

# Consulting on the draft Belfast Agenda – Continuing ‘the Belfast Conversation’: Consultation Plan Summary

## 1. Purpose of Consultation Programme:

The purpose of the proposed consultation programme is to seek views of all stakeholders across Belfast to inform the development of the Belfast Agenda – Belfast’s first Community Plan. As with previous Belfast Conversation events, elected Members will play a leading role in engaging with a consulting local people.

## 2. Timeframes

The key stages and proposed timeframes for engagement and consultation on the draft Belfast Agenda are summarised below.

Engagement with partners to agree the draft plan for consultation (BCC and CP partners)	Oct 2016
CP Partner agreement (Partnership meeting)	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016
SP&R Committee update	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2016
BCC Member workshop (Special SP&R Committee meeting)	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016
SP&R Committee agree final draft document	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2016
Stakeholder and public information sessions and consultation on draft plan	End Nov 2016 – mid Feb 2017
Analysing feedback and agreeing the final Belfast Agenda document	Feb – Apr 2017
Publication of final Belfast Agenda	Apr 2017

## 3. Consultation Questions

It is proposed that the consultation should take a high level approach to give as extensive a range of stakeholders as possible and the wider public the opportunity to contribute.

The proposed high level consultation questions would cover the following areas:

- Do you agree with **the vision and outcomes framework for 2035** (outcome statements and indicators for the city) or can you suggest improvements?
- Do you agree with **our shared values for the Belfast Agenda**?
- Do you agree with **the medium term priorities for Belfast’s community planning partners to focus on**?
- Do you agree with **our ‘stretch goals’ and proposals for ‘building momentum’**, or can you suggest improvements?

Engagement questions and approaches will be tailored to the groups/sectors/audiences being engaged via each method.

## 4. Consultation Methods

A summary of the proposed main elements of the consultation programme is provided below:

- a) **Consultation Launch** – opportunity to highlight Belfast Agenda consultation at 100 Resilient Cities conference on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016, along with associated social media and communications opportunities.
- b) **Area Briefing Events (x4 – N, S, E & W)**  
Information sessions to raise profile and inform about the Belfast contents, sign posting to consultation online and other workshop events, also to raise profile and provide information on Local Development Plan (LDP) and signpost to upcoming LDP Preferred Option Paper consultation.
- c) **Online consultation questionnaire on website**  
Through the council’s consultation portal, “citizen space” - stakeholders and communities will be encouraged to provide their feedback and comments.
- d) **Consultation Workshop Events**  
Facilitated discussion around the consultation questions from several perspectives. Targeted invites to key stakeholders and partners, including targeted engagement with the Voluntary and Community Sectors, around key themes and interests:
  - Indicators and Targets (Targeted to data/statisticians of relevant key CP Partners/Government Departments)
  - Business and Economy, Working and Learning
  - Living Here
  - City Development
- e) **Bespoke engagement activity/briefings with key partners/stakeholders/partnerships/s75 groupings as required (Nov- Feb)**  
Briefing presentation and discussion with key stakeholder groups, partnerships and other organisations including s75 Equality Consultative Forum, Youth Forum, Seniors Forum, Belfast Strategic Partnership, PCSP, Shared City Partnership, BHSCT Partnership group, Integrated Care Partnerships and others.
- f) **Engagement within Council**  
Elected Members will play a leading role in engagement across the city and the consultation period provides an important opportunity to discuss and refine the Belfast Agenda document further within the organisation. Therefore further party briefings and member workshops will be arranged as well as workshops with staff in the council as part of the development of the new corporate plan.