



Subject:	Scenario Planning - Brexit
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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 to propose that Members set aside time in the Brexit Committee Programme of Work for scenario planning.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and agree to use the resources available to the Council from its membership of 100 Resilient Cities to undertake scenario planning to prepare for UK withdrawal from the European Union.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p>In making its decision to establish a Brexit Committee, the Council and the SP&amp;R Committee recognised the importance of understanding the full implications of Brexit for the city’s resilience.</p> <p>“...As one of the world’s one-hundred resilient cities, with economic resilience being a key focus, it is imperative that we understand the full implications that Brexit could bring.</p> <p>To enable this, the Council will immediately establish a formal Brexit Standing Committee, made up of Elected Members, with appropriate officer support, to undertake all necessary work required to bring forward a report with recommendations to explore the impact of Brexit on Belfast and its citizens.”</p>
3.2	<p>Urban resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow_no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience. In other words, it strengthens the city’s capacity to identify risks and opportunities before they happen, to be better prepared when they occur, and more capable of recovering or bouncing back from shocks.</p>
3.3	<p>Cities that are resilient tend to be better at planning for the future and use a range of methods for doing this. Scenario planning, i.e. considering plausible situations arising from a risk or opportunity, has proven to be effective in enabling cities to design potential solutions during times of uncertainty. As the UK continues its negotiations on EU withdrawal, there remain a range of potential outcomes, and the current context is therefore highly uncertain.</p>
3.4	<p>Belfast’s membership of 100 Resilient Cities gives the city access to key resources to build the city’s decision-making capacity. Among those is its ‘City Solutions Catalogue’, which is a suite of resilience-building tools and services, provided by partners from the private, academic, public and non-profit sectors. This is an invaluable resource to the city of Belfast and can be accessed to help the city consider a particular risk or opportunity.</p>
3.5	<p>It is proposed that the Commissioner for Resilience commissions 100 Resilience Cities to design an approach to scenario planning for the city to consider the risks and opportunities associated with UK withdrawal from the EU. Initial conversations with 100RC have confirmed</p>

	<p>that if approved by the committee, this work will be commenced within weeks. A model of scenario planning will be designed relatively quickly and available in time for the next meeting of this committee for members to consider.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.6 The cost associated with commissioning this work is met through our membership of 100 Resilient Cities. Therefore there are no additional resource implications for the Council.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.7 There are no specific equality or good relations implications attached to this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None.