

## ANTI POVERTY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

### BREAKDOWN OF MAIN POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO MINISTERIALLY- LED ANTI POVERTY FORUM PROPOSALS

#### POSITIVE

<b>Summary of <u>main emerging views</u> received on: CO-ORDINATION THROUGH MINISTERIALLY-LED INTER-DEPARTMENT / INTER SECTORAL ANTI POVERTY FORUM TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGY, INCLUDING MONITORING TARGETS FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND PROGRESS AGAINST THESE.</b>	
<b>Summary of comments</b>	<b>Approximate Level of Support:</b>
Support establishment of a Ministerially-led Forum generally.	<b>56</b>
<b>In addition:</b>  Some suggestions that Forum could be chaired by existing related Forums, eg the Ministerial Group on Public Health; or linked to the Investing for Health Partnership; Urban Renewal or Employment groups. Also suggested that chairship could be rotated between key Departments / NGOs; or, in absence of Assembly, political parties should nominate political representatives; and that it should come under the auspices of the All-Ireland Ministerial Council in joint partnership with relevant Minister in the South.	<b>13</b>
Against / unconvinced about effectiveness of an Anti Poverty Forum – Anti poverty should be led by a Department; danger of being yet another ‘talking shop’; will not be successful unless greater joined-up Government/partnerships.	<b>4</b>
<b><u>Other Suggestions for Membership:</u></b>  Emphasise need for Ministerial and Departmental membership at highest level, eg First	<b>9</b>

Minister/Deputy First Minister – must be political will to be successful.	
Emphasise importance of having representatives of those experiencing poverty, some highlighting need for capacity building to participate effectively / provision of financial assistance.	<b>22</b>
Local government	<b>7</b>
Business sector	<b>3</b>
Finance Expertise – eg Credit Unions/Banks, to maximise participation in labour market	<b>3</b>
Churches	<b>1</b>
<b><u>Comments on Remit:</u></b> Agree as proposed.	<b>10</b>
Suggest should have few meetings, with lots of sub groups; and should be flexible in response to reflect need.	<b>8</b>
Stress need for the Forum to have authority to redress unmet Departmental targets / allocation of resources to ensure measurable improvements are made, and to monitor and identify areas of good practice and areas of shortfall.	<b>12</b>

## **NEGATIVE**

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<b>Summary of comments.</b>	<b>Level of Support:</b>
None-specific.	