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**Democratic Services Section  
Legal and Civic Services Department  
Belfast City Council  
City Hall  
Belfast  
BT1 5GS**

24<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

## **MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

As previously notified to you, I enclose copies of the reports for the following items to be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 25th October, 2019.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

3. **Matters referred back from Council/Motions**

(d) Motion - Climate Change (Pages 1 - 6)

7. **Equality and Good Relations**

(a) Consultation Process Report on Council decisions to erect bilingual/multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in city-wide leisure centres (Pages 7 - 24)

8. **Operational Issues**

(g) Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Group on the Climate Crises (Pages 25 - 30)

(h) Request for permanent plaque to commemorate WW1 Nurses and 200th Anniversary of Florence Nightingale (Pages 31 - 34)

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<b>Subject:</b>	Motion – Climate Change
<b>Date:</b>	25th October, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider a motion on the Climate Change, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1st October.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider whether it wishes to agree to permit the proposer to amend the motion into the form of words appearing at 3.2 of the report.</li> <li>• consider whether it wishes to adopt that motion.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	At the Council meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> October, the following motion was proposed by Councillor O'Hara and seconded by Councillor Matt Collins: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>“This Council notes the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) special report on global warming of 1.5°C, published in October 2018, which tells us that</i></p>

*limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities and notes the UK Governments target of reducing emissions to net-zero by 2050. Council also notes the recent Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) reports on global species and habitat loss. This Council has supported a motion to declare a Climate Emergency and in light of these, this Council commits to a more ambitious and more urgent target of net-zero emissions than 2050. This target will be informed by the work undertaken below and will reflect the ambition of similar cities in the UK with an initial interim target of 80% by 2030.*

*Council therefore;*

- Commits to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation as urgently as possible, and will publish an evidence-based decision on a target year by 2021 (including Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions as defined by the Greenhouse Gas Protocol);*
- Requests that the Chief Executive reports back to Council within eighteen months with an Action Plan and 'roadmap' to ensure that Belfast City Council becomes a carbon-neutral organisation by a recommended date;*
- Requests that the Chief Executive reports back to Council by 2021 with detailed information about how the Council will work with partners across the Belfast City Council Area and with central and devolved government to seek to ensure that Belfast District's net carbon emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3) are reduced by 80% as speedily as possible compared to 2005 levels. This will include a resourcing plan for the Council and what that will require in terms of council decision making on the rates consequences. The working group will also receive a report on the costs and activities required to develop a deliverable plan, including the expertise that will need to be procured;*
- Requests that Council immediately establish a Resilience and Sustainability Board similar to that in Manchester, to underpin our efforts to decarbonise Belfast;*

- *Requests that the Council writes to the Central and Devolved government requesting:*

*(a) additional powers and funding to make our climate mitigation and adaptation work possible; and*

*(b) that Ministers work with other governments to ensure that the UK maximizes carbon reduction urgently in line with the overriding need to limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5°C.”*

3.2

Following discussions with officers and having regard to the need to consider the consequences of the motion in terms of resource and budgetary implications the proposer wishes to amend the motion into the following form:

*“This Council notes the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) special report on global warming of 1.5°C, published in October 2018, which tells us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities and notes the UK Governments target of reducing emissions to net-zero by 2050. Council also notes the recent Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) reports on global species and habitat loss.*

*This Council has supported a motion to declare a Climate Emergency and in light of these, this Council commits to a more ambitious and more urgent target of net-zero emissions than 2050. This target will be informed by the work undertaken below and will reflect the ambition of similar cities in the UK, who have carbon neutrality goals more ambitious than the 2050 target. Glasgow, Bristol, Birmingham, Nottingham, Sheffield and Leeds have committed to 2030 and Manchester to 2038.*

*Council therefore agrees;*

- *Requests that Council immediately progresses with the establishment of the Resilience and Sustainability Board, previously approved by SP&R and more recently by the Community Planning Partnership Board;*
- *That the All Party Working Group on the Climate Crisis and Resilience Commissioner produce an Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan by 2021 for approval by Council committing the Council to becoming a*

