

Appendix One

Strategic Study Final Report - Chapter 7 Recommendations and Supporting Actions Update following Holyland Interagency Group meeting on 29th June 2015.

1. Actions for Student Accommodation

Recommended Action	Supporting Actions for Delivery	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale Short: 0-2 yrs Medium: 0-4 yrs Long: 0-6yrs RAG Status Green Complete Amber Ongoing Red Outstanding
<p>1. Develop a single coherent strategy for student housing as part of a strategy for housing in Belfast</p> <p>Lead Responsibility: Student Housing Strategy - BCC</p>	(i) To develop a single strategy for student housing in Belfast, as part of an overarching housing strategy (recognising the impact of legislative reforms on the demand for the shared housing market)	<p>Joint Team and working group established. A Framework for student housing and purpose built student accommodation document was completed in March 2014. Recommendations from this document are now being considered in the context of Council's new planning powers.</p>	BCC/DSD/NIHE /DoE Planning	Medium term
	(ii) To contribute to the development of a single coherent strategy for student housing in the city. This will require:		QUB / Ulster with support from DEL and NIHE	Short-Medium Term Complete
	a. Update the housing market analysis for Belfast (originally undertaken in 2006 as part of the preparation of the HMO Subject Plan and which included an assessment of the student housing market)	Summary update on the housing market provided – student housing market not included in info from NIHE, information updated from universities on university managed accommodation (updated January 2014 to take account of 2012/13 year data).	NIHE	Short term Complete
	b. Assemble and analyse information on student population projections, student market segments and student housing need to inform the viability testing of accommodation provision	Information provided to Demand/Market Task & Finish group for 2011/12 and refreshed for 2012/13 in January 2014 – difficult to project student numbers. Baseline data updated and refreshed to take account of census 2011 and recent HESA data.	QUB / Ulster / BMC	Short term Complete
	c. Provide clarity on the proposed expansion, intensification, relocation plans of the universities to inform both the demand side and supply side of the student accommodation analysis	<p>BCC provided response to Planning Service on UU Belfast campus.</p> <p>QUB – plan to grow their Post Graduate and International</p>	QUB updated 16/1/15/ Ulster / BMC	Short term Complete

	<p>student population and increase university managed accommodation.</p> <p>Ulster – no plans for additional student accommodation</p> <p>BMC – plans to grow international student numbers which would provide a market for accommodation</p> <p>Growth in demand for university provided accommodation – September 2012 (Stranmillis nearing 100% occupancy, QUB over-demand and prioritising)</p>		
d. Develop a supporting community engagement strategy to ensure the integration of students in the city & neighbourhood	<p>BCC Officers working with University of Ulster re campus masterplan. UU Strategic Advisory Forum also have established a Public and Political Engagement Subgroup and a Community Engagement Forum is being created to address community engagement issues re UU campus relocation.</p> <p>QUB has a long standing Neighbourhood Forum meeting quarterly. In the last two years Queen’s have engaged with the SBPB on a number of initiatives. A new Public Engagement strategy has been adopted by Queen’s University Jan 2015.</p> <p>Communication / liaison is ongoing around this area.</p>	QUB updated 16.1.15/ Ulster / BMC / BCC	Short - medium term Complete
(iii) Lobby Government Ministers to secure support for the strategy for student housing in Belfast	Key Ministers contacted and meetings requested. Opportunities taken in raising awareness with ministers when available.	BCC	Short term Complete
(iv) Lobby DEL Minister to investigate the potential to use student maintenance support as a lever to stimulate the supply / demand for quality student accommodation	DEL have sought legal opinion and don’t consider this viable.	DEL/BCC in conjunction with the Universities	Short term Complete
(v) In line with the emerging Masterplan for Belfast, advocate, facilitate and enhance student life in the City by supporting innovative arrangements for city centre living; encourage the development of services, facilities, amenities and cultural infrastructure that will support city centre living and strengthen, through sustainable transport links, connections between the anchor educational institutions of Ulster in the north and Queen’s in the south of the city	<p>Ongoing – Anchor Institutions research commissioned by BCC and workshops held with HEIs and other Anchor Institutions to highlight role in developing the City.</p> <p>The City Centre Regeneration Strategy and Investment Plan has been developed over the past 12 months and is nearing completion. Public consultation has taken place and a City Centre Development team is being assembled to take forward the implementation of the Plan. It is intended to present the Plan to Council for approval after summer.</p> <p>BCC have received two planning applications in relation to the proposed Northside Development.</p>	BCC in conjunction with DSD, DRD, DCAL and Planning Service	Medium-long term Ongoing

