

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Screening Form

Policy Information

Name of the policy	Acquisition and Disposal of Land Assets Policy
Is this an existing, revised or new policy?	New
What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes)	The aim of the policy is to ensure there is a consistent process to consider the disposal and acquisition of land assets.
Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?	No
If so, explain how.	
Who initiated or wrote the policy?	Group Chief Building Control Officer
Who owns and who implements the policy?	Administration Department

Implementation factors

	Yes	No
Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?		None identified
If yes, are they Financial		
If yes, are they Legislative		
If yes, and they are Other please specify:		

Main stakeholders affected

Who are the internal and external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy will impact upon?

	Yes	No
Staff	X	
Service users	X	
Other public sector organisations	X	
Voluntary/community/trade unions	X	
Other, please specify:		

Other policies with a bearing on this policy

What are they	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Act (NI) 1972 • The Interpretation Act (NI) 1954 • The Recreation and Youth Services Order (NI) 1986 • The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 2002 • EU Programme and Procurement Regulations
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's financial regulations • Scheme of Delegation • Circular LG 02/08 (The Department Circular)
Who owns them	The policies named above underpin the Council's approach to considering disposal and acquisition of land assets.

Available evidence

What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy? Specify details for relevant Section 75 categories.

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Political opinion	<p>Elected political party representation is an approximate barometer of political opinion of people within the Council area.</p> <p>The party breakdown of the Council's elected members is as follows:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sinn Féin</td> <td>14 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SDLP</td> <td>13 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Democratic Unionist</td> <td>4 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independents</td> <td>5 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ulster Unionist</td> <td>3 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alliance</td> <td>2 seats</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sinn Féin	14 seats	SDLP	13 seats	Democratic Unionist	4 seats	Independents	5 seats	Ulster Unionist	3 seats	Alliance	2 seats						
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Racial group	<p>According to the 2011 Census, 1.8% (32,400) of the usually resident population of Northern Ireland belongs to minority ethnic groups; this is more than double the proportion in 2001 (0.8%).</p> <p>The minority ethnic language profile within the area serves as a possible indicator of the BME community profile.</p> <p>The composition of language groups in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is noted by NISRA (2011) as follows:</p> <p>Minority Ethnic Language Profile of the Newry, Mourne and Down LGD Area</p>																		

	Main language of residents in Newry, Mourne and Down District LGD	Number	Percentage %
	English	156794	97.15
	Polish	2100	1.18
	Lithuanian	836	0.47
	Irish	367	0.24
	Portuguese	86	0.05
	Slovak	134	0.08
	Chinese	121	0.07
	Tagalog/Filipino	55	0.03
	Latvian	208	0.25
	Russian	109	0.06
	Malayalam	87	0.05
	Hungarian	74	0.04
	Other	755	0.46

Age	The age profile of the Newry, Mourne and Down LGD area at Census Day 2011 is as follows:		
	Age Profile	NI	Newry, Mourne & Down
	0-4	124382	12721
	5-7	67662	6876
	8-9	43625	4595
	10-14	119034	12287
	15	24620	2599
	16-17	51440	5260
	18-19	50181	4570
	20-24	126013	11570
	25-29	124099	11805
	30-34	373947	35122
	45-59	347850	32556
	60-64	94290	8624
	65-74	145600	12817
	75-84	86724	7453
85-89	21165	1849	
90+	10231	829	

Marital status	The table below illustrates the marital status profile of the Newry, Mourne and Down area:		
	Marital Status	Newry, Mourne and Down LGD	NI
	All usual residents: Aged 16+ years	132455	1431540
Single (never married or never registered a	47722	517393 (35.14%)	

	same-sex civil partnership) Aged 16+ years		
	Married: Aged 16+ years	65255	680831 (47.56%)
	In a registered same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years	102	1243 (0.09%)
	Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership): Aged 16+ years	4697	56911 (3.98%)
	Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	6271	78074 (5.45%)
	Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years	8408	97088 (6.78%)
Sexual orientation	<p>Analysis of the Census 2011 indicates that between 2% and 10% of the population may be lesbian, gay or bisexual.</p> <p>There are no official statistics in relation to the number of gay, lesbian or bisexual people in Northern Ireland. However, research conducted by the HM Treasury shows that between 5% - 7% of the UK population identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual or 'trans' (transsexual, transgendered and transvestite) (LGBT). This is a sizeable proportion of the population here in Northern Ireland.</p>		
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Dependants	<p data-bbox="395 1487 1369 1583">Persons with dependants may be people who have personal responsibility for the care of a child (or children), a person with a disability, and / or a dependent older person.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1617 1385 1816">There are 61,998 households in Newry, Mourne and Down, 37.5% of which have dependants. With regard to these figures, dependants are defined as those aged 0-15 years or those aged 16-18 years who are in full-time education and living with their parents or grandparents. Similar to the regional trend, the proportion of households with dependants in the District has declined from 50% in 1981 to 37.5% in 2011.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1850 1385 2049">There are 5,466 lone parent households with dependent children in Newry, Mourne and Down which equates to almost 9% of number of total households in the District and is the fourth highest in Northern Ireland, after Belfast (17,036), Derry and Strabane (6,337) and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon (6,337). Half of the parents in lone parent household in Newry, Mourne and Down are unemployed, almost a quarter are in full time</p>																		

