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Driving inclusive growth across local areas: call for evidence

Dear Sir/Madam

The Carnegie UK Trust Wellbeing and Towns Team welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Driving Inclusive Growth across Local Areas consultation. This response should be read alongside that submitted by Carnegie Associate Phillip Edwards, on behalf of the Trust's Digital and Work Team. The Trust aims to improve the lives of people throughout the UK and Ireland, by changing minds through influencing policy, and by changing lives through innovative practice and partnership work. Our [Strategic Plan](#) takes a holistic approach to wellbeing and outlines our work between 2016-2020, focusing on '[Enabling Wellbeing](#)'; '[Flourishing Towns](#)'; '[Fulfilling Work](#)' and '[Digital Futures](#)'.

Through its [Flourishing Towns](#) programme, the Trust seeks to play a leading role in supporting the development of towns' policy and practice. We recently produced [Turnaround Towns UK](#), a report that brings together nine case studies of towns in the United Kingdom that are working together to bring about transformational change within their communities. These case studies include examples of places that are utilising assets and the collective powers of the town – their spaces and people – to create transformational change. For example, those living in Totnes, Devon, have created a stable and regenerative local economy by designing and delivering initiatives such as [Transition Towns Totnes](#), [Caring Town](#) and [REconomy](#), which are creating a local economic blueprint by address housing, skills and job creation needs.

The Carnegie UK Trust has been promoting wellbeing in public policy for over a decade. We regard societal wellbeing as being key to creating inclusive local economies that improve social, environmental, democratic and economic outcomes. We developed the [Enabling State](#) programme of research and advocacy which explores approaches to public services across the four jurisdictions of the UK, encouraging initiatives that give citizens and communities more opportunities to coproduce and shape the services they receive.

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Another example is the Trust's [Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland](#) project, which was designed to support project participants to overcome challenges in delivering their Community Plans and which demonstrates innovation at local government level. The project participants in Lisburn and Castlereagh, Derry and Strabane, and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon are receiving support to implement coproduction within the delivery of these plans, as well as facilitating shared leadership within and outwith the formal partnership structures across sectors and levels of organisation.

Collaboration between a large number of agencies is required in order to address inequalities, and as such, there is a need to develop new ways of working which have not culturally been the norm in Northern Ireland. The Trust has worked with partners to develop and propose the ways of working required between the members of Community Planning Partnerships and those outwith their structures in order to improve wellbeing outcomes such as prevention; co-production; long-term integration; and collaboration. The Trust believes that there are significant opportunities to learn from Northern Ireland in this context and when looking to improve inclusive growth across local areas.

We hope that you find these comments helpful. If you would like to discuss any of our towns or wellbeing work further, please contact me on Hannah@carnegieuk.org – I would be pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

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