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<p>2. Identify appropriate locations, innovative arrangements and measures to attract funding for housing students in the City</p> <p>Lead Responsibility: SIB / BCC</p>	(i) Assess current and future demand for student housing and test the viability of providing purpose built accommodation.	Demand for university managed accommodation in Belfast increasing. Local baseline data refreshed and initial discussions on financial viability for purpose built accommodation in 2013. Viability testing/models to be developed further in 2014.	SIB/BCC in conjunction with DEL, QUB, Ulster, BMC and NIHE	Short term Complete
	(ii) Establish a range of criteria for assessing the suitability of locations for student housing in the City	Sites/Locations Task & Finish group established. Preliminary criteria developed and tested against a number of sample sites. Proposed criteria were published and consulted upon in Discussion document Sept 2013. Revised criteria reflecting stakeholder feedback will be incorporated into a Planning Framework document for PBSA, anticipated by end of March 2014. Now complete and document was published in June 2014.	BCC, NIHE, Universities, DoE Planning	Short term Complete
	(iii) Within the context of the Masterplan's aims of supporting city centre living, promoting an enhanced environment and strengthening the links between the two university campuses, eg;- Shaftesbury Link, and identify suitable locations for the provision of student housing	Growing the City Centre residential population is one of the 8 policies of the City Centre Regeneration Strategy and Investment Plan. Resolving issues presented by the inner city ring road and maximising the impact of the UU Greater Belfast Development are key parts of the plan which will be taken forward.	BCC, SIB, Universities, DoE Planning	Short term Complete
	(iv) Assess the feasibility and test the financial viability of developing Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) on a number of sites in public ownership using a criteria based approach.	Initial discussions with SIB on feasibility and viability of PBSA in Belfast. High level discussions ongoing and further research being commissioned to explore viability issues.	SIB / BCC, in conjunction with the Universities	Short term Complete
	(v) Explore and develop an appropriate funding model to support the provision of purpose built student accommodation in the City	A study was undertaken to explore funding models for this type of development. Market activity and the increasing number of planning applications for purpose built student accommodation indicate that financial intervention by the public sector may not be required to make proposals viable.	Student Housing Strategy Joint Team SIB in conjunction with BCC, DSD	Short term Complete
	(vi) Encourage private sector / social enterprise investment in identified locations and in the feasibility testing of pricing for rents.	High level discussions to take place between SIB, DSD, BCC and DFP on if and how this might work. Recent Market activity indicates high level of private sector interest in the student housing market,	SIB	Medium term Complete

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3. Prepare guidance on a planning policy framework in respect of shared housing and flat conversions	(i) Prepare guidance on existing planning policy in respect of shared housing - including student accommodation - and flat conversions to promote a better understanding of the policy; a refined interpretation of the existing policy and a commitment to address associated training issues for the planners who process the applications so as to promote greater consistency	Written guidance and training given to three team members within DoE (Planning NI). Internal discussion ongoing and legal advice sought on a number of policy issues that require further clarification. Guidance and training to be rolled out to two more sections	DoE Planning / BCC	Short term
Lead Responsibility: DoE	(ii) Develop a planning policy framework to underpin / facilitate the delivery of the student housing strategy; jointly develop a pro-active criteria based policy for assessing applications for the provision of student housing; identify any policy impediments and take steps to remedy any policy vacuum; identify and address existing shortfalls in policies.	Review of existing policy context and proposed future planning criteria published in Student Housing discussion document, issued for consultation Sept 2013. Revised criteria reflecting stakeholder feedback will be incorporated into a Planning Framework document for PBSA, anticipated by end of March 2014. BCC will then consider adopting as future planning policy post local government reform in 2015.	DoE Planning / NIHE	Long term Ongoing
	(iii) Determine the next steps with regard to the review/ extension of the HMO Subject Plan relative to student housing and invite stakeholders such as BCC to input at an early stage to a revised subject plan	Not part of current DoE Planning NI business plan – this will be reviewed following adoption of BMAP (longer term objective)	DoE Planning/NIHE/ BCC	Long term Ongoing
	(iv) Build an evidence base in relation to the cumulative impact of flat conversions and HMO development to inform the interpretation/ re-interpretation of policy and the formulation of new policy	Key action was to identify a resource to do this. BCC bid to DEL GAP graduate programme but have been unsuccessful in identifying a suitable candidate to date. Work will continue to try to identify a suitable resource. No resource identified. Future area plan and HM subject plan to address this issue.	BCC/DoE Planning/NIHE	Short term Ongoing
	(v) Test the compliance of flat conversions relative to HMO legislation re standards and management	Future area plan and HMO subject plan to address this issue.	BCC/ DoE Planning/ NIHE	Short term ongoing

