



## Template for Information to be Compiled

### Information to be compiled by Public Authorities under Section 3(1)(a) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

(To be completed and included in public authorities' own annual reports and submitted to DAERA for inclusion in the Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report).

**Name of Public Authority:**

**Reporting Period:** April 20  to March 20

The following information should be compiled in respect of each policy, strategy and plan which has been developed, adopted, implemented or revised and each public service which has been designed or delivered by the public authority during the reporting period.

<i>Description of the activity undertaken by the public authority which is subject to section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016<sup>1</sup>.</i>	<i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to<sup>2</sup>.</i>	<i>Describe how the public authority has had due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising the policy, strategy or plan or when designing or delivering the public service<sup>3</sup>.</i>
Implementation of a strategy with respect to dog fouling.	Rural Tourism	It is not anticipated that the implementation of the strategy will lead to differential treatment of people in rural areas.
Implementation of a two hour waiting restriction at the car park, The Square, Warrenpoint.	No specific rural policy area detailed within section 2D.	Car parking provision within the specific named car park in Warrenpoint is not considered to fall within the social and economic needs of people in rural areas. Car parking provision within Warrenpoint is not solely provided by the named car park.

<p>Performance Improvement Plan 2018-2019.</p>	<p>Rural Businesses, Rural Tourism, Jobs or employment in Rural Areas, Education or training in rural areas, Broadband or mobile communications in rural areas, Transport services or infrastructure in rural areas, Poverty in rural areas, Rural crime and community safety, Rural development</p>	<p>The data collation process revealed that the majority of the population of the District live in rural areas and may therefore experience levels of deprivation, particularly in terms of the Access to Services domain, transport connections and digital connectivity.</p> <p>The 2017-18 and 2018-19 consultation and engagement processes on the performance improvement objectives also highlighted the following issues in relation to rural areas and rural communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility to Council facilities and urban areas from rural areas</li> <li>• Transport from rural areas to urban areas</li> <li>• The need to include the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty</li> <li>• Digital connectivity on rural areas</li> <li>• Proposals to invest in coastal areas and fishing villages</li> </ul> <p>The Council has considered the issues raised and included 'supporting actions' around the rural economy, rural broadband and transport connectivity between urban and rural areas.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest Policy and associated Conflict of interested Procedures.</p>	<p>Rural Business, Rural tourism, Rural housing, Jobs and employment in Rural areas, Education and training in Rural Areas, Broadband or Mobile Communications in rural areas, transport services or</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that the implementation of the policy will lead to differential treatment of people in rural areas.</p>

	<p>infrastructure in rural areas,</p> <p>Health and social services in rural areas,</p> <p>Poverty in rural areas,</p> <p>Rural crime or community safety,</p> <p>Rural development,</p> <p>Agri - Environment</p>	
Establishment of a minority communities financial assistance scheme.	Education and Training in Rural Areas	It is not anticipated that the implementation of the financial assistance scheme will lead to differential treatment of people in rural areas.
Gaming and Amusement Policy.	No specific rural policy area detailed within section 2D.	It is not anticipated that the implementation of the policy will lead to differential treatment of people in rural areas.
Irish Language Bursary Scheme.	Education and Training in Rural Areas	It is not anticipated that the implementation of the bursary scheme will lead to differential treatment of people in rural areas.
Irish Language Financial Assistance Scheme.	Education and Training in Rural Areas	It is not anticipated that the implementation of the financial assistance scheme will lead to differential treatment of people in rural areas.
Procurement Policy and Procedures.	No specific rural policy area detailed within section 2D.	It is not anticipated that the implementation of the procurement policy and procedures will lead to differential treatment of people in rural areas.
Provision of a new play park in Meadowlands in Downpatrick.	Does not relate to the rural policy areas	This is a single initiative/project within an urban area, as defined by the Government's Neighbourhood Renewal

	listed in 2D	Scheme.
Summer Scheme Activities.	Deprivation in Rural Areas	<p>Most deprived SOA's within NM&amp;DDC LGD:</p> <p><u>Income:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creggan</li> <li>2. Forkhill 2</li> <li>3. Silverbridge 1</li> <li>5 Crossmaglen</li> <li>13 Newtownhamilton</li> <li>36 Silverbridge 2</li> </ol> <p><u>Multiple Deprivation:</u></p> <p>57 Crossmaglen  72 Creggan  94 Silverbridge 1  100 Forkhill 2  111 Newtownhamilton</p> <p>Through the audit of Summer Schemes it is clear that the Council is not the only provider of summer activities for young people. There is a wide variety of programmes being offered throughout the district by local sporting clubs, education authority, Libraries, autism groups, Special Olympics Ireland and community groups.</p> <p>The council offers financial assistance of up to £1,000 to any community group who meets the criteria for running summer schemes in their local areas.</p> <p>The council has considered the ways in which it can assist the young people of the district with summer activities and it has concluded that a number of combined initiatives would deliver the best service:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The provision of an eight-week summer scheme in Downpatrick, Newry and Newcastle leisure centres</li> <li>2) A range of drop in activities for families in our 100% run community centres.</li> <li>3) A financial assistance programme for community organisations who wish to provide summer activities in their local areas.</li> </ol>

<p>Performance Improvement Policy 2018-2019.</p>	<p>Rural Business, Rural tourism, Rural housing, Jobs and employment in Rural areas, Education and training in Rural Areas, Broadband or Mobile Communications in rural areas, transport services or infrastructure in rural areas, Health and social services in rural areas, Poverty in rural areas, Rural crime or community safety, Rural development, Agri - Environment</p>	<p>Effectively mainstreaming the Performance Improvement Policy will support the implementation of key plans and strategies across the organisation, including the Corporate Plan, Performance Improvement Plan and Directorate Business Plans.</p> <p>These plans are the front facing documents of the organisation, and have been developed using a robust and reliable evidence base which will have taken into account the social and economic needs of local communities across the District, including rural areas.</p> <p>The Performance Improvement Policy should therefore be regarded as an enabler to support the delivery of key plans and strategies, and deliver services which improve the quality of life for all residents in urban and rural areas across the District.</p>
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**NOTES**

1. This information should normally be contained in section 1B of the RNIA Template completed in respect of the activity.
2. This information should normally be contained in section 2D of the RNIA Template completed in respect of the activity.
3. The information contained in sections 3D, 4A & 5B of the RNIA Template should be considered when completing this section.