

# **Attachment C**

**Invitation Letter from the Mayor of Bristol**



## Mayor of Bristol

Deputy Lord Mayor Miller  
Lord Mayor of Sydney

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Dear Lord Mayor Miller

I will be hosting The Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM) annual gathering in Bristol, UK, from 21 to 23 October 2018. We will bring together up to 100 mayors, plus global city networks and networks, to plan how we ensure city influence is felt at the international and national level.

I have attached the formal invitation and I say more about the summit in this [short video](#). However, as a fellow Rockefeller resilient city, I wanted to personally invite you to join me in Bristol to participate in the summit

The GPM Summit will be a space where mayors and global city networks come together to coordinate and agree the shared priorities to which they can all commit and direct their action toward. We have invited leaders of key global city networks like C40, Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities, ICLEI, EUROCITIES and the US Conference of Mayors to participate so the GPM Summit will be the vehicle through which city networks can amplify their influence by collaborating with each other.

Increasing numbers of city leaders across the world are sharing an understanding that:

- National governments working alone are not equipped to face the opportunities and challenges of the modern world. From climate change to migration, from economic and political inclusion to security and population health, national governments are being overwhelmed.
- We need the architecture of global governance to move into its next iteration. This will be characterised by the leaders of cities, regions and international networks of cities sitting alongside national leaders as equal partners in shaping national and international policy.

We need national governments and international organisations to create space for our voice to be heard. As a city leader, I recognise we also need to do our part in two key ways:

- First, we need to make it easy for national governments and international organisations to work with us. At present, we don't. The GPM mayors have worked with The Yale School of Management to understand the current landscape of city networks in the world. There is little coordination of the annual calendar of city gatherings leaving city leaders overwhelmed by requests for meetings. There is a huge advantage to be won through



better coordination, not only of cities within these networks, but between the networks themselves. This is where the GPM comes in.

- Second, we need to step into the fullness of our responsibility to operate not only as city leaders but also as national and international leaders. We must not limit our aims to shaping what happens within our city boundaries, but also the national and international context within which our cities live.

Please note we are not limiting attendance at the summit to members of the GPM. We are very aware that cities and regions are called to be members of many networks and that creates complexity. The key prerequisite is a commitment to up the ante on city and regional collaboration and commit to taking action as city leaders with a global mandate.

If it would be helpful I can ask my office to arrange a call with you. You can register via the site at [www.globalparliamentofmayors.org/annual-summit-2018/](http://www.globalparliamentofmayors.org/annual-summit-2018/)

For any further information on the Global Parliament of Mayors and the meetings in Bristol please contact my International Affairs Office at [international@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:international@bristol.gov.uk)

I look forward to welcoming you to this important international summit.

With kind regards



**Marvin Rees**

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