



Subject:	Invitation to join UK100 Resilient Recovery Taskforce
Date:	19 June 2020
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Restricted Reports	
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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
1.1	To seek committee approval for Belfast City Council to accept an invitation to join the UK100 Resilient Recovery Taskforce, and agree that the Chair of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee should represent Council on the Taskforce, with officer support from the Commissioner for Resilience.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve BCC membership of the Resilient Recovery Taskforce, and that the Chair of the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee represents Council.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="248 215 513 237">Key points to note</p> <p data-bbox="165 313 1461 743">3.1 UK100 is the network for UK local authorities, urban, suburban and rural, focused on climate and clean energy policy. It connects local leaders to each other, to business and to national government, enabling them to showcase their achievements, learn from each other and speak collectively to accelerate the transition to clean energy. It works closely with elected representatives, policy experts and grassroots campaigners to make the clean energy transition a reality. This involves developing solutions to challenges faced by each and all of our local leaders, whatever their geography, history or makeup, so as to influence national government and building public support for clean energy solutions. It has a close working relationship to 'Core Cities' of which Belfast is an active member.</p> <p data-bbox="165 815 1426 1097">3.2 UK 100 has written to Belfast City Council to invite it to join a newly formed Resilient Recovery Taskforce. The Taskforce is 'designed to bring the expertise and experience of local leaders to bear on how to rebuild our economy in a way that meets the challenges of climate change.' It follows guidance written to government from the UK Committee on Climate Change on a resilient recovery, which highlighted the importance of accelerating action on de-carbonisation and adaptation, given the lessons learned from Covid-19.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1169 1461 1908">3.3 While the specific actions will be agreed by the Taskforce over the coming months, it is expected that it's programme of work will include, action to:</p> <ul data-bbox="300 1317 1461 1908" style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicate the opportunities of placing the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change at the heart of resilient recovery, by using our collective voices and individual actions to ensure that the UK Government supports local government and the investments needed locally. - Establish a process of engagement with national government that enables local leaders to help develop constructively the design, format, content and delivery of an economic recovery package, or packages, that create resilience in our communities and reduce carbon emissions.. This should be complementary to any existing engagement that exists currently. - Agree a shared set of broad priorities, in the form of a declaration, that reflects how we want to achieve collective goals and that helps Task Force members in securing support for specific projects and programmes for their local areas. <p data-bbox="165 1980 1461 2056">3.4 In the first instance UK100 have agreed to perform the necessary secretariat duties, with the support of Core Cities, and there is no expectation of a financial contribution for participation.</p>

3.5	Belfast City Council has already undertaken to support and shape a potential future 'green stimulus' as part of our broader work on 'Response, Rebuild and Recovery' from Covid-19. The UK100 Resilient Recovery Task Force is a useful opportunity to make the case for investment in this area, alongside other cities.
	Resource & Resource Implications
3.6	Membership of the Taskforce does not involve a financial contribution- other than officer time, no other financial resource are expected to be required.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.7	None arising from this paper.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None