



People & Communities Committee

Planning Workshop

15 February 2017



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Welcome & Introduction

Councillor Matt Garrett



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What we have achieved – 2016/17

People and Communities Committee (20 Members)

Local Regeneration
Environmental Health
Waste Management
Parks and Allotments
Playgrounds
Cemeteries
Cleansing
Local Grant programme
Community Services
Community Safety

- Completed Phase 1 of the Connswater Community Greenway
- Delivered the Growing Communities, Pitches and Boxing Strategy and Volunteering policy
- Established the Departmental Change Programme and 5 Workstreams
- Approved the proposal for strategic management of waste in NI
- Developed and delivered an interface action plan
- Developed and delivered the children and young persons outcomes framework
- Reviewed household recycling and civic amenity site provision
- Invested in our playground refurbishment programme
- Delivered programmes to promote health, safety and wellbeing



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Strategic Overview

Chief Executive Suzanne Wylie

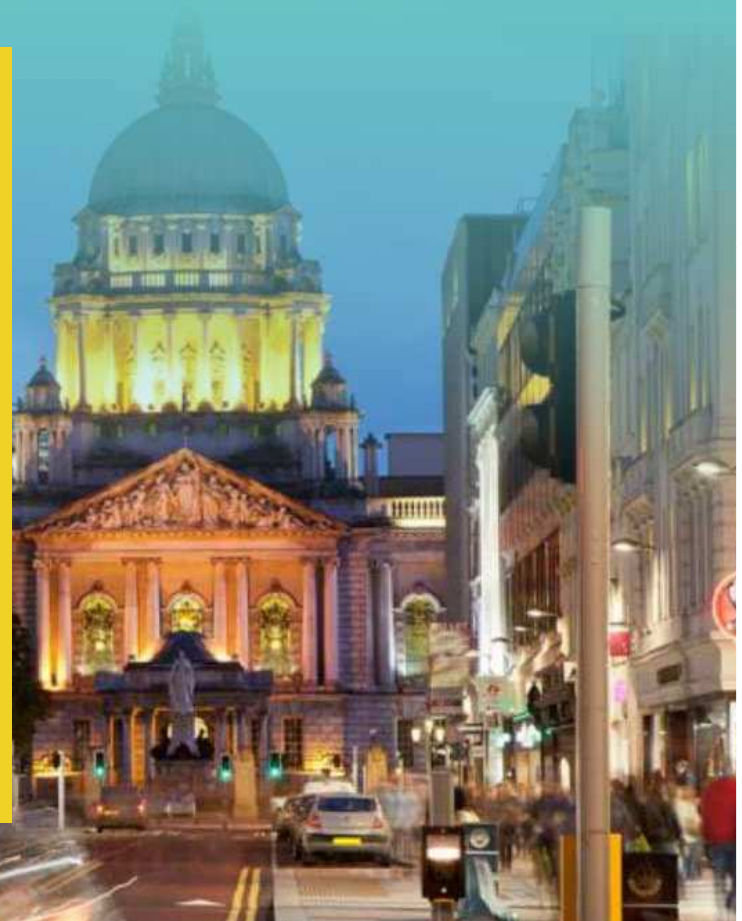


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A New Vision for Belfast in 2035

**Belfast will be a city re-imagined.
A great place to live for everyone.**

It will energise and drive a successful economy where everyone can reach their potential. Beautiful, well connected and culturally vibrant, it will be a city shared and loved by its people and admired around the world. It will be a producer of and magnet for talent, investment, innovation and creativity - a compassionate place where people create value and are valued.