	<p><i>carbon neutral organisation with timelines to be established having regard to the corporate planning and rate setting process.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That the targets in the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan reflect the urgency of the issue and that the Council works toward achieving a target of zero emissions by 2035 or so soon thereafter as can reasonably be attained. This goal will lead the work of the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Pan.</i></li> <li>• <i>That the Chief Executive reports back to Council by 2021 with detailed information about how the Council will work with partners across the Belfast City Council Area and with central and devolved government to set a target for city-wide target to arrive at a position of net zero carbon emissions.</i></li> <li>• <i>To write to Central and devolved government requesting:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>(a) additional powers and funding to make our climate mitigation and adaptation work possible; and</i></li> <li><i>(b) that Ministers work with other governments to ensure that the UK maximizes carbon reduction urgently in line with the overriding need to limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5°C.”</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred without debate to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.</p>
3.3	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>The programme(s) associated with the adoption of this motion are likely to have significant financial and resource implications which will need to be considered in the context of corporate planning and rate setting processes.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>



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Subject:	Consultation on Council decisions to erect bilingual / multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore Leisure Centres
Date:	24 October 2019
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor & Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Sarah Williams, Governance & Compliance Manager; Stella Gilmartin, Equality and Diversity Officer

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is outline the approach for a public consultation as agreed at Special Council on 11 October 2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that Members approve the approach for the public consultation as set out below.
2.2	In view of the time within which decisions will be required, the Committee is asked to agree to the suspension of call-in.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The Council agreed a Language Strategy 2018-2023 which aspires to create a place where linguistic diversity is celebrated and respected. The Strategy includes five distinct language workstrands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irish Language</li> <li>• Ulster-Scot Language</li> <li>• Sign Languages</li> <li>• New Communities' Languages</li> <li>• Languages and communications for disabled people</li> </ul> <p>It also includes a commitment to adopt the use of Irish and Ulster Scots in signs, and in particular where, 'it will be seen primarily by users of Irish / Ulster-Scots'.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At a Special Council meeting on Friday 11 October 2019, Council agreed to engage in a citywide consultation in respect of bilingual and/or multilingual naming and the type of signage to be used in the centres designed to have a citywide catchment, together with local consultation.</p>
3.3	<p>It was agreed that Strategic Policy &amp; Resources Committee would be given delegated authority to approve the consultation framework. This will enable the timeframe of the consultation to meet the deadline for ordering the signage for Andersonstown Leisure Centre, which is due to open to the public in April 2020.</p>
3.4	<p>A public consultation document has been prepared on the Council decision on 11 October 2019 on whether to erect bilingual / multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in the four citywide leisure centres which are being delivered as part of the first three phases of Council's £105m Leisure Transformation Programme: Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore (see <b>Appendix 1</b>). Each of these centres has been designed to provide state-of-the-art, specialised facilities for the benefit of users across the city and beyond. Each centre will focus on a particular leisure / sport domain.</p>
3.5	<p>The consultation asks respondents to indicate their preference for the use of English, Irish and/or Ulster-Scots by considering each leisure centre in turn for external naming signage and also internal directional signage. Examples of internal directional signage are for changing rooms, toilets, reception. It is also proposed that internal directional signage</p>

	should include pictorial signage to enhance accessibility, for example, to our new communities and disabled people.
3.6	<p><u>Public Consultation Format</u></p> <p>Consultation will include both staff and members of the public. A variety of quantitative and qualitative methods will be employed to ensure widespread and meaningful engagement, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement events will be arranged in the local area of the four leisure centres: (Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore).</li> <li>• Belfast City Council staff and GLL staff will receive an online survey and have the opportunity for face-to-face engagement.</li> <li>• An online questionnaire survey will be made available for the public, along with hard copies for those who are unable to access the material electronically.</li> <li>• Engagement with disabled communities including the Council’s Disability Advisory Panel.</li> <li>• Focus Groups engaging with Irish Language and Ulster Scots communities.</li> <li>• Engagement with the Council’s Equality Consultative Forum.</li> <li>• Engagement with the Council’s Migrant Forum.</li> <li>• Engagement with external consultant by arrangement.</li> <li>• Published on Belfast City Council website and Council social media channels.</li> </ul> <p>The consultation will aim to open on 1 November 2019 and close on 10 January 2020 to enable the results to be analysed and for recommendations to be made to Strategic Policy &amp; Resources Committee in January 2020.</p>
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.7	The cost of the activities related to the public consultation are covered within existing budgets.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	The promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations are key principles within which the Language Strategy is delivered. The screening document will be included as part of the public consultation and comments incorporated into an updated screening.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	<b>Appendix 1</b> – Draft public consultation document



