POLICY FOR THE USE OF PLAY INFLATABLES ON/IN COUNCIL OWNED PROPERTIES

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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Policy Control

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1. Title of policy

The policy acknowledges that play inflatables are an important aspect of community activities and are a source of income generation for council buildings as well as to communities running council owned community facilities.

2. Statement

Council approves this policy and any associated implementation as a commitment to assist communities with the safe use of play inflatables, through the provision of equipment (in some council buildings) and signposting to relevant support services including risk assessments.

3. Aim

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

4. Scope

The policy applies to the use of play inflatables by council staff and by the community and voluntary sector on council property.

While this is a corporate policy, implementation of the policy will be primarily delivered by the Active and Healthy Communities Department.

The scope of the policy will extend to providing advice, training and equipment in some instances.

5. Related policies and legislation

N/A

6. Definitions

N/A

7. Department and Officer responsible

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

8. Policy approval process

Meeting	Date
Active and Healthy Communities Committee	June 2017
Monthly Council Meeting	1 July 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

The associated implementation will be guided as per the scope of the policy and the associated procedures for the use of play inflatables in/on council premises

11. Equality Screening

The policy has been equality screened, and it is recommended it not be subject to an equality impact assessment.

12. Rural Needs Impact Assessment

A rural needs impact assessment has been carried out.