**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)**

**What is the PPN?**

The PPN will be the main link through which the local authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors without prejudice to other consultation processes.

**Why a PPN?**

The PPN facilitates input by the public into local government through a structure that ensures public participation and representation on decision-making committees and bodies within local government.

**Structure of the PPN?**

Each PPN is organised at County level and Municipal District Leveland will have

* + A County Plenary dealing with County level issues
  + A Municipal District Plenary dealing with issues at municipal level
  + Linkage groups which deal with specific issues
  + A Secretariat at county level

**Role of the PPN ?**

* To contribute and facilitate opportunities for networking
* To identify issues of collective concern
* To actively support inclusion of socially excluded groups
* To enable public participation in local decision making and planning of services
* To facilitate elections onto decision making bodies
* To support the Local Economic and Community Plan consultation and a strong voice of community on the Local Community Development Committee
* Support individual members of the PPN to participate

**Who is the PPN for?**

* Any Community & Voluntary group who register with the PPN
* 1 Register for all groups maintained by the Local Authority in accordance with Section 12 B of the Local Government Act 2001
* Registration forms completed annually for voting rights for the following year