



Local government and planning reform: shaping healthier communities

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Health Inequalities and challenges in Belfast

Those in lower socio-economic groups can expect:

- To die 7 years earlier
- An infant mortality rate 50% higher
- Children 7 times more likely to die as a result of RTA



- 7 of the 10 most deprived wards for health in NI
- Highest level of unfit houses in NI
- 30% leave school with no qualifications
- 1/3 economically inactive





Elements of a healthy/sustainable community





Local Government Reform

Executive's Vision for Local Government:

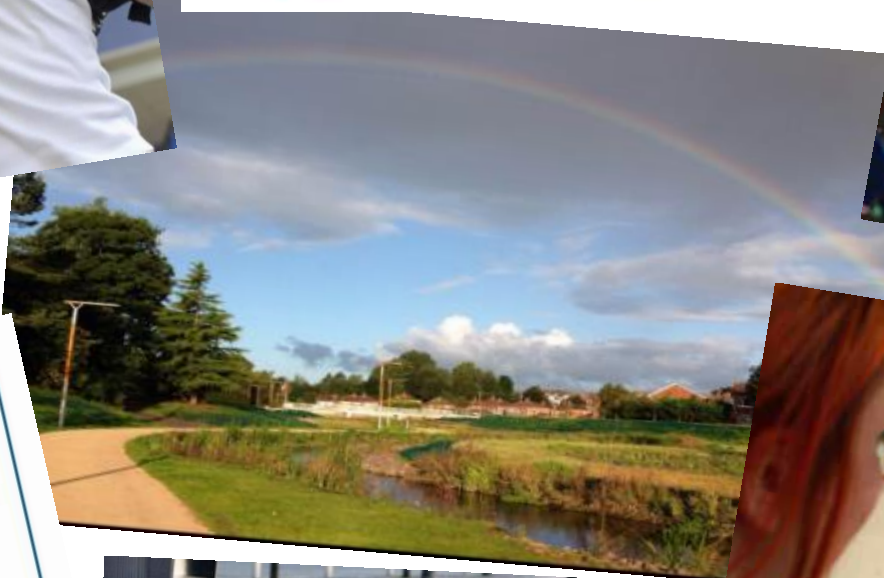
“...a strong, dynamic local government creating communities that are vibrant, healthy, prosperous, safe, sustainable and have the needs of all citizens at their core.”

In theory, community planning will be the key tool through which to make this happen



