



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Consultation: DFT - Draft Aviation Policy Framework
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Council has been asked to respond to the Department for Transport's Draft Aviation Policy Framework. The framework sets out how the Government wants the aviation sector to be a major contributor to the economy, and how it can support growth while maintaining a balance between the benefits of aviation and its costs, particularly climate change and noise.
1.2	We previously responded to a scoping exercise and are concerns at the time have been addressed in the proposed framework.
1.3	The framework is in 6 parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chapter 1: An Executive summary- Chapter 2: Aviation's contribution to the UK economy- Chapter 3: Climate change impacts- Chapter 4: Noise and other local environmental impacts- Chapter 5: Working together- Chapter 6: Planning
1.4	A copy of the framework is attached in the appendix and full details are online: http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2012-35/
1.5	We received the consultation details on 26/7/12 and have to reply by 31/10/12. Copies of the framework were sent out to all departments and information from officers across council, particularly Environmental Health, have been included in the draft response in the appendix.

2	Key Issues
2.1	There are a number of specific questions on the consultation. However, responses are not required around the question of UK and International connectivity. There