- Create 15,000 new jobs
- Attract £1b private sector FDI
- Support 4K small business start ups
- Double the economic value of out-of-state tourism
- Welcome 1.5m overnight tourist stays per year

- Deliver £1b physical investment
- Deliver 1.8K social housing units
- Invest £1m to drive social innovation
- Ensure 4k young people participate in shared city programmes
- Reduce life expectancy gap
- Reduce interface barriers

- Grow city's rate base by 5%
- Create 1.5m sq feet of grade A office acc
- Create 2.5k new hotel bed spaces
- Increase use of sustainable transport by 15%
- Reduce waste going to landfill to 35%
- Increase % of residents satisfied with the city living experience
- 14 + in the UK Retail Ranking

- Reduce the gap between Belfast's economic inactivity rate and the NI average
- Reduce the proportion of the working age pop with no quals to less than 14%
- Increase the proportion of working age pop with Level 2 quals and above to 82% =
- Increase % of school leavers entering employment
- Reduce the gap in edu att

Growing the economy

- Create employment and opportunity
- Attract investment into Belfast
- Foster business growth in Belfast
- Strengthen business relationships and make it easy to do business
- Maximise the impact of the city region
- Increase tourism spend
- Reduce economic inequalities

Living here

- Improve neighbourhoods
- Improve the city living experience
- Improve community relations
- Reduce life inequalities
- Enable active, healthy and empowered citizens
- Provide fit-for-purpose city services
- Support and care for people who face multiple challenges
- Focus on younger and older people

City development

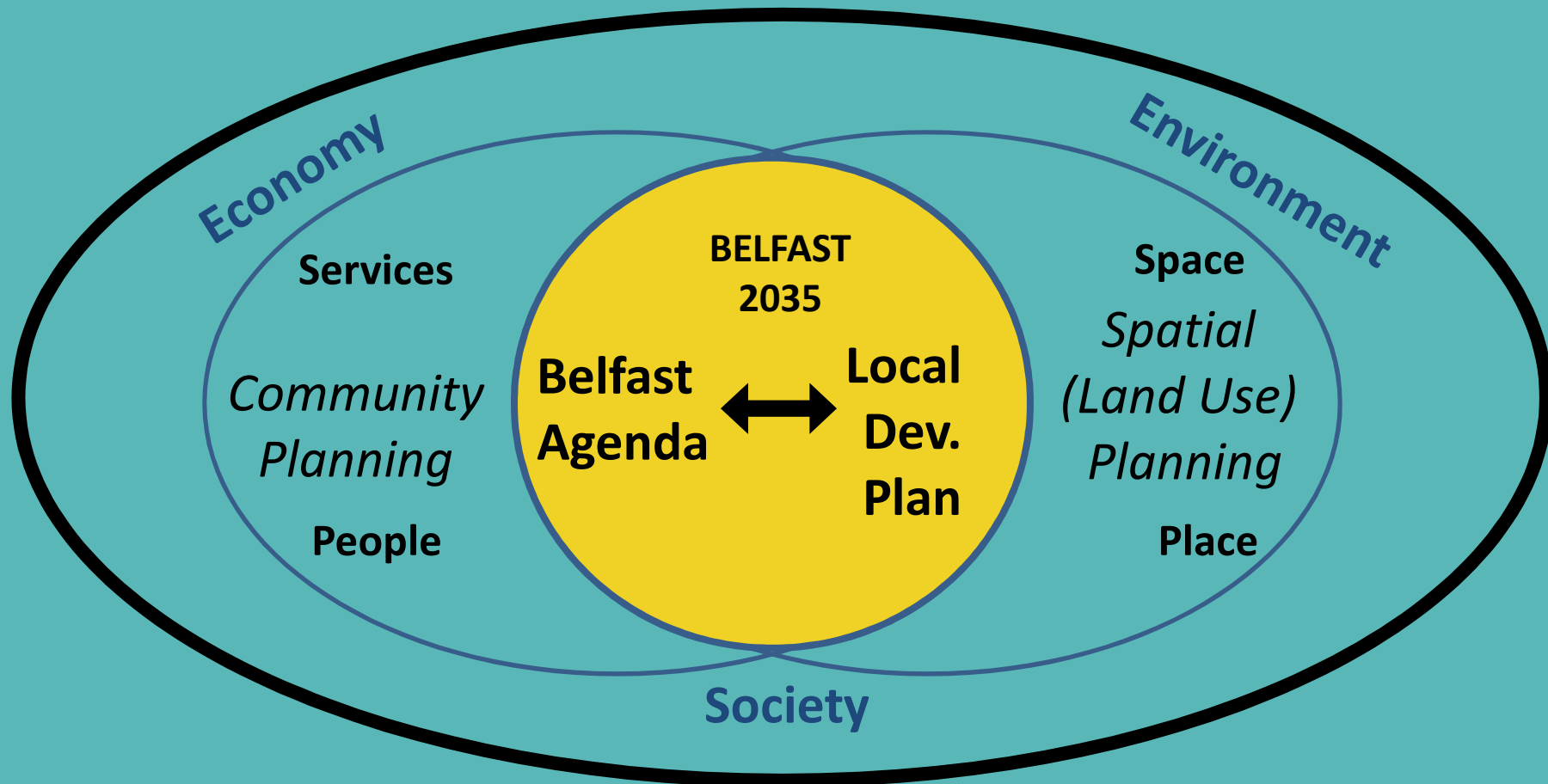
- Promote and position the city to compete
- Develop city's infrastructure and improve connectivity locally, nationally and internationally
- Drive the physical and cultural regeneration of the city centre
- Deliver key strategic physical projects and policies
- Attract more tourists
- Protect and enhance our environment and built heritage

