



Subject:	Carbon Disclosure Project 2025 results
Date:	15 th December 2026
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To update members on the recent award of A- status to Belfast through the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) cities reporting framework.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is requested to note the 2025 CDP award of A- status to Belfast, which follows the 2022 to 2024 award of A status and the 2021 CDP award of B status to Belfast, and to support the annual submission by Belfast through this internationally recognised carbon and climate reporting framework.
3.0	Main report

	Background - Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
3.1	In July 2021, the Council made the first annual submission to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). The submission was undertaken to support baselining of activity and emissions in Belfast, and to help gain and understanding of our environmental dependencies, risks, impacts and opportunities. The survey consisted of multiple questions across themes such as, waste, transport, energy, emissions, climate risk and vulnerability, adaptation, mitigation, planning and finance.
3.2	CDP is a global non-profit that runs the world's only independent environmental disclosure system for companies, capital markets, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts. The CDP has been running for 25 years and there are now more than 1,000 cities disclosing through their platform globally. The four scoring bands were expanded this year to include 2 grades within each band (previously there was only one): Disclosure (D- or D); Awareness (C- or C); Management (B- or B); Leadership (A- or A).
3.3	Belfast has been recognised by CDP as one of top cities across the globe that is taking bold leadership on environmental action and transparency, despite the pressures of a challenging global economic situation. The process has been designed to encourage and support cities to ramp up their climate action and ambition, CDP's Cities A List is based on environmental data disclosed by cities to CDP-ICLEI Track. A clear momentum in city climate disclosure and action is building – over 1,000 cities received a rating for their climate action from CDP in 2025.
3.4	A city submission to CDP illustrates the level of ambition, activity and transparency each city adopts. Belfast has made its submission public in all four submission years to ensure maximum openness and transparency around our plans. The Belfast submission in 2021 was the first time Belfast had participated in CDP, and we were congratulated on having achieved a B ranking at such an early stage. In 2022, our second submission achieved an A ranking and this ranking has been preserved in 2023, 2024 and now also in 2025.
3.5	Along with the projects mentioned in previous submissions such as the Belfast Net Zero Carbon Roadmap (2020), UPSURGE and the Belfast Tidal Defence Project, the Belfast Agenda, the Met Office Heat Maps, Retrofit Hub and the Local Development Plan, more recent projects such as the the councils Climate Action Plan along with the successful Local Area Energy Plan helped to secure our placement in the Leadership band. Projects such as the UP2030 NET Zero Neighbourhoods, Solar PV on Donegal Pass, establishment of the

	Belfast Sustainable Food Partnership, Segregation and the Environment – breaking down barriers report and the exploratory work on a city centre heat network also contributed to the most recent A- ranking.
4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
4.1	There are no financial and resource implications.
5.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications
5.1	Any good relations or equality implications will be identified as part of the Council's screening process.
6.0	Appendices
6.1	https://www.cdp.net/en/cities/cities-scores