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1. In response to question 3 of topic 17 (Strategic Housing Allocation Strategy), the Council provided the figures for the 2012-based, 2014-based, 2016-based, and 2018-based population projections for Mid and East Antrim from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency and compared these with the 2020 mid-year population estimates. It did so in order to demonstrate that the population projections relied on were broadly in line with the latest population estimate. Commissioner Daly invited the Council to submit this information in writing along with a graph comparing the population projections with the population estimate.
2. The data can be found in Table 1.

Table 1: Population projections and estimates data

	2012	2017	2018	2019	2020
2020 mid-year population estimates (2020)	135,838	138,152	138,773	139,274	139,443
2018-based projections	-	-	138,773	139,235	139,660
2016-based projections	-	138,166	138,622	139,070	139,476
2014-based projections	-	138,200	138,644	139,072	139,485
2012-based projections	135,838	137,818	138,194	138,541	138,876
% difference between 2012-based population projections and 2020 mid-year population estimates	0%	+0.24%	+0.42%	+0.53%	+0.41%

Sources:

- 2020 mid-year population estimates <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2020-mid-year-population-estimates-northern-ireland>
- 2018-based population projections <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2018-based-population-projections-areas-within-northern-ireland>
- 2016-based population projections <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2016-based-population-projections-areas-within-northern-ireland>
- 2014-based population projections <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2014-based-population-projections-areas-within-northern-ireland>
- 2012-based population projections <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2012-based-population-projections-areas-within-northern-ireland>

3. Figure 1 over the page shows the trajectory of the various projections over the plan period. It shows broad alignment between historic projections and subsequent population estimates.

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