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Dear Liz

TOWARDS AN ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY: NEW TSN- THE WAY FORWARD A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT PHASE TWO

Having responded to *Towards an anti-poverty strategy: New TSN - the way forward* in October 2004 NIACRO is disappointed that it is being asked to comment upon 'phase two' of what appears to be the same consultation document rather than an actual anti-poverty strategy for Northern Ireland.

There appears to be little substantive change from the original document or indeed evidence of any learning from the 103 formal responses submitted being incorporated into the content of the phase two document. As such we feel the observations and arguments we made in our original response are still relevant.

We would also like to state that like 180 other organisations in the voluntary and community sector NIACRO signed up to the sectoral response submitted by NICVA in 2004. This has not been acknowledged or referenced in **Section 4 Response to Consultation**. As NICVA's response was critical of *New TSN - the way forward* it is misleading to claim in reference to the phase one consultation that *'in general, this consultation process revealed a broad support for the general 'architecture' of the strategy including its priorities for targeted actions'* (page 42, 4.7).

We intend to endorse the request by NICVA for a meeting with Lord Rooker to discuss the widespread concerns the voluntary and community sector shares about the proposed anti-poverty strategy as outlined in the phase two document.

Yours sincerely



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