An inclusive economy can only be achieved when the public, social and commercial sectors mutually support and develop one another, unafraid to build relationships and share power. A key component of building an inclusive economy is a change of mindset.

We need a system shift where the role of the social economy is fully recognised. In order to create resilient local economies, we need a new transformative approach:

A Advancing local community power means enabling meaningful and fruitful local relationships across the public, social and commercial sectors and strengthening the voice of communities and local government.

B Building local community wealth means increasing community ownership, harnessing the wealth of anchor institutions and ensuring that the economic system builds prosperity for everyone.

C Commissioning and procuring for social value means achieving economic, social and environmental outcomes and better serving the interests of communities and people.

D Developing finance to support local economies means exploring alternative investment and lending instruments that promote mutual help and circulate wealth in local communities.

We in Northern Ireland already have the seeds of a more inclusive economy. In order to allow those seeds to germinate and flourish, we must build more upon our assets - our land and buildings, people and relationships, and, most of all, the talent of our people and communities.

Community enterprises are key components of local wealth creation as they are far more likely to:

• Retain wealth within localities
• Create effective local economic benefits for the many
• Bring greater social returns
• Build long-lasting prosperity
Developing finance to support local economies
We need finance that supports and promotes the independence of communities and builds local resilience.

Advancing community power
We need stronger civic powers so we can enable meaningful local relationships across the public, social and commercial sectors.

Commissioning and procuring for social value
We must have commissioning and procuring processes to better serve the interests of communities and people.

Building local community wealth
An inclusive economy works for communities and the environment by harnessing local wealth and resources.