	<p>employment and over a quarter are in part time employment. 89% of the parents in lone parent households are female compared to 11% who are male.</p> <p>In 2012, the teenage conception rate was 1.02 per 1,000 mothers, which is the third lowest in N.Ireland before Lisburn and Castlereagh and Fermanagh and Omagh.</p>
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Needs, experiences and priorities

Taking into account the information referred to above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the following categories, in relation to the particular policy/decision? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories

Section 75 Category	Details of needs/experiences/priorities
Religious belief	No specific needs, experiences and priorities have been identified in relation to the proposed policy and associated procedures.
Political opinion	No specific needs, experiences and priorities have been identified in relation to the proposed policy and associated procedures.
Racial group	No specific needs, experiences and priorities have been identified in relation to the proposed policy and associated procedures.
Age	No specific needs, experiences and priorities have been identified in relation to the proposed policy and associated procedures.
Marital status	No specific needs, experiences and priorities have been identified in relation to the proposed policy and associated procedures.
Sexual orientation	No specific needs, experiences and priorities have been identified in relation to the proposed policy and associated procedures.
Men and women generally	No specific needs, experiences and priorities have been identified in relation to the proposed policy and associated procedures.
Disability	No specific needs, experiences and priorities have been identified in relation to the proposed policy and associated procedures.
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Screening Questions

1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 grounds?

Section 75 category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact? Major/minor/none
Religious belief	It is not anticipated the policy will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity.	None
Political opinion	It is not anticipated the policy will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity.	None

Racial group	It is not anticipated the policy will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity.	None
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2. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?

Section 75 category	If Yes, provide details	If No, provide details
Religious belief		No opportunities have been identified that would better promote equality of opportunity.
Political opinion		No opportunities have been identified that would better promote equality of opportunity.
Racial group		No opportunities have been identified that would better promote equality of opportunity.
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Dependants		No opportunities have been identified that would better promote equality of opportunity.

3. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

Good relations category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact? Major/minor/none
Religious belief	It is not anticipated the policy will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity.	None
Political opinion	It is not anticipated the policy will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity.	None
Racial group	It is not anticipated the policy will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity.	None

4. Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

Good relations category	If Yes , provide details	If No , provide details
Religious belief		None have been identified
Political opinion		None have been identified
Racial group		None have been identified

Additional considerations

Multiple identity

Generally speaking, people can fall into more than one Section 75 category. Taking this into consideration, are there any potential impacts of the policy/decision on people with multiple identities? (For example; disabled minority ethnic people; disabled women; young Protestant men; and young lesbians, gay and bisexual people).

None

Provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.

Screening Decision

In light of your answers to the previous questions, do you feel that the policy should (please underline one):

1. Not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required)
2. Not be subject to an EQIA (with mitigating measures /alternative policies)
3. Not be subject to an EQIA at this time
4. Be subject to an EQIA

If 1. or 2. (i.e. not be subject to an EQIA), please provide details of the reasons why:

As indicated above, the decision is that the policy not be subject to an equality impact assessment (with no mitigating measures required). The policy notes the Council regards compliance with legislation and guidance as essential to creating and maintaining confidence that the Council is open and accountable in the consideration of disposal and acquisition of land assets. The policy will ensure compliance with legislation, and the associated procedure, which must be read in conjunction with the policy, outlines specific arrangements for both the acquisition and disposal of land assets.

If 2. (i.e. not be subject to an EQIA), in what ways can identified adverse impacts attaching to the policy be mitigated or an alternative policy be introduced?

In light of these revisions, is there a need to re-screen the revised/alternative policy? Yes / No. If No, please explain why

If 3. or 4. (i.e. to conduct an EQIA), please provide details of the reasons:

Timetabling and prioritising EQIA

If 3. or 4, is the policy affected by timetables established by other relevant public authorities? NO

If YES, please provide details:

Please answer the following questions to determine priority for timetabling the EQIA. On a scale of 1-3, with 1 being the lowest priority and 3 being the highest, assess the policy in terms of its priority for EQIA.

Priority criterion	Rating (1-3)
Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	
Social need	
Effect on people's daily lives	
Relevance to a public authority's functions	

Note: The Total Rating Score should be used to prioritise the policy in rank order with other policies screened in for EQIA. This list of priorities will assist you in timetabling the EQIA. Details of your EQIA timetable should be included in the quarterly Section 75 report.

Proposed date for commencing EQIA: _____

Monitoring

Effective monitoring will help identify any future adverse impacts arising from the policy which may lead you to conduct an EQIA, as well as help with future planning and policy development.

Please detail proposed monitoring arrangements below:

The Council will review the operation of this Policy every 4 years (as per the Council's Equality Scheme Commitment 4.31) or earlier as necessary, and may, subject to Council approval, amend as required for operational reasons or to take into account any legal developments that impact on the Policy.

Approval and Authorisation

Screened by:	Position/Job Title	Date
Alison Robb	Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration)	26/5/17
Colin Moffett	Head of Corporate Policy	1 June 2017
Approved by:	<i>AE Robb</i>	<i>7 June 2017</i>

Note: A copy of the Screening Template, for each policy screened should be 'signed off' and approved by a senior manager responsible for the policy, made easily accessible on your website as soon as possible following completion and made available on request.