

Neighbourhood Renewal
Partnerships – What are the
practical and other issues that
people/partnerships face?

What *is* Neighbourhood Renewal and What is it *not*

IS

- Residents at its heart
- Joined-up/Co-ordinated service delivery

IS NOT

- Simply more funding for Community/Voluntary Sector but neither does it represent
- Pot of money for statutory agencies

- How do we now deliver
Neighbourhood Renewal?

Community Engagement

- If communities are suffering from Consultation Fatigue – ‘**Consulted Out**’ then how to engage them again?
- Has Peace I & II resulted in the death of the voluntary sector?
- Real resident involvement, does it exist?
- Fostering Dependency or Building Capacity?

NRP/ships – Possible Issues that Arise

- **Internal** –

Representation - *Proportionality*

Funding Allocation – *Who ultimately decides?*

Conflicts of Interest – *Inevitable*
(*Management of matters*)

NR – Possible Issues

- **External** –

Limited Funding - *Hard Decisions*

Statutory Agencies – *Poor ‘Buy-In’*

Additionality?

BRO+ or Real/Pure NR?

NR – Possible Issues

Choices –

Cross-Community – Resource Allocation

Need vs Fair Share

Transition Period – Neighbourhood Renewal ‘*Lite*’

Do Groups Represent Residents’ Interests?

Back Door Lobbying – Need for Strong Government

NR – Possible Issues

- How to Involve Residents
- Need for Quick Wins versus Long Term Strategy
- Action Planning informed by meeting Neighbourhood Needs
not continuation funding for existing resources whether
needed or not
- Change Thinking away from Time Limited Programmes to
Longer Term
- The ‘Enemy Within’ Syndrome – those who may lose most in
NR benefit most from undermining process

NR – Future

Is there a need for additional community consultation/audits/gap analysis etc given the multitude of existing reports? Or

Is community consultation simply an animation exercise?

Strengthen and Deepen Partnership through joint working on smaller budgets

Need for evidence of commitment by partnership members

Is NR a Trojan Horse for the ‘restructuring’ of the Community/voluntary Sector?

Is the C/V sector now afraid to take budget responsibility after calling for such input for years?

Back to basics

- Neighbourhood Needs NOT Group Need
- Cultural/Attitudinal Change on the part of ALL partners – Mutual Respect and Understanding
- Mainstreaming-Making a real difference to the lives of residents

- My personal ‘Hobbyhorse’
- Addressing the factors underlying Economic Inactivity within communities
- Macro/Micro Analysis - Actions

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