

## Examples of forms of early participation in preparing City-wide Plans and Strategies

### **Data gathering methods:**

1. Quality of life survey  
To determine problems which residents face; to inform strategic choices in response
2. Priorities and needs survey  
To determine what residents see as the top priorities for intervention and to inform balance of plans e.g. jobs; housing – if jobs are key, then arguments for a stronger attention to employment-expanding economic growth strategies is mandated
3. Direct and detailed surveys on priorities or proposals for planning

### **City-wide Specialist and small group meetings:**

1. Sector-based consultation meetings  
At a city scale, or at sub-metropolitan scales, to invite representatives of organisations from different sectors to meet to discuss priorities and/or responses to specific proposals e.g. community (residents associations, non-governmental organisations, community-based activities, advocacy groups); business; labour; government agencies (central or regional bodies, quangos, neighbouring authorities)
2. Topic-based cross-sector meetings  
Planning thematics which concern a number of different sectors to allow early engagement across different sectors and interests to seek common ground and shared ideas, and to debate concerns. E.g. housing (residents associations, housing campaigning and advocacy groups, housing delivery bodies, developers); environment; transport etc.
3. Area or ward based meetings to build city-wide and area priorities  
Sector and/or topic based meetings at local area scale with representative and active local organisations to consider specific needs of local communities.
4. Stakeholder meetings  
High level meetings with key stakeholders across all sectors. These could include larger scale meetings e.g. conferences with workshops and practical engagements to enable debate to set priorities across different interest groups or debate different possibilities.
5. Orchestrated city-wide early consultation on priorities to feed directly into the planning process  
A programme of sector, topic and area based meetings to assemble priorities and insights for informing the planning process.
6. Public or Mass meetings  
Large scale conference with open attendance to engage a wide public on planning priorities.

### **Inclusive Management processes**

e.g. Stakeholder steering committee. Inclusion of representatives of different interests across sectors and areas to inform the planning process and enable ongoing debate of priorities.