



<b>Subject:</b>	Learning Festival – food hackathon
<b>Date:</b>	13 June 2024
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Debbie Caldwell, Climate Commissioner
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**Restricted Reports**

**Is this report restricted?** Yes  No

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

Insert number

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter
5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction
7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime


**If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?**

<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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 update Committee on the results of the food hackathon as part of the festival of learning 2024.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	To note the contents of the report and be presented with the findings of the challenge from the winning group.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Belfast Learning Festival is part of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities and ran this year from 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> of April. As part of the festival, the climate team agreed to hold a hackathon that would explore the current food systems in the city. The aim was to help tackle real-world challenges using data driven solutions. The invite went out to students in the Belfast Met, University of Ulster (UU) and Queens University Belfast (QUB) and more than 40 students registered their interest.
3.2	To help the students tackle ‘the <b>challenges of accessing healthy sustainable food in the city</b> ’, the climate team arranged a number of workshops throughout the week that included a modelling session with Allstate data analysts, a demonstration of the latest census data, the QUB Geoportal and lessons on how to use the NISRA data platform.
3.3	Allstate donated the prize of £300 worth of shopping vouchers to the winning team who came from the Ulster University. The team presented their findings to a panel that involved lecturers from QUB, statisticians and BCC officers. Their solution was a mobile farmers market that would bring farm fresh produce to locals regularly. Residents can log onto an app to find out what producers will be in their area and any given time and what produce they will be bringing with them. The team are currently studying digital technology and the app is something that they maybe able to develop in the future as part of their course.
3.4	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b> None at this point
3.5	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b> None known
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
	 <p>Mobile Farmer's Market App - By Neil :</p>