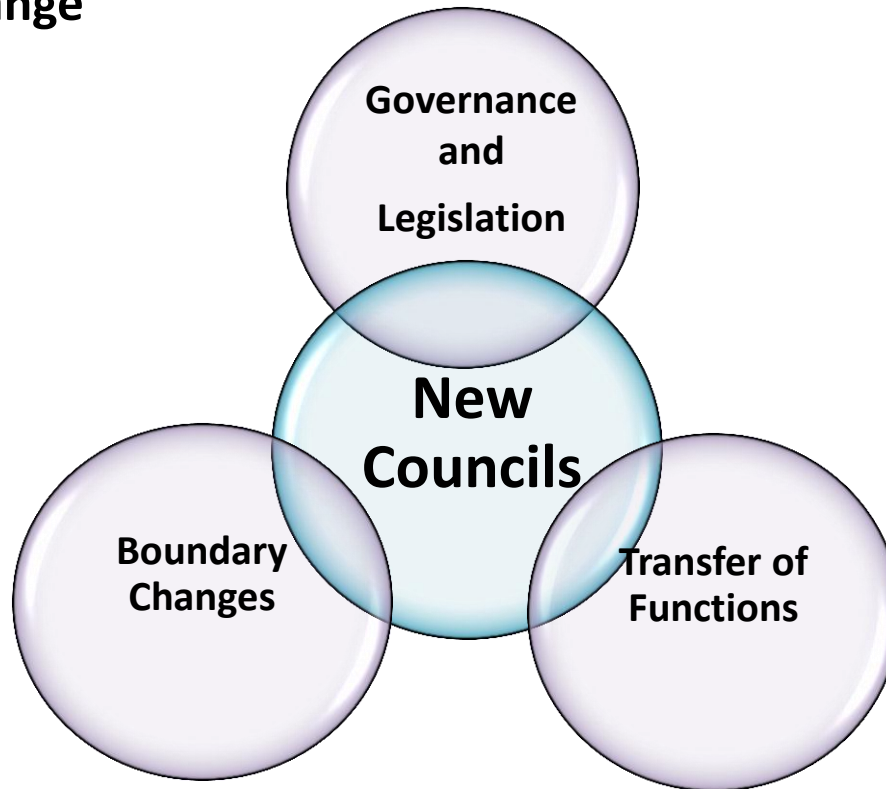


Health/Deprivation: role of Councils



Local Government Reform: Opportunities

Drivers for change



Making local councils **stronger, more cost effective** and **citizen focused**



Local Development Plan

An aerial photograph of Belfast, Ireland, showing the city's layout, including the River Lagan, major roads, and various landmarks. Three blue text boxes are overlaid on the map. The top box is centered over the Clifton House area. The middle box is centered over the University of Ulster. The bottom box is centered over the Cathedral Quarter area. A small blue arrow points from the top box to the middle box.

Local Development Plan – spatial priorities

Local Policies – how the priorities are to be applied

Planning process – Decisions/Implementation

Planning: opportunities?



Leading the case for Belfast

The next Programme for Government

The Government's strategic economic, social, and environmental priorities Northern Ireland

Getting commitments from Government to contribute to Belfast's imperatives

The Belfast Agenda

The community planning and spatial planning processes will help us agree the **vision** and **long term outcomes** for the city. Developed with our partners the resulting 'Belfast Agenda' will determine the priorities and imperatives for the city.

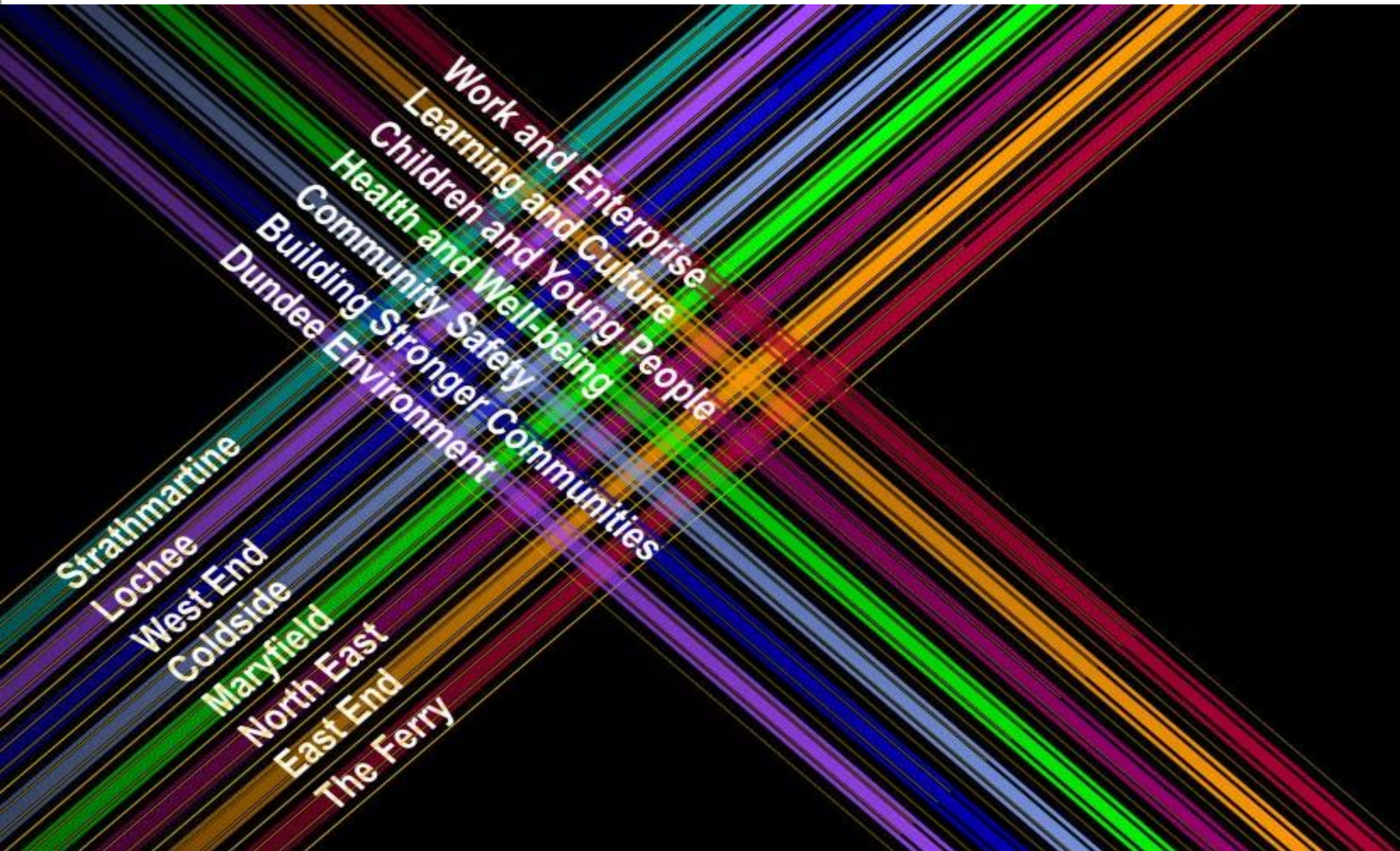
The council's and our partners' plans and strategic priorities for the city