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## **Consultation on Council decision to erect bilingual / multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore Leisure Centres**

### **Accessibility**

The relevant documents are available, on request, in alternative formats - Braille, audio, large print, easy read. The council will also consider requests to produce it in other languages. If you require the Action Plan or consultation document in these or other formats please contact us:

Equality & Diversity Unit  
Belfast City Council  
City Hall  
Belfast  
BT1 5GS

Telephone: (028) 9027 0511

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## **Overview**

Belfast aims to be a welcoming and inclusive city for all. To help achieve this aim and to meet other best practice guidance and legal requirements, we want to develop and implement the workstreams associated with the Language Strategy (2018-2023).

In the Language Strategy 2018-2023, Belfast City Council's approach to service delivery in order to accommodate linguistic diversity is laid out.

The accompanying policies and workstreams include:

- a commitment to adopt the use of Irish and Ulster Scots in signs, and in particular where, 'it will be seen primarily by users of Irish / Ulster-Scots';
- meeting the language and communication needs of disabled people to ensure good practice is observed;
- meeting the needs of new communities' languages to take into account the increasing ethnic diversity of the city as well as the specific communication needs within our new communities.

## **Why We Are Consulting**

We want Belfast to be a welcoming and inclusive city and promoting different languages is part of that aspiration.

Following a Special Council meeting on Friday 11 October 2019, Council agreed to the installation of multilingual welcome signs in all our leisure centres with immediate effect and to carry out a public consultation regarding bilingual / multilingual signage in four leisure centres. This includes external naming and internal way finding signage.

The Council is consulting on the proposals, which have been drawn up in line with its Language Strategy, regarding external naming and internal directional signage at the four citywide leisure centres which are being delivered as part of the Council's £105m Leisure Transformation Programme: Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore. It is also proposed that internal directional signage should include pictorial signage to enhance accessibility, for example, to our new communities and disabled people. The Council is mindful of the location and history of each centre, along with the needs of new communities and disabled people.

Each of these centres has been designed to provide state-of-the-art, specialised facilities for the benefit of users across the city and beyond. Each centre will focus on a particular leisure / sport domain.

There are different ways you can get involved in the consultation.

Consultation will include both staff and members of the public. A variety of quantitative and qualitative methods will be employed to ensure widespread and meaningful engagement, including the following:

- Engagement events will be arranged in the local area of the four leisure centres: (Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore);
- Belfast City Council staff and GLL staff will receive an online survey and have the opportunity for face-to-face engagement;
- An online questionnaire survey will be made available to the public, along with hard copies for those who are unable to access the material electronically;
- Engagement with disabled communities including the Council's Disability Advisory Panel;
- Focus Groups engaging with representatives of the Irish Language and Ulster Scots communities;
- Engagement with the Council's Equality Consultative Forum;
- Engagement with the Council's Migrant Forum;
- Engagement with external consultant by arrangement;
- Published on Belfast City Council website and Council social media channels.

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Opens: **1 November 2019**

Closes: **10 January 2020**

### **Contact:**

Equality and Diversity Unit

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[equality@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:equality@belfastcity.gov.uk)

## Engagement Events

We are holding information and engagement events to give people an opportunity to learn more about the draft council decision and to provide feedback.

To register for any of the events please email [equality@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:equality@belfastcity.gov.uk) or call (028) 9027 0511. The same content will be covered at each event so you do not need to attend more than one.

