**Recommendation to the LCDC, 21 September 2022**

On 21 September, the DC PPN resource worker, made a short presentation to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), with regards to the recently published Mazars’ PPN structural review report.

The resource worker asked the committee to support the DC PPN recommendation to the Department of Rural and Community Development to choose Option 2, of 3 options, with regards to a structural review of the PPNs across the country.

The deadline for PPNs to make a submission to the Department was **31 August 2022**, and requests for comments had been made in the PPN Bulletins on 15 July, 22 July 05 August, and 19 August. Only three anecdotal comments were collected, consequently, DC PPN did not make an official submission.

The PPN reps on the LCDC asked the resource worker to make one last request to the PPN, via the weekly Bulletin, to ask for comments/feedback. If you have any comments or feedback please send them to info@dublincityppn.ie by 01 October.

The three main options are:

Option 1: Simplify and create a national coordination structure.

Option 2: Create a national coordination, communication and support structure.

Option 3: Create a national independent structure to lead and support local PPNs.

“…a structure is not an end in itself, but a means of achieving a particular strategy or delivering specified outcomes. The structures outlined are not mutually exclusive, and one structural option can act as a means of transition to the next if required” (page 47).

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**Option 2** would provide additional communication resources to the administrative staff of the PPN, which would make future consultations, such as those connected to the LECP of 2023, more reliable. All supports would also be gratefully received. It is already appreciated that Dublin City Council have provided an additional, once off grant of 55, 000 euro, for supports for Representatives and Secretariat. Further supports from the Department, would also be appreciated.

The Department is convening a Roadmap Implementation Working Group, and DC PPN hope to have one representative on this group. If the LCDC could support the administrative staff’s choice of Option 2, this would be helpful.

Please contact Ruth if you have any questions or comments.