	(vi) Improve policy interpretation and application and enhance collaborative arrangements to make enforcement more effective	Future area plan and HMO subject plan to address this issue.	DoE Planning/NIHE/ BCC	Medium term Ongoing
	(vii) Lobby Minister to support the inclusion of space standards in future planning policy statements e.g. in terms of the expected PPS22 (affordable housing) and provide clarification; ensure PPS 22 encompasses shared housing, including student housing	<p>Draft PPS 22 not yet issued by DoE for consultation – no date confirmed yet.</p> <p>Reference made to Holyland strategic study and space standards in BCC response to DSD Housing Strategy Consultation and review of HMO regulation by DSD.</p> <p>BCC also wrote to DSD Minister on 4th June 2013 requesting additional legislative provisions for overcrowding and space standards. DSD Minister's office responded on 5th September 2013 to confirm space standard is being considered in the context of overcrowding provisions in the expected new HMO regime, however additional overcrowding legislation for space standard in wider private rented sector are not currently proposed – The Minister's office advised this will be kept under review by DSD.</p> <p>DSD currently reviewing the regulation of the private rented sector. BCC and other agencies will continue to lobby on this issue. Transfer of HMO regulation from NIHE to local Council's deferred until April 2017. BCC to lead on regional working group established to oversee the transfer. Councils will continue to lobby for the inclusion of landlord accreditation schemes in the new legislation.</p>	BCC	Short term Ongoing

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4. Develop an accreditation scheme for student housing Lead Responsibility: NIHE / DSD	(i) Introduce and promote a voluntary accreditation scheme	<p>NIHE have developed NI Student pad website – advertisement of available student properties (though not a voluntary accreditation scheme) – links to HMO registration.</p> <p>QUB launched SU Lets in 2012 (Voluntary accreditation scheme administered by Morton Pinpoint which included Gold, silver, bronze ratings for accredited properties, a management code and independent arbitration service). The scheme had limited uptake from landlords and students, and was not financially viable - went into voluntary liquidation in December 2013.</p>	QUB	Short term Complete

