

DELIVERING A NEW RURAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

1 DO MORE OF

- Building community power and trust
- Placing people at the centre of the process
- Community asset building
- Calculated risk taking
- Inclusive programme design
- Recognising and valuing local knowledge

2 KEEP DOING

- Supporting rural communities and rural networks
- Grassroots involvement
- Collaboration
- Delegating decision making

3 START DOING

- Effective monitoring and evaluation
- Animation and capacity building
- Knowledge and exchange
- Developing a place-based approach
- Working in wider partnerships
- Targeting interventions to bring in new actors
- Strategic programme development and oversight
- Creating multiple entry points
- Regular review of participation of Section 75 groups
- Aligning expectations
- Programmatic innovation e.g. capturing impact beyond monetary value

4 LESS OF

- Predominance of civil service and local government structures
- Prioritising product over processes
- Focus on spend
- Excessive bureaucracy and audit
- Uneven relations (council, social partners, DAERA, men-women)
- Council-centric approach
- High barriers to entry
- Inflexibility in programme priorities and administration
- Marginalisation of Section 75 groups

5 STOP DOING

- Centralised decision making
- Assuming that one size fits all
- Grant programming
- Using intimidating meeting processes
- Decision making behind closed doors

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