### Public Meetings (this information will be available on Citizen Space)

Centre	Venue	Date	Time
Andersonstown	Falls Leisure Centre 15-17 Falls Road Belfast BT12 4PB	Wednesday 6 November 2019	Staff 2-3pm Public 3-4pm Public 7-8pm
Lisnasharragh (formerly Robinson Centre)	Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre Montgomery Road Castlereagh BT6 9HS	Monday 11 November 2019	Staff 2-3pm Public 3-4pm Public 7-8pm
Olympia	Olympia Leisure Centre Boucher Road Belfast BT12 6HR	Monday 18 November 2019	Staff 2-3pm Public 3-4pm Public 7-8pm
Templemore	East Belfast Network Centre 55 Templemore Avenue Belfast BT5 4FG	Tuesday 5 November 2019	Staff 2-3pm Public 3-4pm Public 7-8pm



## Focus Groups

We are also hosting a number of focus groups with representatives from:-

Group	Venue	Date	Time
Irish Language Community Representatives	Culturlann 216 Falls Road Belfast BT12 6AH	Wednesday 13 November 2019	5-6pm
Ulster-Scots Community representatives	Ulster-Scots Agency 31 Gordon Street Belfast BT1 2LG	Thursday 21 November 2019	5-6pm
Disability Groups	City Hall	Tuesday 19 November 2019 & Tuesday 3 December 2019 Disability Advisory Panel	11.30am-2.30pm
Council Migrant Forum	9 Adelaide 9 -21 Adelaide Street Belfast BT2 8DJ	Monday 2 December 2019	10am – 12pm
Council Equality Consultative Forum	City Hall	Tuesday 10 December 2019	10am-12.30pm

## Staff

Group	Venue	Date	Time
Drop-in consultation for Council and GLL staff with external consultant	City Hall	Tuesday 10 December 2019	12.30-2pm

## Introduction

### Confidentiality

All the information you provide will be treated in strict confidence. It will not be passed on to anyone else and will only be used by Belfast City Council for the purposes of this consultation. The analysis is done on an anonymous basis following the Data Protection guidance provided by the Information Commissioner's Office. If you do provide any personal data to Belfast City Council, it will be processed securely and in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

#### 1. What is your name? (optional)

Name

#### 2. What is your email address? (optional)

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email

#### 3. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of a group or organisation?

As an individual

On behalf of an organisation or group

If yes, what is the name of your group or organisation?

Irish language group or organisation

Ulster-Scots language group or organisation

Disability group or organisation

- Ethnic minority group or organisation
- Community or voluntary group or organisation
- Other

If other please specify:

**4. (i) What part of the city do you live in?**

- North Belfast
- South Belfast
- East Belfast
- West Belfast
- City Centre
- Outside Belfast

**(ii) In the past, which of the following leisure centres have you used, and how often?**

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Andersonstown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lisnasharragh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Olympia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Templemore	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

All new and existing leisure centres will have external naming and internal directional signage in English together with a multilingual welcome sign.

This consultation will invite options for additional naming and signage using the following questions.

We are opening four newly built or refurbished leisure centres, and in line with our agreed Language Strategy, would like to hear your views on which of the following languages should be used in addition to English on the new signage. Please note, the same approach does not have to be applied across all four centres. Therefore, taking each centre in turn, please select the language option that you would prefer to be used.

### External naming signage

5. In relation to external naming signage, which of the following languages would you like to see? *Please tick one for each leisure centre as follows:*

#### Andersonstown

- English only
- English and Irish
- English and Ulster-Scots
- English, Irish and Ulster-Scots
- No preference

#### Lisnasharragh

- English only
- English and Irish
- English and Ulster-Scots
- English, Irish and Ulster-Scots
- No preference

### **Olympia**

- English only
- English and Irish
- English and Ulster-Scots
- English, Irish and Ulster-Scots
- No preference

### **Templemore**

- English only
- English and Irish
- English and Ulster-Scots
- English, Irish and Ulster-Scots
- No preference

## **Internal directional signage**

Throughout each centre, there will be a range of internal directional signs. Wherever possible, it is proposed that internal directional signage will be pictorial to enhance accessibility, for example, to members of our new communities and disabled people.

Please select the statement that best reflects your opinion regarding the use of internal signage:-

- 6. (i) Wherever possible, internal directional signage should be pictorial to enhance accessibility, for example, to our new communities and disabled people.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**(ii) Internal directional signs should use the same language or languages as agreed and used on the external signage.**

- Internal directional signs should be in English only
- Internal directional signs should be in English and Irish
- Internal directional signs should be in English and Ulster Scots
- Internal directional signs should be in English, Irish and Ulster Scots
- No preference

### **Equality and Good Relations Implications**

As part of our commitment to promoting equality and good relations we have completed a screening for the draft Council decisions to erect bilingual / multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in these four leisure centres (Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore). To help ensure that we have fully understood any equality and good relations implications, we would also appreciate feedback on this screening.

