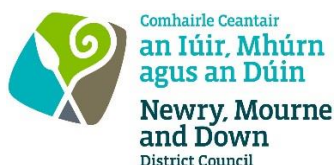


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1. Title of policy

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Supporting Community Events Policy

2. Statement

The policy acknowledges that community events are an important aspect of community development and provides principles/guidelines to assist in the provision of effective engagement and capacity building at a local level.

Council approves this policy and any associated implementation as a commitment to assist communities in the delivery of events and activities, through the provision of advice, training, equipment and signposting to relevant support services.

3. Aim

The aim of this policy is to build on the Council's civic leadership role and give appropriate consideration and recognition to community engagement and capacity building within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.

The Policy will be implemented in the public interest to:

- empower local communities
- encourage community organisations to play a greater role in the management of events
- promote equality of opportunity, good relations and assist in supporting groups identified under Section 75, Northern Ireland Act (1998).

4. Scope

- 4.1 The policy applies to events primarily organised by the community and voluntary sector.
- 4.2 The policy excludes events organised by any partner statutory or profit making organisations.
- 4.3 While this is a corporate policy, implementation of the policy will be primarily delivered by the Active and Healthy Communities Directorate.
- 4.4 The scope of the policy will extend to providing advice, training and equipment as listed within the Supporting Community Events Procedures.

5. Related policies and legislation

- Northern Ireland Act (1998)
- Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy
- Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Charging Framework and Principles for the Hire of Facilities
- Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Events Safety Policy

6. Definitions

'Community Events' means events organised and run by constituted community or voluntary organisations.

7. Department and Officer responsible

Directorate / Department	Active and Healthy Communities / Community Development
Officer(s) responsible for developing the policy	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development

8. Policy approval process

Meeting	Date
Active and Healthy Communities Committee	January 2017
Monthly Council Meeting	1 February 2017

9. Review Date

The policy will be reviewed in line with the Council's agreed policy review cycle i.e. every 4 years (as per Council's Equality Scheme commitment 4.31), or sooner to ensure it remains reflective of legislative developments.

10. Procedures and arrangements for monitoring the implementation and impact of the policy

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Supporting Community Events Procedures.

11. Equality Screening

The policy has been screened, and the outcome is that it not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).

12. Rural Needs Impact Assessment

The policy has been subject to rural needs impact assessment.