Working and learning

- Address educational inequalities and increase skills attainment
- Address barriers to employment at structural and personal level
- Enhance and increase the skill levels of our residents and attract and retain even more skilled people
- Match people and skills to opportunities across Belfast
- Reduce poverty and economic inactivity

Belfast 2035 – linking people and place

What is the Local Development Plan (LDP)?



Adapted from Gavin Rafferty/Greg Loyd, Univ of Ulster, Dec 2014

How will we grow Belfast?

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland and lies at the heart of a wider built-up area in the east of the region. It drives much of the region's economic growth and is the main gateway into the country



Our strategic aims

Shaping a liveable place

Promoting development that enhances the health and wellbeing of communities, neighbourhoods and places.

A green and active place

A protected, enhanced and attractive natural setting, reinforcing uniqueness and accessibility to all who live, work and enjoy the city.

Creating a vibrant economy

A strengthened Belfast as the regional economic driver.

A smart connected and resilient place

Improving connectivity and supporting the efficient movement of people, goods, energy and information to create a dynamic, innovative 21st century city with the capacity for adaptation to environmental challenges.



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Director of City and Neighbourhood Services

Nigel Grimshaw



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Roundtable discussion 1

- What has worked well for Committee? (10mins)
- Where can we make a difference in the city? (5mins)
- What needs to improve? (5mins)



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Our Challenges

- The financial environment
- Integrating neighbourhood services
- Meeting customer needs and expectations
- Organisation Culture Legislative imperatives
- Policy implications – Brexit
- Political uncertainty



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AWGs – General Feedback

- Need for a more localised model for service delivery and co-located services
- Partnership working at area level could be prioritised
- Use of local area profiling expanded and used more for planning and reporting
- Limited capacity amongst community groups
- Common priorities are: Employment, Skills, Local businesses, Dereliction/local regeneration, Good relations



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AWGs - Specific Issues

North <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on young people• Education• Tourism as a missed opportunity	East <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leisure provision for males 18-30• Business start-up/entrepreneurship• Connection to TQ
South <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing affordability• Drug misuse	West <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing shortage• Pride in their area• Tourism• Schools



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What we will continue to deliver?

- An integrated community safety programme
- C&NS Departmental change programme
- An integrated good relations and interfaces programme
- Health inequalities programme
- Working with partners on the children and young people programme
- Waste management strategy and delivery plan



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Some emerging priorities?

- Neighbourhood regeneration programme
 - Area based planning and interventions
 - Community asset management
- Open Spaces Strategy and biodiversity action plan
- Progressing the economic potential of the circular economy
- Social innovation programme



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Roundtable discussion 2

- How do we translate the Belfast Agenda's priorities into action for committee?
- How can committee contribute effectively using its current resources?



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Next Steps & Close



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