		UU have no plans to develop any other landlord accreditation scheme		
	(ii) Review the effectiveness and use of an accreditation scheme	Review of SU Lets scheme was scheduled for end of the 2013/14 student year (QUB/Morton Pinpoint) however the scheme was not financially viable and entered voluntary liquidation in December 2013.	QUB complete	Short term June 2014 Complete
	(iii) Establish and support a universal code of standards for student housing.	DSD have identified and agreed acceptable codes of standards - ANUK/ Unipol and the UUK/Guild HE code.	Universities in conjunction with NIHE	Short term Complete
	(iv) Secure accreditation for the code of standards	<p>Consultation on fundamental review of regulation of HMOs completed.</p> <p>Identified and agreed acceptable codes – ANUK/Unipol and the UUK/Guild HE code</p> <p>Agreement of Universities and FE colleges to proposal to exempt if signed up to an accredited code.</p> <p>DSD working with Legislative Council in drafting a standalone HMO Bill to incorporate exemption for Universities and FE colleges from HMO licensing where they have signed up to an acceptable code, within the current mandate by 2016 – progress will be dependent on other legislative priorities of the NI Executive.</p> <p>Transfer of HMO regulation from NIHE to local Council's deferred until April 2017. BCC to lead on regional working group established to oversee the transfer. Councils will continue to lobby for the inclusion of landlord accreditation schemes in the new legislation.</p>	DSD in conjunction with BCC/ NIHE/and the Universities	Medium ongoing
	(v) Prepare a brief for testing the legality of obliging first year university students to reside in university provided/affiliated/approved accommodation.	Brief prepared, indications are that this is not legally viable. Counsel opinion confirmed that this was not viable.	BCC / DEL / Universities	Short term Complete
	(vi) Engage with DSD Minister regarding the next phase of the Landlord Registration Scheme in relation to the inclusion of quality standards	<p>DSD Landlord registration scheme launched on 25 February 2014. Launch preceded by an advertising campaign to raise awareness of landlords responsibilities. Scheme will be administered by NI Direct on behalf of DSD Registrar. It is hoped that all landlords will be registered by Easter 2015.</p> <p>Landlord registration referenced in BCC response to Regulation of HMOs.</p> <p>Licensing may be considered later for whole PRS. Standards</p>	BCC	Short term ongoing

		would be less onerous than for HMOs licensing. (On 15/1/13 NI assembly agreed motion calling for a licensing scheme for the PRS - Minister agreed it will be considered.)		
		NI Housing Strategy (DSD) timetables a review of regulation of the private rented sector to commence in 2014/15. This will be considered as part of this review.		
		Transfer of HMO regulation from NIHE to local Council's deferred until April 2017. BCC to lead on regional working group established to oversee the transfer. Councils will continue to lobby for the inclusion of landlord accreditation schemes in the new legislation.		
	(vii) Lobby DEL Minister to seek clarification on the legal implications of obliging students in receipt of maintenance support to use only approved, accredited accommodation	BCC sought clarification on this from DEL – advised legal position indicates this is not possible.	BCC	Short term Complete

2. Actions for Renewal of the Holyland

Recommended Action	Supporting Actions for Delivery	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale RAG Status
1. Introduce a 'New Homes from Old Places' initiative Lead Responsibility: DSD	(i) Identify the benefits and positively promote the area as attractive to live in. Track and evaluate changes in the popularity of the area amongst social housing tenants.	Medium – Long term: this action is largely dependent on delivery of other improvements in the area in relation to neighbourhood management, environment, transport/parking etc.	NIHE / BCC	Medium term Ongoing
	(ii) Identify one Housing Association to work in the area to identify and acquire properties suitable for single household social housing on a street by street basis	A Housing Association was identified however acquiring properties in area not considered feasible at this time due to lack of demand from public and high cost of acquiring/converting properties. Also impact of forthcoming welfare reforms on removal of single room subsidies will be expected to increase demand for HMO type accommodation means this approach would be very difficult to justify in current policy context. DSD have confirmed this will be kept under review in context of future housing market demands.	DSD/ NIHE	Short – medium term Complete
	(iii) Promote the area as an 'area of choice' to those on the social housing waiting list.	Medium – Long term: this action is largely dependent on delivery of other improvements in the area in relation to neighbourhood management, environment, transport/parking etc.	NIHE	Medium term Ongoing
	(iv) Establish the criteria/compile the evidence base to advocate the designation of the area as an 'area	Criteria for Areas At Risk identified - Discussions with DSD have indicated area unlikely to meet scoring criteria for overall	BCC / DSD / Residents	Short term Complete