**7. Do you agree that, subject to local consultation and engagement with staff, the Council should give consideration to bi-lingual / multi-lingual naming and signage in all leisure facilities.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**8. Please see the Equality Screening Report**

**If you have any comments or suggestions for improvements relating to the draft equality screening document please tell us here:**

**9. Any other comments**

**If you have any other comments or suggestions please tell us here:**

## 10. Monitoring Data

We gather information to help us understand who is responding to our consultations. We encourage you to be as specific as possible, whether you are responding as an individual or about the people your organisation represents.

### 10.1 What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

### 10.2 What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Prefer not to say

### 10.3 How would you describe your community background?

- I am a member of the Protestant community
- I am a member of the Roman Catholic community
- I am not a member of either the Protestant or the Roman Catholic communities



**10.4 How would you describe your national identity?**

- British
- Irish
- Northern Irish
- Other (please specify below)

**10.5 Do you have a disability?**

- Yes
- No

**11. Additional questions for GLL and BCC staff surveys**

**11.1 Where do you work:**

- BCC
- GLL

**11.2 Please use this space to share your view on how this decision might impact on you or your working environment?**

- Very positive impact
- Positive
- Neutral
- Negative
- Very negative

Please explain:

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## Working Group on the Climate Crisis

Monday, 21st October, 2019

### MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Members present: Councillor de Faoite (Chairperson);  
The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McReynolds;  
Alderman Spence; and  
Councillors Baker, Ferguson, Hutchinson and Smyth.

In attendance: Ms. G. Long, Commissioner for Resilience;  
Ms. C. McKeown, Sustainable Development Manager;  
Ms. C. Shortt, Policy and Data Analyst;  
Mr. R. McLernon, Project Co-ordinator; and  
Mr. G. Graham, Democratic Services Assistant.

#### **Apology**

An apology was reported on behalf of Alderman Copeland.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 16th September, 2019 were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were declared.

#### **Presentation by Invest NI**

Ms. B. Anderson and Mr. S. Knox, Invest Northern Ireland, attended in connection with this item and were welcomed by the Chairperson.

Ms. Anderson provided the Working Group with an outline of the risks to both the local and global economy associated with climate change and how that change would impact on such areas as water security, agricultural production and economic resources. She identified further a number of key drivers to address the issue of climate change, amongst other things, the Paris agreement and the U.K. National Energy and Climate Plan.

The Working Group was provided with a number of targets which required to be met if the worst effects of climate change were to be avoided, and the requirement to reduce carbon emissions by at least 35% of the 1990 levels by 2030. She highlighted the significant challenges ahead to meet those targets listed and referred specifically to the lack of progress in relation to policy and infrastructure in Northern Ireland associated with transport and infrastructure.

Ms. Anderson referred to some of the Northern Ireland characteristics associated with its emissions profile in particular, the fact that 30% of all greenhouse gases emanated from agriculture and that 75% of homes in the province were heated by oil or electric resources. The Working Group was provided with estimated medium emissions in respect of temperature rise, precipitation levels and rises in sea level by 2050 which, amongst other things, predicted a rise in temperature between 0.8-4c with a corresponding rise

in sea level of between 22.8-37.6 cm. Ms. Anderson highlighted the challenges facing governments to halt the impact of climate change comprising a joined up multi-national approach and of the requirement to develop new products and services including the deployment of new forms of transportation with a less or zero carbon footprint as well as the development of new environmentally friendly transport systems.

The Working Group was provided with information on a number of innovative companies which were leading the way in the development and provision of holistic energy and power solutions such as, leading edge technologies such as wind energy, hydro power and industrial solar energy. The Members were informed that the target to achieve 100% decarbonisation by 2050 and 40% renewable energy by 2020 would present a significant challenge.

