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# Belfast Resilience Strategy

## Overview

Thank you for your interest in Belfast's draft Resilience Strategy. This work aims to 'future proof' Belfast- so that the city is ready for the challenges we face this century.

Belfast is a member of a global network of cities like Barcelona, Cape Town, San Francisco and Christchurch, all working to reduce vulnerabilities and build our capacity to adapt to shocks and stresses. Each city has appointed a Commissioner for Resilience- a role to help collaboration across cities, and enable them to identify the major risks they face, and to agree ways to respond. Belfast's Resilience Commissioner, Grainia Long, can be contacted at the details below.

This draft strategy is the first time that we have mapped out the major strategic risks- shocks and stresses- to the city of Belfast and put together a draft plan in response. Your input is hugely important as we work towards our goal to make Belfast more resilient- *to transition to an inclusive, low-carbon, climate-resilient economy in a generation.*

We have drafted some survey questions to collate feedback on the draft strategy. You might find this structure helpful to follow. If not, you may prefer to give general feedback by going directly to question A8.

Join us in the Belfast resilience conversation!

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## Why we are consulting

We want to know what you think about the new draft Belfast Resilience Strategy and our plans to improve resilience in the city.

We want to raise awareness of the issues facing Belfast and what we can do together to tackle them.

We want to work with a wide range of partners to make Belfast a more resilient city and we believe that a thorough consultation will give the best foundation for that work.

### **Access to Information**

As part of our commitment to promoting equality of opportunity and good relations, we want to ensure that everyone is able to access the documents we produce. This document is available in different languages and formats and we can provide others on request, please contact the Resilient Belfast Unit at [Resilient@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:Resilient@belfastcity.gov.uk) or by phoning 02890502091

## **Your privacy**

### ***GDPR statement:***

Belfast City Council is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We are committed to protecting your privacy and to processing any personal data submitted by you in a manner which meets the requirements of the Data Protection legislation.

Please click on the Privacy Notice below for more information regarding our commitments to you under privacy and data protection.

# Privacy Notice

## ***Privacy Notice***

By participating, we accept that you are opting in to freely submit information and personal data on a consensual basis.

We will retain the information and personal data that you provide, which may include: name, age and other equality monitoring questions and your responses in relation to the survey questions. We will use the information and personal data submitted by you to accurately record your response in respect of this survey.

We will not disclose your personal data to another person or organisation. Where we ask equality monitoring questions, these will remain anonymous and will not be attributed to individual responses.

We will not will not publish your response unless you have consented for this to happen by indicating a preference to the submissions and confidentiality question at the bottom of this page. However, we may have to disclose without your consent where a disclosure is required by law. On completion of the consultation, we may publish a report including a high level summary of the responses received.

Information provided for consultations, may also be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. However, we will endeavour to ensure that personal data is held in a way that protects its integrity and will not lead to an invasion of your privacy.

Information and personal data submitted for consultation purposes will be retained securely and in line with our Records Retention and Disposal Schedule. If, at any time after you have submitted your response, you want to withdraw from this engagement process, please contact [resilient@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:resilient@belfastcity.gov.uk)

1 To facilitate more open and transparent government, Belfast City Council would like your permission to publish your consultation response in the public domain. Should you prefer us to treat your submission as confidential - either by publishing it as an anonymous response or by not publishing it at all - please indicate accordingly.

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes, please publish my response with my name

☐

Yes, please publish my response, but only include my organisation's name (for those responding on behalf of an organisation)

☐ Yes, please publish my response, but do so anonymously

☐ No, please do not publish my response (treat as confidential)

## Section A: Belfast Resilience Strategy Questions

These questions relate to the Belfast Resilience Strategy.

**A1** The strategy identifies a range of shocks and stresses for the city - do you agree with those we have identified? Do you agree or disagree that the shocks and stresses that we have identified in the strategy are correct and appropriate?

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Economic recovery capacity <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Population change <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing supply in the city <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dependency on fossil fuels and carbon intensive systems <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prevalence of car use <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Segregation and division <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mental health and use of prescription drugs <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Governance and financing of risk <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infrastructure capacity <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Climate change <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flooding and extreme weather events; <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conditioning of existing NI Housing Executive stock <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UK exit from the European Union <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cyber resilience <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you disagreed with any of the identified shock or streses, please provide more details here:

**A2** Are there any other shocks or stresses that you feel may become a challenge for the city?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide more details here:

**A3** Do you think we have misunderstood/misinterpreted data or information or is there a particular challenge to our analysis you would like to make?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide more details here:

**A4** Is there data or information that you think would help us to better understand some of the shocks and stresses we have identified?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer was yes please provide more information in the box below.

