

Appendix 2

Issues

Strategic

- The launch of the MP at the same time as the IP and other initiatives could create confusion
- The principles of the IP must underpin the MP to provide connectivity between the strategies
- The lack of prior consultation with relevant Government partners and could create a disconnect - further consultation required.
- Master Plan (MP) should have come before the Investment Package (IP)
- Need greater emphasis on connections to Centre from surrounding areas
- Concerned that consultative process for the Draft MP has not been as conducive to building political consensus, in contrast to that involved with the IP
- A public launch without collective ownership could lead to static as opposed to a dynamic partnership process with other bodies.
- The Masterplan is generally a little light in detail
- Not enough emphasis on public transport/rapid transport – disjointed timelines – needs to be more specific and clear
- Sequential development of N'hood hubs – hubs not particularly developed - query re North Foreshore
- Learning City – very focussed on universities – need to build up linkages with universities on early years under- achievement
- Connect to recent Council strategies re Tackling Poverty and Inequalities and Removing Barriers (Peace Walls paper through Good Relations/S,P&R)
- Concern that the Masterplan in placing all its economic recovery eggs in the QUB-city centre-Titanic Quarter axis

Specific

- A more explicit emphasis on direct intervention in deprived areas to tackle unemployment and disadvantage
- Spelling errors for correction i.e. Shaftesbury and Shankill
- Re-examine executive summary – currently misleading in terms of what is in the entire document

- Include Castle Street/Divis Street access as connectivity to the West and consider other gateways to the city centre including Lower Newtownards Rd/Short Strand while linking the Markets to the city centre and to the river
- Absence of Ravenhill development from the document
- Concerns regarding UU campus proposal and parking / transport implications
- Look at international linkages – Harbour/ Port – currently disjointed
- Diagrams miss the connections from the two arcs of neighbourhood developments into the City Core/ corridor
- Lack of tying down of projects for North Belfast
- Figures 9 and 11 on pages 56 and 58: re-colour
- Support for City Centre Housing – shared housing development is not reflected (p46)
- Potential for the addition of Gilpin site (Sandy Row) - to be included on list
- Development of green space (p65) population driver is not coming through clearly enough to increase the population growth
- The City Centre approach to development of apartment blocks would be better focussed on a community/ neighbourhood location as they would be better utilised in these area.
- More detail on direct intervention in jobs and communities
- Wording of neighbourhood areas needs addressed to highlight employment and regeneration nodes
- Wording on Page 53 of document (4.3 Neighbourhood City -3rd paragraph, 2nd sentence) be amended to read “additional to physical development projects”
- In the summary document a series of Neighbourhood Projects are listed. Some of these appear here but don't appear in the long list in the Investment Package. Moreover, there is no mention of this list in the main Masterplan 'Review document.

General

- What objectives have been met from the 2004 Master Plan
- What are the actions points/next practical steps arising from the latest Draft Masterplan
- There needs to be a consistent and persistent lobby group from BCC

engaging with the Executive in terms of resource allocation on key issues such as those highlighted in the Draft Masterplan

- Dept take points onboard and to update document accordingly and to report back to Party Group
- Ensure all parts of the City and its people are catered for
- Organise joint meeting with Central Government Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and Party Group Leaders + Chairs of SP&R and Dev Cttees
- Action zones need to be set up across the whole City to deal with issues such as young males leaving school without qualifications
- Welfare Reform needs to be mentioned
- Central corridor is not the only driver of the City