	at risk' of decline and dereliction (v) Lobby Councillors and MLAs to prioritise the area as an area of need / at risk to reverse the trend of decline and dereliction	deprivation. On- going	Residents	Short term Ongoing
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<p>2. Introduce a new regime – a neighbourhood management initiative</p> <p>Lead Responsibility: NIHE</p>	<p>(i) Develop a terms of reference and outline responsibilities to design and deliver a new regime for managing the area through a truly collaborative, task orientated approach involving landlords and key interests (creating a neighbourhood management initiative).</p>	<p>BCC and PSNI, along with Chair of PACT co-ordinated a review of current IAG working arrangements including review of PACT. A revised PACT structure incorporating a neighbourhood management initiative approach has been agreed and 1st meeting held on for 25th February 2014.</p> <p>Two workshops were held on 9 October 2014 and the 10 December 2014. These workshops were attended by local community representatives and statutory organisations with an interest in the area. All agreed that the PACT meeting needed to become more focused on identifying specific issues, agreeing key actions and reporting on accountability, all agreeing that the structure should be focused on actions.</p> <p>New Terms of reference were agreed for PACT in June 2015.</p> <p>PACT meeting May 2015 agreed the following priorities for 15/16</p> <p>1 Improve the management of properties and tenants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the physical management of properties • Introduce a mechanism for behaviours to be included in tenancy agreements <p>2 Improve the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an agreed neighbourhood improvement plan • Focus on the front gardens and curtilage of properties • Streets and alleyways • Murals, artwork, seasonal dressings and signage <p>3 Transform contentious periods to positive activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the approach taken to manage contentions 	NIHE / Landlords / key interests	Medium term Complete

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresher's Week • Halloween • St. Patrick's Day <p>Workshop With Landlords in June 15 to consider their role in PACT and how they could contribute to the area.</p>		
(ii) Investigate the scope for introducing differential registration fees in line with the concentration of HMOs and explore the scope to deploy registration fees to resource emerging neighbourhood management actions	DSD working with Legislative Council in drafting a standalone HMO Bill within the current mandate (by 2016) to incorporate differential fees following consultation on the fundamental review of HMO regulation in 2012. Fees will directly fund HMO regulation. Progress will be dependent on legislative priorities of the NI Executive - NI Housing Strategy timetables completion by 2015/2016.	DSD in conjunction with NIHE/ /LANI / PRS Network	Medium term ongoing	
(iii) Recognise and support landlords in exerting peer pressure on fellow landlords to adopt a proactive approach to improving housing and responsibilities for managing tenant behaviour.	<p>DSD working with Legislative Council in drafting a standalone HMO Bill to incorporate obligatory tenant behaviour management clauses, within current mandate by 2016. Progress will be dependent on legislative priorities of the NI Executive - NI Housing Strategy timetables completion by 2015/2016.</p> <p>HMO Bill expected to put out to consultation later this year. Council and other partners will continue to lobby for measures to assist landlords to manage tenant behaviour.</p>	Landlords / DSD / NIHE	Short term Ongoing	
(iv) Engage landlords in supporting and participating in the QUB accreditation scheme initiative and accommodation code.	<p>This action was being addressed through SU Lets scheme however the SU Lets scheme entered liquidation in December 2013.</p> <p>Queen's Community Affairs Office continue to engage with Letting Agents and landlords on ways to improve relations.</p>	Landlords / QUB updated 16.1.15/ NIHE	Short term Complete	
(v) Collectively target the Holyland for proactive enforcement to increase awareness of landlord responsibilities to improve housing and introduce requirements for landlords to manage the behaviour of tenants	<p>Proactive enforcement group has regular meetings attended by NIHE HMO office staff, PSNI, and BCC staff (Cleaving, Housing, Environmental Protection) to deliver collaborative approach in targeting services and enforcement activity.</p> <p>This group no longer meets. New PACT structure and Terms of Reference will allow the agencies to target and plan enforcement activities identified at PACT.</p>	NIHE / BCC	Short term Complete	
(vi) DSD Minister to communicate /commit to the landlord registration scheme's long term aim of introducing standards, as part of the registration and go beyond its current provisions as a light touch regulatory tool to merely register landlords.	<p>Tenancy Deposit scheme was introduced from 1st April 2013</p> <p>Landlord registration scheme launches on 25 February 2014.</p> <p>DSD Minister has confirmed that licensing for private landlords will be considered as part of a review of regulation in the private</p>	DSD	Medium term Ongoing	

