



Subject:	Local Development Plan - Metropolitan Area Spatial Working Group
Date:	15 August 2017
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
	To provide an update on the joint working arrangements with other planning authorities in the metropolitan area in the preparation of the new Local Development Plans (LDPs).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>notes the joint working group inaugural meeting scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the items included on the draft Agenda.</li></ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	At the last Planning Committee (June 2017), Members agreed for the Council to participate in a joint working group linked to the preparation of LDPs comprising the planning authorities in the Metropolitan area. The Chair and Deputy of Planning Committee were nominated to serve on the working group
3.2	The primary purpose of the joint working arrangements is to consider common and cross-boundary issues, seeking to ensure the proper planning and sustainable development of the metropolitan area. This provides a mechanism to share information and seek, as far as possible, consensus on common approaches to LDP policies, objectives and proposals.
3.3	The first meeting of the working group is scheduled for 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017. The draft agenda is attached at Appendix 1. A key item for agreement is the membership and governance for the group, including the Terms of Reference (reported to Members at the June Planning committee). Other main items for discussion at the first meeting include the timetables for

	<p>each LDP, information availability &amp; sharing, individual council priorities and potential synergies. Key areas of discussion will include the environment, housing, retail, transport and infrastructure.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u> The working group will require attendance by the nominated City Council Members and officers.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> There are no relevant equality or good relations implications attached to this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1: Draft Agenda for Inaugural Meeting of Metropolitan Area Working Group

**APPENDIX 1:**

**METROPOLITAN AREA SPATIAL WORKING GROUP**

**A G E N D A**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council  
Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey.**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Introductions / Apologies</b>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Working Group Approach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Terms of reference,</li><li>• Membership</li></ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Timetables and General Approach</b>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Shared Priorities and Potential Synergies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environment / cross boundary designations</li><li>• Strategic housing market,</li><li>• retail hierarchy and approaches,</li><li>• transportation, and</li><li>• infrastructure</li></ul>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Information Exchange / Engagement</b>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Action Points</b>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>AOB / Next meeting</b>	