

Sample PPN Pre Budget Submission

Sample Introduction

(WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOU DO, PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS, METHODS USED)

County Wicklow PPN is an independent network of Community, Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental Groups gathered from across all the municipal districts. Wicklow PPN actively works to build better communities by providing a structure for community groups in the county to nominate community representatives to decision and policy making bodies in the county,

County Wicklow PPN works to promote the well being of both the present and future populations by ensuring that the community gets a say in how their local government operates. Wicklow PPN has been active since **(INSERT YEAR)** and currently has **(INSERT NUMBER)** member groups.

The PPN is managed by a voluntary secretariat which reports to the member groups through a plenary. The PPN has a vision for Community well-being which guides and influences short, medium and long terms goals. The vision is concerned with all aspects of well being as they are all connected. As well as the importance of good physical and mental health, communities thrive in prosperous healthy environments with inclusive access to a variety of amenities. By working together, the PPN identifies actions that communities can undertake and work alongside local government to create a better place to live for all.

The PPN has been successful in securing funding previously for works to improve, resulting in The PPN was also successful in accessing an ongoing funding allocation for the These vital projects go a long way to improving the well being of the community.

In preparing this pre budget submission, the PPN held **(INSERT NUMBER)** focus groups, town hall meetings **(OR OTHER METHOD OF GATHERING INPUT/INFORMATION)** across the **county/town/specific demographic** to gather together the views and opinions of the organisations represented by the PPN. There was equal representation cross the community and voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups with over **(INSERT NUMBER)** member groups attending across the sessions. A survey was circulated to those organisations who were unable to attend. The views contained in this pre budget submission are representative.

Focus of our Submission

(HERE YOU SET OUT THE SITUATION - WHERE WE ARE NOW– THE A PART OF THE ANALYSIS)

This submission is about a retrofit of a local authority housing estate or part of.

This section could contain information about the housing estate, year built, how many units, any voids, tenancy types. Can information be gathered directly from the residents about the energy costs associated with heating and providing energy to their homes? This section could spell out the

real impacts of living in a home that has insufficient insulation and possibly associated high energy costs.

CSO SAP MAPs provide some good local area information: [Central Statistics Office - Census 2016 Small Area Population Statistics](#)

Some definitions and statistics about fuel / energy poverty and the impact on low income community (if applicable)

https://www.publichealth.ie/files/file/FuelPoverty_0.pdf

<https://www.cardi.ie/userfiles/Fuel%20Poverty%20%28web%20version%29%20%282%29%281%29.pdf>

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324647620_Left_Behind_in_the_Cold_Dublin_10_and_20_MABS_Report

Our Proposals- Recommendation

(THIS IS THE B OF THE ANALYSIS – WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE HAPPEN)

This section sets out the goal or aim of the submission – what exactly is the aim? What will change? Who will it impact? How many? How much?

So in this example the PPN is working with the residents of a Local Authority housing estate to request a deep energy retrofit of their houses. It would make sense to do every house in a development at the same time.

Start with the Budget – Look at the Tables on page 64 and 65 of the Wicklow Co Co Budget 2021 - [Draft Budget 2021.pdf \(wicklow.ie\)](#) – there are a few areas under which this funding could be sourced.

Tying your proposals to the Sustainable Development Goals might be useful for framing

<https://www.cso.ie/en/unsdgs/>

This piece is about tenant engagement with the local authority – may be useful for framing

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Housing/Social-Housing/Estate-Management>

A recent presentation for the Housing Agency – start at 11.20 for Sligo Co Co Retrofit information on the benefits to tenants

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rEO4dTNNwE>

Costings – Planning Timetable

(THIS IS THE C – HOW DO YOU GET THE JOB DONE AND IMPORTANTLY, PAID FOR)

The following link may be useful to show how extra funding can be sourced

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/free-upgrades-for-eligible-homes/>

The annual budgets for the council can be found here – 2021 sees a commitment to continuing upgrading of social housing stock

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Your-Council/Finance/Finance-Publications>

Figures for each county by year for units and spend on retrofitting since 2013 are here – Will give some guidance on costs

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/social-housing/energy-efficiencyretrofitting/energy-efficiency-retrofitting-programme>

The spend on upgrading of social housing stock in 2019

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Portals/0/Documents/Finance/Procurement/Public-Spending-Code/Public%20Spending%20Code%20Report%202019.pdf>

Conclusion

Re iterate the key points again. What is the issue? What is the vision and the benefits for the future if the maintenance or upgrade work was completed? How can it be done and paid for?