



Subject:	Resilient Recovery Taskforce- Declaration from cities to influence Comprehensive Spending Review
Date:	18 th September 2020
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Belfast City Council is a member of the UK100 Resilient Recovery Task Force – a network of city Mayors (or their nominees) aimed at influencing outcomes of the Comprehensive Spending Review and other government stimulus post-Covid 19, as well as influencing UK government’s climate targets at COP26, the UN Climate Change conference in 2021. A high level declaration/submission to the CSR requires SP&R approval on 18 th September, so that Belfast can be added to the list of city’s endorsing the document. This paper provides a brief overview and seeks SP&R approval for the declaration in Appendix One.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: - Review the language in the ‘declaration’ in Appendix One

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve Belfast's support for the 'declaration' and support its submission, with the aim of influencing Comprehensive Spending Review outcomes.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Belfast City Council joined the UK100 Resilient Recovery Taskforce in July, and its first meeting of city Mayors and their nominees took place in August. At its first meeting, it agreed that the network would produce a submission to the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR).
3.2	Senior officers from each city council met last week via virtual workshops to agree the submission. The work is aligned with Core Cities submission.
3.3	<p>Appendix One contains the declaration, which strongly reflects Belfast City Council's discussions on inclusive recovery. The main narrative and 'asks' in the declaration are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development of a Net Zero Development Bank to fund UK infrastructure aimed at driving the transition to a net zero economy - Investment in upgrading the electricity grid. (Note: we have asked that the Energy Regulator in Northern Ireland is referenced in the declaration.) - A government led target to decarbonise buildings and heat (a focus on retrofit very similar in ambition to the Innovation and Inclusive Growth Commission) - Speed up transition to electric vehicles - An enhanced devolution settlement- making reference mainly to devolution of powers in England, but we have asked for the document to specifically reference the need to robust powers for Councils
3.4	Members are aware that BCC continues to engage with Core Cities and a number of other structures to influence CSR outcomes- this declaration is just one of several avenues we are pursuing, to fund climate-resilient stimulus.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.5	None at present
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.6	None

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix One - Draft UK100 Resilient Recovery 'Declaration'.