

## **APPENDIX 3**



9 July 2009

**To: All Chief Executives**

Dear Colleague

As you are aware, it is proposed as part of the RPA process to introduce legislation to enable Councils to lead and facilitate Community Planning. To this end PDP A has been charged with bringing forward policy proposals to shape the legislation and statutory guidance in regard to Community Planning.

PDP A has set up a sub group to take this forward. The sub group consists of the DOE/NILGA secretariat and officers from Council who have knowledge of community planning initiatives. It was originally proposed to run community planning pilots but due to timescale and lack of immediate resources we have proposed, and the Strategic Leadership Board agreed, that this should be a programme of activities from which Transition Councils can select actions. This will address the short term needs of the community planning process and enable us to evaluate what the guidance should contain. However we are conscious if this work is to progress we need to attract resources in the medium term. To this end we have had discussion with SEUPB with the view to submitting an application through PEACE III Measure 2.2. We hope to submit this in the autumn.

As this will be an application which will include all Councils we require a letter of support from all 26 Councils. Can you please seek the agreement of your Council to issue a letter of support for the application? We will of course agree the content of the application with all Councils prior to submission.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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Liam Hannaway  
Chief Executive