		<p>rented sector (NI Housing Strategy timetables commencement of this review for 2014/15).</p> <p>Standards would be less onerous than for HMOs licensing, however would include requirements for landlords to declare criminal convictions, meet standards and show that they have adequate systems in place of their tenants to report repairs and defects.</p> <p>DSD working with Legislative Council in drafting a standalone HMO Bill to incorporate selective licensing scheme for HMOs within the current mandate by 2017– progress will be dependent on other legislative priorities of the NI Executive.</p>		
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NB: Recycling

In terms of the recycling provision in the Holyland, a different system is currently being trialled in a block of houses on Fitzroy Avenue. Instead of individual recycling boxes, communal stands of recycling boxes were installed, with a shared brown bin for food waste and take away pizza boxes, in the entry behind the test block. Bryson Recycling have reported that this facility has been fairly well used.

This trial has only been possible because the entry where the box stands were installed are gated and only residents have access. This has meant there have been not problems around scavenging, vandalism etc. The house involved were also canvassed to educate them on using the new system.

There are plans to extend this trial arrangement to other similarly secure entries in the area although timescales have not been agreed at this stage.

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<p>3. Introduce an integrated plan for transport and traffic management</p> <p>Lead Responsibility: DRD</p>	<p>(i) Develop an integrated traffic management plan for the Holyland area and within this context;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduce waiting restrictions/corner restrictions - investigate the introduction of one-way streets; the pedestrianisation of streets; residents parking in the area - encourage resident students to register term time addresses 	<p>Corner waiting restrictions have been provided at various locations.</p> <p>A one-way traffic system in several streets was implemented on Monday 3 February 2014. (Carmel St, Palestine St, Jerusalem St, Damascus St, Cairo St, Penrose St, Agincourt St – all between Rugby Ave and Agincourt Avenue). Once the initial phase of the one way streets has had time to become established and the measures fully evaluated, Transport (NI) will consider introducing additional one way streets between Agincourt Avenue and Stranmillis Embankment. This evaluation will also include an assessment of the operation of Agincourt Avenue and Rugby Avenue.</p> <p>Transport (NI) has no plans to pedestrianise streets within the Holylands.</p> <p>Agreement with a local residents' group has been reached on a layout for a residents' parking scheme covering the following area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby Road • Rugby Parade • Rugby Street • Botanic Court • College Park Avenue • College Green • College Park • University Avenue (part), and • Carmel Street (part). <p>The formal consultation for a Residents' parking scheme in the Rugby Road/College Park Avenue area was carried out between 29th October and 19th November 2014 during which a number of objections and representations were received.</p> <p>Official met with some of the objectors in March 2015 and the issues they raised are now being considered with a view to making a decision on the way forward. It is envisaged the earliest a scheme could be implemented on the ground in the area would be towards the end of 2015/2016 financial year,</p>	<p>DRD Roads, Universities, Residents, Landlords, BCC DRD Roads Universities / Residents / DRD/DSD Universities</p>	<p>Short – Medium term Ongoing</p>

		although this is very much dependent upon there being a positive outcome to the consultation process.		
	(ii) Develop University Neighbourhood Green Travel Plans for students, staff and visitors to the Universities. Within this context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop parking solutions for students, staff and visitors - ensure the traffic management, including parking and the implications of the emerging Master Plan recommendations, including the proposed University of Ulster campus at Cathedral Quarter, are taken into account in the University Neighbourhood Green Travel Plans - share timetabling arrangements with Translink to inform provision - provide public transport at source for students travelling into the City to attend University - pilot the introduction of a UNIBike scheme 	Green travel Plan submitted by UU as part of Planning Application for Belfast campus for consideration by statutory consultees. Strategic Advisory Forum (Transport subgroup) formed to advise on transport and parking issues (attended by BCC, DSD, DRD, Translink, DoE Planning). Subject to full Council approval in July The Council's Strategic Policy and Resources (SP&R) committee (June 2015), agreed to expand the City's New Bike Hire scheme to QUB and the Student Union.	Universities/Translink/DRD/BCC/LANI	Short-medium term Ongoing
	(iii) Develop an integrated transport strategy to ensure linkages and accessibility between the south city and north city campuses. Support the Masterplan's proposals for Shaftesbury Link, including the design of a new avenue that prioritises north-south pedestrian movements	Part of the BCC Emerging proposals of the Masterplan Review (issued for consultation September 2013). Transport and accessibility also taken into account in proposed planning criteria for future PBSA developments in Student Housing Framework Document.	BCC/Universities/Translink/DRD	Medium term – long term

