

Appendix 10: Evidence of plan having regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the council's district or to any adjoining council's district

Belfast city council established the Metropolitan Area spatial Working Group (MASWG) in 2017 to bring together members and officers from the five councils (Belfast, Lisburn and Castlereagh, Antrim and Newtownabbey, Ards and North Down and Mid and East Antrim) with representatives from a number of government Departments. It provided a forum for discussions with neighbouring councils which helped identify opportunities to: develop cross boundary working, share information, review progress and to identify where feasible consensus on issues

MASWG Meeting and Matters Discussed:

Date	Host	
4th September 2017	A&NBC	ToR Timetables Shared Priorities and Potential Synergies Transport Strategic Housing Market Environment Retail Hierarchy Information Exchange/Engagement Future Meeting Approach
1st November 2017	BCC	Housing <i>Population & Housing Growth</i> <i>Housing Needs</i> <i>Urban Capacity Study</i> <i>Overspill/de-zoning</i> <i>Affordable housing</i> <i>Design</i> Transport <i>Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan</i> <i>Regional/Belfast Infrastructure Plan</i> <i>Accessibility analysis</i> <i>BRT</i> <i>Belfast Bicycle Network Plan</i>
26th January 2018	L&CCC	Countryside Retailing Employment/economy Housing Transport BMAP Soundness
13th April 2018	A&NDBC	Housing Employment Transport
17th September 2018	M&EABC	Stat Consultee Updates Emerging BMTS BCC Draft Plan Strategy

Additional Meetings and correspondence with adjoining councils

Date	Subject	Adjoining Council	Further info
06/05/2016	Heads of Planning meeting	11 Councils attended	Heads of Planning Officers
22/07/2016	Planning Managers meeting	11 Councils attended	Heads of Planning Officers
16/09/2016	Planning Managers meeting	11 Councils attended	Heads of Planning Officers
28/09/2016	BCC Local Development Plan- Pre POP	Antrim and Newtownabbey, LCCC and ANDBC	Letter sent to council's inviting for further consultation re: pop
21/10/2016	Planning Managers meeting	11 Councils attended	Heads of Planning Officers
12/01/2017	LDP Meeting	LCCC	Agenda and minutes
13/01/2017	LDP Meeting	Antrim and Newtownabbey	Copy of minutes
17/01/2017	Cross boundary Issues	Antrim and Newtownabbey	Follow up email regarding cross boundary
20/03/2017	Belfast POP discussed at ANBC Planning Committee	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	Copy of Committee minutes
19/04/2017	LDP cross boundary issues	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	Copy of Committee minutes
20/04/2017	Belfast POP discussed at LCCC Planning Committee	LCCC	Copy of Committee minutes

Response to adjoining councils POP

- BCC Responded to ANBC POP consultation on 5/4/2017
- BCC Responded to LCCC POP consultation on 18/5/2017
- BCC Responded to ANDBC POP consultation on 2/8/2019

All responses noted the continued joint working to consider overall policy approaches and cross-boundary issues. These responses included consideration of synergies and any divergence between

BCC's approach and the proposed approach of the neighbouring authorities. In addition, the following responses were received in response to BCC's POP – these were considered in preparing the DPS:

- ANBC Responded to BCC POP on 29/3/2017
- LCCC Responded to BCC POP on 20/4/2017
- ANDBC did NOT response to BCC POP consultation.