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Dear Miss Osihn

Participation to the UNISDR Campaign 'Making Cities Resilient'

It is with great interest that I have viewed the information on the UNISDR campaign 'Making Cities Resilient', working closely with our partners from the Staffordshire Civil Contingencies Unit. After careful consideration and on behalf of the Local Authority that I represent, I would like to formally request that Stoke-on-Trent City Council becomes an active, signed-up partner of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign. I would see two main reasons why joining the Campaign will have considerable mutual benefit, both for Stoke-on-Trent and its wider international partners.

Primarily, Stoke-on-Trent is a diverse centre of population and industry, lying at the heart of a key national road and rail network. As such, we routinely prepare to respond to and recover from a range of complex risks. In this context, the ability to share our experience whilst learning from others would be extremely valuable.

However, it is perhaps with an eye on the future that I think our engagement in this Campaign is of particular significance. Stoke-on-Trent City Council is working with a range of partner agencies from the public and private sector to embrace the challenge and the potential of building a sustainable city. In one respect, this heightens our awareness of the risks brought about by climate change, particularly flooding and extreme weather, and how we adapt to these to protect our communities. In another respect, we see climate adaptation as an opportunity. As a result, we are investing heavily in the local area in innovative new ways to harness 'green technology' for a cleaner, more sustainable future for Stoke-on-Trent.

It is therefore with great pride that I attach the *10 Essentials Checklist Application* as required by the Making Cities Resilient Campaign. On behalf of Stoke-on-Trent City Council, I look forward to joining the scheme, to contributing to the advancement of preparedness in urban areas and to supporting a cleaner, greener and more sustainable future for all our communities. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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