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4. Introduce a programme of environmental improvements to enhance the public realm Lead Responsibility: BCC	(i) Undertake an assessment of the area to identify environmental improvements with the local community and determine the cost and resources for implementation.	Pilot area identified & costed for initial works in area of Collingwood Avenue/Horse Hill. Environmental improvement scheme completed – tree planting in November 2014. Currently co-ordinating a series of clean ups. Horse Hill community clean up in Summer 14 City Church clean up in partnership with Street Pastors after St. Patrick's Day 15.	BCC/DSD/Residents	Short term Ongoing
	(ii) Prioritise and plan feasible environmental improvements for implementation, with a resource	Initial quotation prepared. Some works prioritised within existing work programmes by relevant agencies. Additional	BCC/DSD/Residents	Short term Ongoing

	plan	<p>resources/funding opportunities to be identified.</p> <p>Local PACT has been asked to identify and scope possible future environmental and public realm improvements in the area. BCC and other agencies continue to build community capacity to deliver they type of projects.</p> <p>PACT currently developing an integrated neighbourhood plan to include an Environmental Improvement Programme, with the possibility of “renewing the routes” type bid being submitted by UQBA/LANI</p>	ents							
	(iii) Prepare a bid/application for the Council's new neighbourhood Local Investment Fund (as part of the Council's Investment Programme) for resources	<p>Initial work to develop bid completed. Neighbourhood LIF confirmed as not appropriate for local environmental improvements – alternative funding being sought for pilot area.</p> <p>Work to develop community capacity to bid and access funding opportunities being developed as part of review of PACT and Neighbourhood Management Initiative.</p> <p>PACT currently developing an integrated neighbourhood plan to include an Environmental Improvement Programme, with the possibility of “renewing the routes” type bid being submitted by UQBA/LANI</p>	BCC/DSD/Residents	Short-medium term Complete						
	(iv) Enforce ‘Clean Neighbourhoods’ powers in relation to rubbish and dumping in front gardens	<p>Clean Neighbourhood powers came into effect and operational from April 2012. Provisions incorporated into BCC service delivery/enforcement.</p> <p>New PACT structure and Terms of Reference will allow the agencies to target and plan enforcement activities identified by PACT.</p>	BCC / Landlords	Short term Complete						
	(v) Expedite ‘Alley Gates’ intervention included in BCC Phase 3 programme	<p>24 Alleygates have now been installed at the following locations</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="936 1241 1335 1485"> <tr><td>Empire Street</td></tr> <tr><td>Rydalmer Street</td></tr> <tr><td>Connaught Street</td></tr> <tr><td>Fitzroy Avenue</td></tr> <tr><td>Cadogan Street</td></tr> <tr><td>Olympia Parade</td></tr> </table>	Empire Street	Rydalmer Street	Connaught Street	Fitzroy Avenue	Cadogan Street	Olympia Parade	BCC	Short-medium term ongoing
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	(vi) Landlords to take responsibility for removal of rubbish at end of term clean-outs	<p>Phase 4 is under consideration but is not yet agreed or finalised at this stage.</p> <p>Raised by chair of IAG with LANI through their representation at IAG for all key dates- St Patricks, fresher's weeks and end of term etc</p> <p>BCC wrote to all landlords to promote proper disposal of and waste management arrangements at the end of term. This was supported by SNO's proactively patrolling the area</p>	Landlords	Short term Complete									

