

Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015

The Northern Ireland Planning Service

The Belfast Metropolitan Area has the largest concentration of population and commercial activity in Northern Ireland. Securing its prosperity and vibrancy is vital to the economic, environmental and social well-being of the Region.

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The Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland 2025, agreed by the NI Assembly in September 2001, provides a vision of a thriving Belfast Metropolitan Area centred on a revitalised City of Belfast. It also provides a complementary vision for Belfast City as being the regional capital and a major focus for commerce, services, cultural amenities and employment opportunities.

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The Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan is currently being prepared and will cover the six District Council Areas that comprise the Metropolitan area, including Belfast City. It has a significant role to play in achieving both these visions and contains a Strategic Planning Framework for Belfast City that:

- Promotes a strong city centre with a multi-functional role and as a focus for commerce.
- Recognises the important role of the Belfast Harbour Area, in particular Belfast Port and City Airport, and identifies Titanic Quarter as a mixed-use redevelopment opportunity of major significance.
- Provides a wide range of opportunities for employment, office and commercial activity throughout the city.
- Includes a wide range of proposals relating to urban design and environmental protection.
- Accommodates widespread opportunities for new housing across all parts of the city.

Arlene Foster (Minister for the Environment) and Mike Smith (Chief Executive of Titanic Quarter) survey the site from above