Local Development Plan (post 2015 spatial plan)

This will replace BMAP and be the city's long term spatial development plan



Dundee - A weave!



Fife



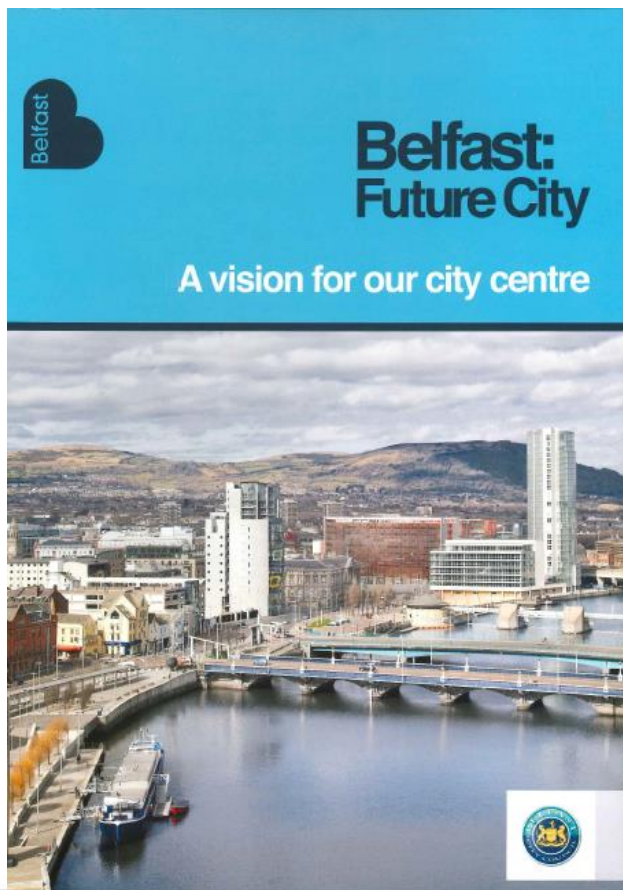
Emerging themes for a Belfast Agenda





City centre regeneration and the economy challenge.....

- Creating the conditions for growth and success?



Our response:
City Centre Investment &
Regeneration Framework



Green spaces



Connectivity



The skills & employment challenge

Skills and employability also impact on:

- Ability of city to attract inward investment
- Pay levels (and knock-on spend in the economy)
- Correlation with poor health and social issues (e.g. Crime and antisocial behaviour)



Opportunities

•Regeneration



•Community Planning



Enhanced Ability to Shape Place

the planning and regeneration authority



Belfast Convention Centre

Girdwood





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Belfast Rapid Transit

Andersonstown Leisure Centre



Building on Strengths



Next Steps

- Planning and regeneration functions
- City Centre regeneration
- Neighbourhood focus – targeted regeneration
- Economic growth and investment
- Dealing with inequality
- Integrating services
- New relationships with central government



What's required

- Shared planning process
- Long term ambition for the city, outcomes and programmes and interventions
- Understanding what makes an impact
- Engagement with communities and stakeholders
- Pragmatic partnership structures
- Measuring our success