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5. Improve safety in the area Lead Responsibility: DOJ	(i) Ministers to take forward policy on unit pricing of alcohol	Consultation from both DHSSP and DSD on this in 2012 around general alcohol control. DHSSPS commissioned further research in 2013 to model the likely impact of this in Northern Ireland. This report is expected in May 2014 and will inform DHSSPS decisions on future policy options. Also working with colleagues in Rol to consider impact of cross-border sales. DHSSPS also closely monitoring developments in England, Scotland, and Europe. Options/proposals for DHSSPS will be brought forward around Summer 2014 for consideration by Ministers.	DSD/DHSSPS	Short term Ongoing – via Safer Belfast Coordination Team
	(ii) Implement Fixed Penalty Notices for disorder offences; including, indecent behaviour (urination)	Complete - the implementation and use of the PND's are now fully adopted by officers and training cycles have been	PSNI/DOJ	Short term Complete

<p>in any street, road, highway or other public place or in any place to which the public has access; and being drunk in any road or other public place, disorderly behaviour, criminal damage or breach of the peace</p>	<p>completed. Routine issue of PND's occurs daily and during specific operations such as over the Fresher's period they can be utilised when appropriate. Example Freshers 2013 Operation 15/9/13 – 6/10/13 15 x Disorderly behaviour, 5 x Indecent behaviour, 2 Criminal Damage and 2 Breach of the Peace</p>		
<p>(iii) Good Relations / shared space principles to be included in initiatives</p>	<p>Ongoing – PACT Aims in the newly adopted terms of reference specifically refer to “to build and improve local good relations and be as widely representative as possible”</p>	IAG	Short Term Complete
<p>(iv) Tension Monitoring/Good Relations actions to be included in revised Implementation Plan</p>	<p>PEACE III funded Tension Monitoring project completed March 2015</p>	IAG	Short Term Complete
<p>(v) Support the implementation of the Community Safety Strategy and the actions to address alcohol related anti-social behaviour</p>	<p>Action plans to deliver the Community Safety Strategy themes (including antisocial behaviour and alcohol) were submitted to Justice Committee and were agreed/published in Feb 2013.</p>	IAG	Short term Complete
<p>(vi) Explore the commencement of provisions related to Dispersal Zones and alcohol consumption in designated spaces under article 68- 72 as per the Criminal Justice Order (2008).</p>	<p>Dispersal zones were considered as part of the consultation on the draft NI Community Safety Strategy for 2012-17 but they are not an outcome in the final published strategy. Revision to the number of and powers of Councils post April 2015 will be a significant factor in any decision on implementation</p> <p>DOJ are engaging with PSNI to explore possible commencement of provisions in the 2008 Order re confiscation of alcohol in designated spaces. Fixed penalty notices for alcohol related offences are now operational.</p> <p>DOJ are currently exploring options for the possible commencement of the provisions in the 2008 Order re; confiscation of alcohol in designated spaces. Fixed penalty notices for alcohol related offences are now operational.</p>	DOJ	Medium term Ongoing
<p>(vii) Deliver on, and monitor progress with, the current themes in the Holyland Implementation Plan (<i>Alcohol, Policing, Student Behaviour, Holyland Management, Environmental</i>) and any refreshed plan, which will be informed by the Study recommendations.</p>	<p>Implementation plan 2010-2013 signed off by IAG in September 2013 –actions complete or incorporated into routine/ongoing work programmes.</p> <p>Yearly updates/progress report presented to People Communities and Neighbourhood Committee.</p> <p>PACT meeting May 2015 agreed the following priorities for 15/16</p> <p>1 Improve the management of properties and tenants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the physical management of properties 	IAG	Short Term Complete

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a mechanism for behaviours to be included in tenancy agreements <p>2 Improve the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an agreed neighbourhood improvement plan • Focus on the front gardens and curtilage of properties • Streets and alleyways • Murals, artwork, seasonal dressings and signage <p>3 Transform contentious periods to positive activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the approach taken to manage contentions periods • Fresher’s Week • Halloween • St. Patrick’s Day 		
	(viii) Ensure that the strategy for student housing and service provision supports the social cohesion and integration of students within local neighbourhoods.	Student community integration and social cohesion issues are included in the discussions and project brief for the development of the city-wide student housing strategy. Also within the context of discussion around the ‘ learning city’ theme as part of the master plan review there is a recognised need to ensure a positive image of the economic and social benefits the young population add to a vibrant learning city.	IAG	Ongoing