

10 PRACTICAL ACTIONS FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



PROACTIVELY ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION

Provision of appropriate support to enable those with caring responsibilities to participate.



APPROPRIATE MONITORING

Annual (light-touch) reviews to consider inclusion (S75 groups).



DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

Availability of development and support expertise to work directly with local communities – capacity building and animation; secondments into groups.



ROBUST OVERSIGHT

Oversight committee should include some representatives from outside the programme e.g. Lottery, PEACE and from outside Northern Ireland; direct channels between DAERA, delivery body and community.



NEW WAYS TO CONSULT

Different means to consult including social events in community spaces, events organised through youth organisation, and virtual activities.



REDEFINING VALUE

Testing new ways of capturing 'value' and shifting the narrative away from jobs and economy to recognise wider benefits from community cohesion and wellbeing. Tools to explore include Social Value Engine and wellbeing indicators.



HORIZON SCANNING

Testing new ways of working e.g. participatory budgeting.



DELEGATED FUNDS

Delegated funds to respond to ideas emerging from within the community that do not fall within programme parameters.



TRAINING

Training for those wishing to become involved in delivery mechanisms.



CASH FLOW

Making funds available up-front for those groups with few resources.

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