



Subject:	Local Development Plan (LDP) Draft Plan Strategy
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Restricted Reports	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To outline the next steps for draft Plan Strategy which it is proposed will be presented to this Committee in June as the first part of the Local Development Plan (LDP).
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the progress of this first stage of the LDP and the outline timetable for the production of the full plan going forward. (Appendix 1)

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="276 230 448 264">Background</p> <p data-bbox="164 282 1479 465">3.1 The Local Development Plan (LDP) will outline the Council’s local policies and site-specific proposals for new development and use of land in Belfast. On final adoption it will contain both the policies and site specific proposals or designations required to support the delivery of the Council’s vision for the City development as outlined in the Belfast Agenda.</p> <p data-bbox="164 533 1479 734">3.2 Once adopted, the LDP will replace the Belfast Urban Area Plan, draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan (BMAP) 2015, insofar as it relates to Belfast city area, and the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) Subject Plan for the Belfast City Council Area 2015 (the ‘HMOs Subject Plan’).</p>
	Main Issues
3.3	<p data-bbox="276 777 1479 864">The Local Development Plan (LDP) will provide the planning framework and be the basis for decisions making for the City until the year 2035 it will:</p> <ul data-bbox="276 880 1479 1267" style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide a 15 year plan framework to support economic and social needs in the city, in line with regional strategies and policies, while providing the delivery of sustainable development; ● Facilitate growth by coordinating public and private investment to encourage development where it can be of most benefit to the wellbeing of the community; ● Allocate sufficient land to meet the needs of the city; and ● Through the process provide an opportunity for all stakeholders, including the public, to have a say about where and how development within the local area should take place.
3.4	<p data-bbox="276 1330 1479 1619">The draft Plan Strategy is a key planning document which if adopted will allow the Council to bring forward more detailed policies and supplementary guidance. In the absence of the Plan Strategy being adopted the current Transitional Provisions restrict the ability of the Council to bring forward policy to address current deficiency or indeed new challenges. An adopted Plan Strategy will therefore be a key document in providing the Council with the basis for future policy development and the capacity to address emerging planning issues.</p>
3.5	<p data-bbox="276 1682 643 1715">Engagement/Consultation</p> <p data-bbox="276 1731 1479 2031">As part of the ongoing engagement with Members, a workshop was held with the Planning Committee on the 12th January 2018, to present a summary of the working version of the draft Plan Strategy and associated policies for consideration. A further workshop open to all Elected Members was held on the 15th February and Party Briefings were held during April/May. The main issues raised during the different engagement sessions focused on housing, density, design, retail, transport and tall buildings.</p>

3.6	<p>The next stage for the draft Plan Strategy will, if approved, be publication for public consultation, which it is anticipated would commence August 2018. This 12 week public consultation period comprises a 4 week pre-launch period, followed by the statutory 8 week consultation for representations. This is followed by a subsequent 8 week statutory period when all representations are published and counter-representations may be made.</p> <p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.7	<p>There are no resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p>
3.8	<p>None noted.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.9	<p>There are no relevant equality or good relations implications attached to this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: LDP Timetable