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## **PPN Toolkit for the Development of Community Wellbeing Visions**

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As you are aware, a PPN Toolkit for the Development of PPN Community Wellbeing Visions for This and Future Generations was launched at the 2018 National PPN Conference in Athlone last October, where the four PPNs involved in the initial pilot process provided a very useful insight into their experience with this initiative.

From the outset in the development of PPNs, it was envisaged that each PPN would develop a Community Wellbeing Statement or Vision at both Municipal District and County/City level. A Community Wellbeing Vision is designed to set out the vision and main issues of the PPN member groups, to inform both the PPN and the wide range of external agencies and policy makers with which it engages. It is important that this Vision is developed through an open and participative process that involves all member groups.

Following the conclusion of the pilot toolkit process and an evaluation of same, the Department has agreed to fund the roll-out of this important initiative to the remaining PPNs, who were either not part of the pilot process and have not made alternative arrangements to develop their own Vision for Community Wellbeing. This project will entail the delivery of regional training for PPN Resource Workers and Secretariat members and the provision of resources and additional supports to enable PPNs to effectively engage in this process and produce a robust final document capable of implementation.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight this initiative and request that you fully engage with this process. The development of a Community Wellbeing Vision which outlines the key issues that member groups in a PPN area consider important for their communities, is especially relevant in the context of the forthcoming local elections, following which the membership of a number of local authority committees will change. This Vision will provide a roadmap for the existing and new PPN representatives on the various local authority committees to ensure that the needs of their individual communities are reflected in the work of these committees.

The Department has also made additional resources available to each PPN in 2019, in terms of funding to engage a PPN Support Worker, to support this important initiative.

Best wishes,



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