

# Appendix 1

## Party Groups' Feedback

The individual Party Group Masterplan Briefings were scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012.

The **PUP** meeting is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012. The previous meetings were: **SDLP** 13<sup>th</sup> Feb (JM); **UUP** 14<sup>th</sup> Feb (JM/ KS); **SF** 15<sup>th</sup> Feb (JM/ KS); **ALL** 15<sup>th</sup> Feb (JM/ KS); **DUP** 16<sup>th</sup> Feb (JM).

The parties have in addition to responding to the briefing have provided additional feedback through specific papers or summarised positions. The general responses have been positive but with the caveats that the emphasis may need to be adjusted and the consultation carefully managed in respect of the potential confusion with the Investment Programme and the need to ensure engagement with the Executive. There was also recognition that further work would be required as the review process, in some instances, could only identify potential issues or challenges not previously addressed.

This combination of general and specific commentary on the draft document will contribute to the modifications and revision of the Masterplan prior to consultation. In addition the more general and context related commentary has already begun to influence the process for the continued development and potential adoption of the plan.

There were some common issues raised through the feedback from the individual parties which are summarised below:

1. The need for further and sustained political engagement in the consultation and development of the Masterplan

*Members highlighted the sustained approach to the development of the Investment Programme and the value of ensuring that engagement of Members is sustained through to public consultation.*

2. The adoption of a phased approach to the process for the proposed consultation ensuring engagement with the Executive (Departments) prior to public consultation.

*A two stage process is proposed with the first stage involving the Chair and Vice Chair of the Development Committee along with Party Leaders engaging with government Departments and Ministers with a view to securing their support for the Masterplan document. The second stage would comprise the broader public consultation on the basis of a shared agenda for the city.*

3. Clear alignment between the Masterplan and the Investment Programme. This should be then be enhanced through subsequent alignment with Government priorities following consultation.

*The modifications to the Masterplan should highlight the link to the Investment Programme, with the common principles reflected in both documents, to ensure connectivity between the strategies and clarity for the proposed*

*consultations. The broader engagement with the Government Departments should ensure alignment with the Executive priorities.*

4. The Masterplan should have a greater emphasis on the need for direct intervention in the more deprived areas or neighbourhoods to address unemployment and disadvantage.

*The feedback highlighted the desire for non-spatial 'programme' activity or imperatives to be reflected in the document especially in regard to the need to address or tackle poverty, deprivation and inequalities.*

5. The connectivity challenges should be highlighted with additional areas prioritised to ensure the centre city is integrated with and accessible the surrounding neighbourhoods.

*The link in the diagram between the core and the surrounding city needs to emphasise the importance of the neighbourhoods and accessibility. In addition to the diagrammatic changes need to consider the emphasis on public transport, barriers, international linkages (Port /Airport), rapid transport and the links to neighbourhood hubs.*

6. The neighbourhood hubs or clusters concept and their role or development alongside the focus on continued growth of the centre city area requires further clarification.

*The parallel development of the neighbourhoods and direct investment in communities was highlighted as an important element of the investment programme and the Masterplan needs to ensure clarity around the definitions and roles of the neighbourhood elements.*