Mr. S. Knox provided the Working Group with information on a range of business ventures and business models which could be developed on a commercial basis to transform the circular economy and renewable sectors. He highlighted the need to develop a comprehensive industrial strategy and the potential to integrate the various business models including opportunities to generate energy and the creation of district heating schemes. He referred specifically to a range of funding streams available from Innovate U.K. Clean Growth as part of an industrial strategy which could provide technical support in the area of water, energy, transport the circular economy and intelligent systems. The Working Group was informed of the potential developments as part of the energy transition to 2050 and how such innovations, including for example, the use of fuel cells and hydrogen boilers could be utilised to replace traditional sources of energy.

In response to a question from a Member in respect of potential dangers associated with the use of Hydrogen as a source of energy, Mr. Knox stated that all companies were required to be regulated and adhere to a strict code of practice in that regard. A Member raised a further question in regard to the future development of the North Foreshore and was advised that currently the North Foreshore had attracted small to medium companies in the renewable sector and that it would be beneficial to the economy and environment as a whole, if much larger consortiums could be encouraged to relocate at the North Foreshore.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Working Group, thanked the representatives from Invest Northern Ireland for their detailed and informative presentation and they departed from the meeting.

### **Presentation by National Energy Action NI**

Ms. L. Cochrane and Mr. H. McVeigh, National Energy Action NI (NEA) attended in connection with this item and were welcomed by the Chairperson.

The Working Group was provided with information on the aims and objectives of NEA and was provided with a definition of fuel poverty which had been categorised as, any household which required to spend more than 10% of their income on household fuel. The Members were provided with a range of statistics on the energy costs in Northern Ireland such as the mortality rates during the winter months, many of which related to hypothermia, particularly among the elderly. The Working Group was provided with a range of comparative statistics by Council area which had been compiled by the House Condition Survey outlining the levels of fuel poverty covering the period 2006 compared to 2016. It was reported that the statistics confirmed that Mid-Ulster continued to experience the highest levels of fuel poverty in Northern Ireland, a trend which had continued over the ten year sample period. Mr. McVeigh highlighted the fact that the statistics had understated the extent of fuel poverty in Northern Ireland in that they did not reflect the current high cost of home heating oil which had doubled in price since the data had been collected.

The Members were provided with a range of organisations and schemes dedicated to assisting those groups most at risk from fuel poverty including, The Healthy Ageing Partnership and the Affordable Warmth Team. The N.E.A. team provided the Working Group with a number of new energy and fuel poverty strategies for example amongst other things, the provision of a just transition to decarbonised domestic heating including increased investment in fuel poverty and energy efficiency schemes. The Working Group was reminded of the correlation between fuel poverty and health and of the inequalities in life expectancy between the most affluent and deprived areas in the province.

Several Members raised concerns in regard to the lack of progress made by the Housing Executive in delivering a programme for insulating homes and, as a consequence, households may be required to use excessive amounts of fuel to heat homes that could not retain the warmth generated within their confines. The Members agreed that there was a need for the Housing Executive to retro-fit existing homes before undertaking the installation of replacement boilers. Members expressed concerns also in respect of the Welfare Reform changes due to be introduced in early 2020 and, in particular, the impact that such reforms would have in respect of the most deprived neighbourhoods.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Working Group, thanked the representatives from NEA for their informative presentation and they departed from the meeting.

### **Forward Planning: Developing a Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plan**

The Commissioner for Resilience reminded the Working Group that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at a previous meeting, had recommended that the Working Group consider a report and make recommendations in December 2019 which would map out the priorities and work streams which the Council would take forward on Climate adaptation and mitigation. She stated that the report would be modelled on work by a number of cities in the 100 cities network which had developed climate adaptation and mitigation plans. She stated further that the plan would take between eighteen months and two years to complete and would provide detailed costings and timelines associated with the implementation of the climate adaptation and mitigation plan.

The Working Group was advised that (1) BCC's climate adaptation and mitigation plan is within our control and therefore this Working Group and the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee will be the key decision making structures as we complete the plan within eighteen months. (2) However, a wider plan for the city would require significant partnership working, which is why the Resilience and Sustainability Board will be established. This has previously been approved by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and the Community Planning Partnership Board.

Members were provided with some areas which might be considered under targets for decarbonisation, including an agreement on a carbon budget and overall targets and the identification of a target year when Belfast would cease to become a net energy importer and achieve energy self-sufficiency. Other areas of work identified included:

- Energy Transition
- The Low Carbon Economy
- Development of low carbon buildings
- The existing built environment
- The Circular Economy
- Low- Carbon Transport
- Greening the city
- Health

The Commissioner referred to other areas of work, including, enhanced water resilience and the setting up of structures and governance arrangement to manage the process, which would include a process of public engagement and the creation of networks to facilitate climate adaptation.

