**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Screening Form**

**Policy Information**

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| Name of the policy | Street Trading Enforcement Policy |
| Is this an existing, revised or new policy? | New |
| What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes) | The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to take enforcement action against a person of whom there is reasonable grounds to suspect commission of an offence under this Act while involved in Street Trading. |
| 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? | Head of Service for the Regulatory and Technical Services Section |
| Who owns and who implements the policy? | Head of Service for the Regulatory and Technical Services Section |

**Implementation factors**

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|  | Yes | No |
| Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision? |  |  |
| 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?

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

[**Other policies with a bearing on this policy**](#Onefour)

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| What are they |  |
| Who owns them | * Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001. * Guide to the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001. * Street Trading (Fixed Penalty) (Notice and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001. |

**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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| **Section 75 category** | **Details of evidence /information** |
|  | The District Council may regulate street trading through enforcement powers in a street or part thereof in it’s District. |

**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

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| **Section 75 category** | **Details of evidence /information** |
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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? **Minor/Major/None**

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| **Section 75 category** | If **Yes,** provide details | If **No**, provide details |
| Religious belief |  | \* Each case must be considered by its own merits, but there are general principles that apply in all cases. The duty of the District Council is to make sure that each trading situation is fairly and objectively assessed and that all relevant factors are considered. |
| Political opinion |  | * **\*** |
| Racial group |  | * **\*** |
| Age |  | * **\*** |
| Marital status |  | * **\*** |
| Sexual orientation |  | * **\*** |
| Men and women generally |  | * **\*** |
| Disability |  | * **\*** |
| Dependants |  | * **\*** |

Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?

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| **Section 75 category** | If **Yes,** provide details | If **No**, provide details |
| Religious belief |  | * **\*** |
| Political opinion |  | * **\*** |
| Racial group |  | * **\*** |
| Age |  | * **\*** |
| Marital status |  | * **\*** |
| Sexual orientation |  | * **\*** |
| Men and women generally |  | * **\*** |
| Disability |  | * **\*** |
| Dependants |  | * **\*** |

**3**. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group? **Minor/Major/None**

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| Good relations category | If **Yes,** provide details | If **No,** provide details |
| Religious belief |  | * \* |
| Political opinion |  | * \* |
| Racial group |  | * \* |

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

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| Good relations category | If **Yes,** provide details | If **No,** provide details |
| Religious belief |  | * \* |
| Political opinion |  | * \* |
| Racial group |  | * \* |

**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:

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| The policy has no impact on Section 75 categories |

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?

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

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

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**Timetabling and prioritising EQIA**

If 3. or 4, is the policy affected by timetables established by other relevant public authorities? YES / 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.

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| **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:

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| Policy to be reviewed every four years |

**Approval and Authorisation**

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| **Screened by:** | **Position/Job Title** | **Date** |
| Colin Moffett | Equality Officer | March 2015 |
| Colum Jackson | Assistant Director of Environment, Health and Building Services Department | March 2015 |
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| **Approved by:** |  |  |
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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.