

Public Participation Network Representative
Wicklow Public Participation Network

By email: info@countywicklowppn.ie

8 October 2025

Re: Local Democracy Taskforce Targeted Stakeholder Consultation Process

Dear Public Participation Network Representative,

Thank you for submitting a response to the Local Democracy Taskforce Targeted Stakeholder Consultation. As set out in the Taskforce's Terms of Reference: "A wide stakeholder engagement will be central to the development of the Taskforce's recommendations". Your organisation's engagement with the process is greatly appreciated and will be of great benefit to the ongoing work of the Taskforce. The wealth of knowledge and experiences included in all the submissions emphasises the interconnection of local government with numerous aspects of Irish life and society.

In total seventy-seven submissions were received.¹ The full submissions have been made available [here](#). As part of the Taskforce's analysis of the submissions, five papers were created, one for each section of the consultation paper (Structures, Funding, Functions and Governance and Accountability, and General and Conclusion). Within each paper, the submissions were aggregated by question and arranged by organisation type. A summary document identifying the key issues/topics/themes in the submissions was also produced. The Taskforce agreed to make these six papers available online and can be found [here](#).

For additional information about the [Local Democracy Taskforce](#) please follow the link. If you have any queries, please get in touch with localgovernmenttaskforce@housing.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely,

¹ This includes eight from Public Participation Networks and eleven from Local Community Development Committees.

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Chairperson, Local Democracy Taskforce