Several Members raised the issue of securing sufficient resources to deal with the climate crisis given that resources were limited and the fact that there were competing priorities. The Chairperson suggested that it might be appropriate to invite representatives from other Councils to ascertain how they had approached the problem of climate change and their efforts to mitigate the problems associated with its impact. The Commissioner agreed that she would explore the possibility of acceding to the Chairperson's request and agreed further to provide the Working Group with a list of those local authorities which had declared a climate emergency.

Noted.

### **Visit of U.K. Climate Change Commission – December 2019**

The Sustainable Development Manager informed the Working Group that the UK Climate Change Commission was scheduled to be held on 2nd December, 2019. She reported that the visit would be facilitated by the Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs (D.E.A.R.A.). The Sustainable Development Manager agreed further that she would provide a further update on the visit at the November meeting of the Working Group.

Noted.

### **Update on Climate Ready Clyde**

The Sustainable Development Manager submitted the undernoted report, copies of which had been circulated previously, outlining the structure and governance associated with Climate Ready Clyde:

#### **“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

**1.1 To update Members on the Climate Ready Clyde structure in Glasgow.**

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

**The Committee is asked to review the attached information, which relates to the structure and governance of Climate Ready Clyde. This is one city's approach to putting a mechanism in place to address climate adaptation city –wide.**

#### **3.0 Main report**

**3.1 Climate Ready Clyde is a cross-sector initiative funded by the Scottish Government and 12 member organisations to create a shared vision, strategy and action plan for an adapting Glasgow City Region.**

**3.2 Climate Ready Clyde is governed and steered by a board comprising senior representatives from each of the funding organisations. The board is supported by a small secretariat who lead the implementation on behalf of the board.**

**3.3 The function of the board is to:**

**Lead development of a Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan for Glasgow City Region by:**

- **Collating and disseminating high-quality information and evidence about expected climate change, its impacts on Glasgow City Region and examples of suitable actions to adapt, including where appropriate commissioning research or coordinating with academic consortia.**
- **Assessing and monitoring how prepared Glasgow City Region is for climate change.**
- **Assisting with development of strategies, policies plans, projects and governance, which affect the City Region, including by responding to key consultations.**
- **Undertaking actions which co-ordinate and support members to champion adaptation in the City region, in particular helping assess their climate risks and opportunities and developing adaptation plans and strategies.**

**3.5 Facilitate delivery of adaptation actions where feasible**

**3.6 Promote the value and benefits of the vision to stakeholders, and help them to take climate change as one of the long-term factors in decision-making and practices.**

**3.7 Exchange information, experience and good practice with other organisations and cities.**

**3.8 Engage with the media to help ensure that appropriate messages about the impacts of climate change and ways of adapting to it reach their audiences in Glasgow City Region, and to promote Climate Ready Clyde.**

**3.9 Influence key government bodies, to accelerate adaptation in the City Region.**

**3.10 Work in ways which contribute to the wider U.N. sustainable development goals and are complementary to the work of other organisations and partnerships.**

**3.11 For more information please see:**

**<http://climatereadyclyde.org.uk/>**

The Working Group noted the information provided.

**Update on P-CAN Network and  
Low Carbon Climate Commission**

The Sustainable Development Manager advised the Working Group that the application for Place-based Climate Action Network (P-CAN) for £15,000 towards the cost

of communication and engagement on climate resilience had been successful. She stated that Belfast was working closely with London and Leeds to develop an action plan and stated further that the money secured could be used to fund a mini conference, and a range of quarterly lectures and engagement events in Belfast in 2020. She informed the Working Group that she would bring back a report providing further information on the subject matter to the November meeting of the Working Group.

Noted.

### **Opportunities with E.U. Low Carbon Networks**

The Commissioner provided the Working Group with an update on a number of meetings in Brussels, which she had attended in connection with opportunities to develop, in conjunction with Europe, a range of low carbon networks. She referred to a number of those networks, which the Council had an opportunity to engage with such as the Eurocities Environment Forum and the DEEDs project. She stated that Europe was interested particularly in Belfast because of its high dependency on carbon related fuels.

