

Dr Kevin Pelan
Committee Clerk
Social Development Committee
Room 412 Parliament Buildings
Belfast BT4 3XX

Dear Dr Pelan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Business Improvement District legislation.

The draft legislation was considered by the Carrickfergus Regeneration Partnership and the following comments were made:

- 2(1) In relation to provision for joint BIDS between Councils, will this necessitate the establishment of a Joint Council Committee? A lead partner approach is less bureaucratic and more flexible.
- 7(5) We believe that 25% participation in the ballot is too low a figure, and suggest that this be increased to 40%.
- 14(1) Does the account have to be held by Council? If so, how will the relevant ratepayers control the account? Who is accountable for the money, and who is responsible?
- We understand that secondary legislation will be introduced which will provide further detail on the scheme. Will this include further detail on the format and scope of BID proposals?

Kind regards

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