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Dear

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
POLICY REVIEW OF COMMUNITY REGENERATION**

Background

The Local Government and Housing Committee of the National Assembly is undertaking a policy review on the role of community groups in community regeneration.

The review will examine the funding and delivery of the 60 or so Assembly initiatives that are aimed at community regeneration. It will consider whether the money is being targeted effectively and delivered in the right way by the right organisations. It will recommend whether there is a case for streamlining the existing funding arrangements.

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 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.



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Terms of reference

The terms of reference of the review are:

To consider:

- the policies and programmes aimed at community regeneration which have been adopted by the National Assembly and its sponsored bodies with a view to making recommendations for streamlining the existing programmes and improving the arrangements for delivery;
- the financing for those policies and programmes;
- the role of partnerships in developing community regeneration;
- what further issues the Committee should address on other aspects of the community regeneration agenda, taking account of the work that has been undertaken for the *Communities First* programme.

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, the voluntary sector and community groups in the community regeneration process?
- Are these roles adequately defined and appropriate?
- Is the money being targeted effectively? (Are people clear on what money is available for community regeneration and from what sources?)
- Is the money reaching the targeted areas?
- Is the service being delivered in the right way by the right organisations?
- Is there clarity about the support and services that are available for community development and community regeneration?
- Who should be responsible for administering the funds?
- Is funding adequate?
- What are the most effective mechanisms for distributing the funds?
- What lessons have we learned about community regeneration and how it is funded?
- How can existing funding arrangements be improved?
- What can be done to ensure effective participation and involvement of residents in local communities and local voluntary bodies in the regeneration process?
- 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 12th October 2001.

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

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Committee Clerk