The Chairperson provided the Working Group with a range of European Union City and Regions related events which it might wish to attend. The Working Group was reminded that attendance at the Committee of Regions event which was due to be held on 3rd till 5th December 2019. He informed the Members that access to the event was age limited and that Members would be required to apply to attend on a personal and individual basis.

The Chairperson also noted that he had been approached by two local organisations Belfast Food Network and Belfast Healthy Cities who would be keen to present to the committee.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Working Group agreed that its next meeting would be held on Monday, 18th November at 4.30 p.m.

Chairperson





<b>Subject:</b>	Request for permanent plaque to commemorate WW1 Nurses and 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Florence Nightingale
<b>Date:</b>	25 October 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Walsh, City Solicitor & Director of Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Aisling Milliken, Functions and Exhibition Manager

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To consider a request for the installation of a permanent plaque in City Hall main marble or Rotunda area to commemorate the role of Nurses in WW1.
1.2	To consider the request to hold a temporary small scale exhibition in the main marble area to mark the 200 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth and role in WW1.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is recommended to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve the application from The Royal College of Nursing History of Nursing Network to receive and install the plaque and host the temporary exhibition.</li> </ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Background</u>
	<p>The Royal College of Nursing History of Nursing Network (HON) is made up of retired nurses who enjoy discovering and documenting local history in relation to the nursing profession.</p>
3.2	<p>Current projects include gathering information on the Cardiac Ambulance that was pioneered in Northern Ireland and, with next year marking the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, HON are presently embarking on a project to identify local nurses who served at home and abroad during that period. Their aim is to produce a small booklet to promote their findings.</p>
3.3	<p>In 2010 the Network embarked on a project to capture the narratives of nurses who had worked through civil unrest in the province, 'The Troubles'. Nurses were able to tell their stories, many of which were harrowing accounts and these were published in 2013 in a book called 'Nurses Voices From The Northern Ireland Troubles'. The book subsequently inspired an hour long BBC documentary 'Nurses On The Frontline'.</p>
3.4	<p>In 2016 all the nurses who had contributed to the book and along with other guests were invited to a celebratory evening in Belfast City Hall. This occasion also celebrated the Freedom of the City being awarded to the nurses of Belfast.</p>
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p>
3.5	<p>Following on from this key project and events, and in conjunction with the WW1 centenary events, HON members gathered information on local nurses who had served in WW1. This project has produced a booklet 'Nurses Voices From WW1 - The Northern Ireland Connection' and exhibition material. The HON, supported by fundraising and donations, raised funds to produce a replica WW1 Queen Alexandra Nurses uniform and a Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) uniform.</p>
3.6	<p>The HON have approached Council to seek permission to present Belfast City Hall with a commemorate plaque to remember the nurses of the Great War, thus provide a fitting closing event for their WWI project. The HON have raised funds to purchase a small A3 sized plaque and seek permission for this plaque to be presented and displayed in City Hall reception area. Location for the plaque will be confirmed in consultation with officers from Function Management Unit and Democratic Services.</p>

3.7	In addition the HON seek permission to showcase their small scale temporary exhibition in the main marble reception area of Belfast City Hall on International Nurses Day 2020, 12th May 2020. The exhibition would be in situ for one week.
3.8	This exhibition would coincide with other events taking place nationally and worldwide celebrating 200 years from the birth of Florence Nightingale know as Nightingale 2020. If the Committee is minded to approve the hosting of the temporary exhibition, then there would be no charge applied for the use of the space due to the Not for Profit nature of the HON.
3.9	If the Committee is minded to approve the installation of the permanent plaque, HON have raised the funds to cover the cost of the plaque, however given the Nurses of Belfast have been awarded Freedom of the City of Belfast, committee may wish to approve the hosting of a reception for guests attending the plaque unveiling. Costs can be presented to committee at a later date for approval.  <u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.10	There will be no cost to the Council in approving this request. However if committee deems if appropriate to host a reception for the plaque unveiling there would be a hospitality cost, detailed costs can be provided to committee post approval.  <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications</u>
3.11	There are no direct good relations or equality implications arising from this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None

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