**A5** Taking account of the shocks and stresses identified, we have proposed a single goal to make the city more resilient, which is: 'To transition to an inclusive, low-carbon, climate- resilient economy in a generation'. To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposed goal?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Agree ☐ Agree but with amendments ☐ Disagree

If you disagreed with the proposed goal, or if you have an alternative proposal or suggestions for improvement, please provide more details here:



**A6** We have set out three ‘areas of focus’- levers which, when pulled, will respond to several risks at once. These are (1) climate (2) children (3) connectivity. To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach and areas of focus?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<b>Climate</b> <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Children</b> <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Connectivity</b> <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you disagreed with the proposed approach, or if you have suggestions for improvement, please provide more details here:

**A7** We have identified 38 programmes/actions (pages 63 to 77 in the Strategy) which will directly contribute to reducing risks in the city. Please provide any comments on any of the programmes or actions we have proposed.

Please provide your comments below and specify which programme or action you are commenting on:

**A8** If you have any final or general comments on the strategy or its implementation please tell us here:

## Section B: Equality and Rural Needs

As part of our commitment to promoting equality and good relations we have completed a draft screening of the strategy. We have also completed a rural needs impact assessment. To help ensure that we have fully understood any equality and good relations implications, or rural needs, we would also appreciate feedback on these documents. You can download these documents by clicking on the links on the drop down box below.

## Equality and Rural Needs documents

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**B1** In relation to the Resilience Equality Screening document do you have any comments?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is yes please provide more information in the box below.

**B2** In relation to the Resilience Rural Needs Assessment document do you have any comments?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is yes please provide more information in the box below.

## Section C: About you

### C1 What is your name?

Name

### C2 Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of a group or organisation?

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

☐ Individual ☐ Group/organisation

## About you

We would appreciate if you would fill in the following information. We gather this information to help us understand who is responding to our consultations. This helps ensure that we understand the needs of all our communities.

### What age are you?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Under 18 ☐ 19 to 24 ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 35 to 49 ☐ 50 to 64 ☐ 65+

### What gender are you?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say ☐ Other

### Are you a Belfast Resident?

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes ☐ No

## Is your sexual orientation towards someone of...?

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ The same sex   ☐ Different sex   ☐ Both sexes   ☐ Questioning / not sure  
☐ Prefer not to say   ☐ Other (please specify below)

## Please state your religious denomination

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ No religion   ☐ Christian   ☐ Buddhist   ☐ Hindu   ☐ Jewish  
☐ Muslim   ☐ Sikh   ☐ Other religion (please specify below)

## Please indicate your community background

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Protestant   ☐ Roman Catholic  
☐ I am not a member of either the Protestant or Roman Catholic communities.

## What is your ethnic group?

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ White   ☐ Chinese   ☐ Irish Traveller   ☐ Indian   ☐ Pakistani  
☐ Bangladeshi   ☐ Black Caribbean   ☐ Black African   ☐ Black other  
☐ Mixed Ethnic group (please specify below)

## Marital status

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Single (never married or never registered as a same-sex civil partnership)
- ☐ Married or registered in a same-sex civil partnership
- ☐ Living together, as if you are married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership
- ☐ Separated (but still legally married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership)
- ☐ Divorced or formerly in a same sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved
- ☐ Widowed or surviving partner from a same sex civil partnership
- ☐ Prefer not to say

## Do you have dependants or caring responsibilities for family members or other persons?

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate which of the following caring responsibilities you have. (select all that apply)

*Please select all that apply*

- ☐ A child or children ☐ A person with a disability ☐ An elderly person
- ☐ Other

If other please specify:

What is your postcode?

## About your organisation

What is the name of your organisation or group?

Organisation

How would you describe your group or organisation?

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ A business    ☐ A charity or social enterprise  
☐ A public body or statutory agency  
☐ Local resident, community or voluntary group  
☐ Large voluntary organisation (i.e works at a regional or national level)

What is your main focus or areas of activity? (Please tick all that apply)

*Please select only one item*

- ☐ Business    ☐ Children and young people    ☐ Culture, arts and tourism  
☐ Disability    ☐ Education and learning    ☐ Environmental    ☐ LGBT  
☐ Local community development    ☐ Men's group    ☐ Minority ethnic groups  
☐ Older people    ☐ Poverty and social exclusion  
☐ Resident or housing association    ☐ Sport and leisure    ☐ Women's group  
☐ Other

## Section D: Keep in touch

As part of the Belfast Resilience Strategy we would like to further engage with you to shape the strategy and actions.

**D1** If you are interested in learning more about the Belfast Resilience Strategy and would like to be included on our emailing list, please indicate your consent for this to happen.

(Required)

*Please select all that apply*

☐ I give consent for you to contact me by Email ☐ I do not wish to be contacted

Please note, if you provide contact details it will only be used for the purposes of receiving updates or information about the Belfast Resilience Strategy. Your personal details will be kept secure in line with our privacy policy and will not form part of the consultation process.

**D2** If you have given your consent to be contacted by email, please tell us your email address:

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email