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Dear Colleague

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

POLICY REVIEW OF COMMUNITY REGENERATION

Background

Over the last 12 months, the Local Government and Housing Committee of the National Assembly undertook a policy review on the role of community groups in community regeneration. The review examined the streamlining and financing of existing policies together with the role of partnerships in developing those policies. The Committee agreed the draft report

at the end of June and it is expected that the report will be published shortly.

The purpose of writing is to advise that the Committee is now undertaking Part II of its policy review of community regeneration and will be concentrating on Capacity Building.

Invitations on submissions

The Committee wishes to invite you to contribute to its consideration by providing a written submission setting out your organisation's views on the policies and programmes aimed at capacity building within community regeneration, including any detailed factual information that may be relevant. There is no prescribed format for submissions, but you may find it helpful to bear in mind the following terms of reference for the review. I have also set out a list of issues that you may wish to address in your response.

The Committee may, in due course, wish to invite you to give an oral presentation in support of your written submission.

Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the next stage of the review are:

- to consider the arrangements for raising the capacity of communities to participate in the regeneration agenda;
- to consider the arrangements for developing the capacity of key public agencies to work in partnership with communities;
- To examine ways of addressing the shortfall of qualified community regeneration staff to meet the demands of the regeneration programmes.

Issues to be addressed

In taking forward the review, the Committee will be considering the following questions (this is not an exhaustive list but is intended to provide a flavour of the sorts of issues the Committee will wish to address):

- What are the roles of the National Assembly, local authorities, and the voluntary sector and community groups in the capacity building process?
- What training requirements are there to enable statutory sector staff to work in community settings?

- What mechanisms are required to provide community members with the skill and confidence to act as effective participants in regeneration partnerships?
- What can be done to ensure effective participation and involvement of residents in local communities and local voluntary bodies in the regeneration process?
- What support mechanisms are required to sustain community participation?
- What training needs and provision can be identified to ensure the development of a qualified and competent community regeneration workforce?
- How can community regeneration training for paid workers and community volunteers be made available throughout Wales?
- Are there any other comments you would like to make in relation to the issues that the Committee is considering?

Publication of Responses

Unless contributors ask for their submission to remain confidential, the Committee intends that all responses will be available for public scrutiny.

Timetable

I would be grateful if you could forward any submission you may wish to make to me by Friday 11th October 2002.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached list. In addition, a copy of this letter has been placed on the National Assembly's web-site with an open invitation to submit views.

Yours sincerely

Roger Chaffey

Committee Clerk