

Appendix 10: Evidence of plan having regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the council's district or to any adjoining council's district

Belfast city council established the Metropolitan Area spatial Working Group (MASWG) in 2017 to bring together members and officers from the five councils (Belfast, Lisburn and Castlereagh, Antrim and Newtownabbey, Ards and North Down and Mid and East Antrim) with representatives from a number of government Departments. It provided a forum for discussions with neighbouring councils which helped identify opportunities to: develop cross boundary working, share information, review progress and to identify where feasible consensus on issues

**MASWG Meeting and Matters Discussed:**

| <b>Date</b>         | <b>Host</b> |  |
|---------------------|-------------|--|
| 4th September 2017  | A&NBC       | <b>ToR</b><br><b>Timetables</b><br><b>Shared Priorities and Potential Synergies</b><br>Transport<br>Strategic Housing Market<br><b>Environment</b><br><b>Retail Hierarchy</b><br><b>Information Exchange/Engagement</b><br><b>Future Meeting Approach</b>  |
| 1st November 2017   | BCC         | <b>Housing</b><br><i>Population &amp; Housing Growth</i><br><i>Housing Needs</i><br><i>Urban Capacity Study</i><br><i>Overspill/de-zoning</i><br><i>Affordable housing</i><br><i>Design</i><br><b>Transport</b><br><i>Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan</i><br><i>Regional/Belfast Infrastructure Plan</i><br><i>Accessibility analysis</i><br><i>BRT</i><br><i>Belfast Bicycle Network Plan</i> |
| 26th January 2018   | L&CCC       | <b>Countryside</b><br><b>Retailing</b><br><b>Employment/economy</b><br><b>Housing</b><br><b>Transport</b><br><b>BMAP</b><br><b>Soundness</b>   |
| 13th April 2018     | A&NDBC      | <b>Housing</b><br><b>Employment</b><br><b>Transport</b>  |
| 17th September 2018 | M&EABC      | <b>Stat Consultee Updates</b><br><b>Emerging BMTS</b><br><b>BCC Draft Plan Strategy</b>  |

Additional Meetings and correspondence with adjoining councils

| Date       | Subject  | Adjoining Council                       | Further info   |
|------------|--|---|--|
| 06/05/2016 | Heads of Planning meeting                        | 11 Councils attended                    | Heads of Planning Officers   |
| 22/07/2016 | Planning Managers meeting                        | 11 Councils attended                    | Heads of Planning Officers   |
| 16/09/2016 | Planning Managers meeting                        | 11 Councils attended                    | Heads of Planning Officers   |
| 28/09/2016 | BCC Local Development Plan- Pre POP              | Antrim and Newtownabbey, LCCC and ANDBC | Letter sent to council's inviting for further consultation re: pop |
| 21/10/2016 | Planning Managers meeting                        | 11 Councils attended                    | Heads of Planning Officers   |
| 12/01/2017 | LDP Meeting                                      | LCCC                                    | Agenda and minutes   |
| 13/01/2017 | LDP Meeting                                      | Antrim and Newtownabbey                 | Copy of minutes  |
| 17/01/2017 | Cross boundary Issues                            | Antrim and Newtownabbey                 | Follow up email regarding cross boundary                           |
| 20/03/2017 | Belfast POP discussed at ANBC Planning Committee | Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Copy of Committee minutes  |
| 19/04/2017 | LDP cross boundary issues                        | Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council | Copy of Committee minutes  |
| 20/04/2017 | Belfast POP discussed at LCCC Planning Committee | LCCC                                    | Copy of Committee minutes  |

**Response to adjoining councils POP**

- BCC Responded to ANBC POP consultation on 5/4/2017
- BCC Responded to LCCC POP consultation on 18/5/2017
- BCC Responded to ANDBC POP consultation on 2/8/2019

All responses noted the continued joint working to consider overall policy approaches and cross-boundary issues. These responses included consideration of synergies and any divergence between

BCC's approach and the proposed approach of the neighbouring authorities. In addition, the following responses were received in response to BCC's POP – these were considered in preparing the DPS:

- ANBC Responded to BCC POP on 29/3/2017
- LCCC Responded to BCC POP on 20/4/2017
- ANDBC did NOT response to BCC POP consultation.