**

- (a) Presentation - Update on potential delivery models for a Heat Network in Belfast [Stuart Cairns and Michael Rudd - Bird and Bird ] (Pages 13 - 24)

- (b) Rooftop solar PV potential in the UP2030 area - emerging results [Claire Shortt, Monitoring, Learning & Reporting Officer, BCC] (Pages 25 - 34)



<b>Subject:</b>	Committee Schedule Report
<b>Date:</b>	7th November 2024
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

## Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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## Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
	To advise the Committee of the dates and times of the meetings of the Climate and City Resilience Committee between January and December, 2025.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	The Committee is requested to approve the schedule of meetings for the Climate and City Resilience Committee as outlined.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
<b>3.1</b>	The monthly meeting of the Client and City Resilience Committee is normally held at 5.15 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
<b>3.2</b>	However, due to holiday periods and the timing of the monthly Council meetings and, in order to assist with the decision-making process, it has been necessary on occasions to move some of the meetings to later in the month.
<b>3.3</b>	<p>Accordingly, the following dates have been identified for meetings of the Climate and City Resilience Committee for the period from January to December, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 16th January at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 6th February at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 13th March at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 10th April at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 8th May at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 12th June at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 7th August at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 11th September at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 9th October at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 6th November at 5.15 pm</li> <li>• Thursday 11th December at 5.15 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>(All meetings will commence at 5.15 p.m.)</b></p>
<b>3.4</b>	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
<b>3.5</b>	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None associated with this report.



# Our Future Treescapes





What is your vision  
for the future of trees,  
Woodland and forest in the  
UK in the next 50 years?

How can we make sure  
having more trees meets  
the needs of individuals,  
society and the natural  
world?



# Project Objectives

## Objective 1

To hold inclusive dialogues between a cross-section of public with Treescapes researchers, policy makers and interested parties about the **opportunities and challenges** for treescape expansion

## Objective 3

To explore public understanding of the role of **different actors** to deliver treescape expansion

## Objective 2

To explore public understanding of **trade offs and safeguards** associated with tree planting

## Objective 4

To **disseminate the findings** and the methodology of the dialogues with a wide range of interested parties





# Locations

- 1. Belfast
- 2. Bannau Brycheiniog
- 3. Manchester
- 4. Tweed Valley





# National Advisory Group

- 1. Belfast City Council
- 2. DEFRA
- 3. Scottish Forestry
- 4. NERC
- 5. NFU
- 6. Ethnic Minority Environmental Network
- 7. Disability Rights UK
- 8. Imperial College London
- 9. South of Scotland Enterprise
- 10. National Resource Wales
- 11. Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- 12. RSPB
- 13. Tree Council
- 14. Forestry Commission
- 15. Arts and Humanities Research Council

# Local Stewarding Group

- 1. Belfast City Council
- 2. Belfast Hills Partnership
- 3. Eastside Greenways
- 4. QUB Centre for Public Health
- 5. Woodland Trust
- 6. DAERA
- 7. Belfast Metropolitan Residents Association





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# Emerging themes

## Planning

- Longer term thinking
- The right tree in the right place
- Pockets of green
- Flood protection

## Stewardship

- Everyone is a custodian
- Trees for food
- Involving communities
- Protecting trees

## Education

- important role for schools

## Wellbeing

- Medical value of trees
- Clean air
- Beauty
- Spaces to ‘switch off’

## Biodiversity

- Habitat and shelter
- Variety of trees
- Complementary species
- Tree communities

## Decision making

- Accountability
- Equity of access
- False dichotomy: trees vs jobs





## Next Steps

1. Second Local dialogue: Saturday 16 November, Girdwood Community Hub
2. Second National Dialogue: Saturday 7 December
3. Report and infographic published February 2025
4. Policy Workshop March 2025



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