

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

### Policy Information

Name of the policy	Implementation arrangements for priority recommendations for Play Strategy 2017-2022
Is this an existing, revised or new policy?	Revised arrangements regarding the delivery of the play strategy consultation process wherein these are 'condensed' to a final stage process. This is to enable Council to utilise additional match funding of £500,000 secured from the Rural Development Project (RDP) which requires all works to be completed by March 2019.
What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes)	To contribute to the decision-making process regarding upgrade of 16 play parks within the Council's Play Strategy 2017-2022
Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?	The proposed approach has potential to indirectly impact upon people of different age and people with dependents.
If so, explain how.	As above.
Who initiated or wrote the policy?	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure, Active and Healthy Communities Directorate
Who owns and who implements the policy?	Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities

### Implementation factors

	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	<b>X</b>	
If yes, are they Legislative	<b>X</b>	
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:	Public in general	
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## Other policies with a bearing on this policy

What are they	Active and Healthy Communities Play Strategy 2017-2022 Consultation Process (Step Three) procedure Rural Development Project (RDP) re: award of capital match funding which requires all works to be completed by March 2019.
Who owns them	Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorate

## Available evidence

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

Section 75 Category	Details of needs/experiences/priorities																		
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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> <tr> <td>Sinn Féin</td> <td>14 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SDLP</td> <td>14 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Democratic Unionist</td> <td>4 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independents</td> <td>4 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ulster Unionist</td> <td>3 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alliance</td> <td>2 seat</td> </tr> </table>	Sinn Féin	14 seats	SDLP	14 seats	Democratic Unionist	4 seats	Independents	4 seats	Ulster Unionist	3 seats	Alliance	2 seat						
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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</p>																		

indicator of the BME community profile.

The composition of language groups in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is noted by NISRA (2011) as follows:

**Minority Ethnic Language Profile of the Newry, Mourne and Down LGD Area**

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:	132455	1431540

	Aged 16+ years		
	Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership) Aged 16+ years	47722	517393 (35.14%)
	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	Analysis of the Census 2011 indicates that between 2% and 10% of the population may be lesbian, gay or bisexual.  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.															
Men and women generally	<p>The gender profile for the Newry, Mourne and Down LGD is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>LGD</th> <th>Male</th> <th>Female</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>887323</td> <td>923540</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newry, Mourne and Down LGD</td> <td>83866</td> <td>85345</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	LGD	Male	Female	Northern Ireland	887323	923540	Newry, Mourne and Down LGD	83866	85345						
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Dependants	<p>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>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</p>															

	<p>has declined from 50% in 1981 to 37.5% in 2011.</p> <p>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 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 Northern 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	In terms of needs, experiences and priorities across the nine equality categories there is a community expectation regarding an engagement role to be involved and meaningfully contribute to Council's evidence-based decision-making process regarding the location, nature and style of the proposed upgrade of 16 play parks named within the Council's Play Strategy 2017-2022.
Political opinion	
Racial group	
Age	
Marital status	
Sexual orientation	
Men and women generally	
Disability	
Dependants	

### 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?

<b>Section 75 category</b>	<b>Details of policy impact</b>	<b>Level of impact? Major/minor/none</b>
Religious belief	None anticipated	None
Political opinion	None anticipated	None
Racial group	None anticipated	None
Age	<p>The previously agreed consultation approach outlined a maximum of three focus groups specifically with children and young people, an online survey followed by a local community consolidation session to discuss and seek views from the local community on the findings.</p> <p>The revised arrangements entail the overall process being re-aligned and the previous three-stage community consultation process being condensed to a local community consultation session which will outline details from the play park design and seek views from the local community on design.</p>	Minor
Marital status	None anticipated	None
Sexual orientation	None anticipated	None
Men and women generally	None anticipated	None
Disability	None anticipated	None
Dependants	<p>The previously agreed consultation approach contained an online survey of parents/carers/community groups and children and young people followed by a local community consolidation session to discuss and seek views from the local community on the findings.</p> <p>The revised arrangements entail the overall process being re-aligned and the previous three-stage community consultation process being condensed to a local community</p>	Minor

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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.
Political opinion		
Racial group		
Age		
Marital status		
Sexual orientation		
Men and women generally		
Disability		
Dependants		<p>The revised arrangements, to enable Council to utilise additional match funding of £500,000 secured from the Rural Development Project (RDP), entail the overall process being re-aligned and the previous three-stage community consultation process being condensed to a local community consultation session which will outline details from the play park design and seek views from the local community on design.</p> <p>The outworking of the revised process is detailed in Play Board Northern Ireland's reports in relation to four consultation processes held in Ballyholland Community Centre, Killough Community Hall, Newtownhamilton Community Centre and Forkhill, tabled at the Active and Healthy Communities meeting on 17 September 2018. These reports demonstrate the revised process has not had an adverse impact in terms of equality of opportunity for children and young people, parents, carers and the community for direct engagement, involvement and participation in a processes which have contributed to the decision-making process regarding upgrade of the play parks.</p>



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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	None anticipated	None
Political opinion	None anticipated	None
Racial group	None anticipated	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		No
Political opinion		
Racial group		<p>The revised arrangements, to enable Council to utilise additional match funding of £500,000 secured from the Rural Development Project (RDP), entail the overall process being re-aligned and the previous three-stage community consultation process being condensed to a local community consultation session which will outline details from the play park design and seek views from the local community on design.</p> <p>The outworking of the revised process is detailed in Play Board Northern Ireland's reports in relation to four consultation processes held in Ballyholland Community Centre, Killough Community Hall, Newtownhamilton Community Centre and Forkhill, tabled at the Active and Healthy Communities meeting on 17 September 2018. These reports demonstrate the revised process has not had an adverse impact in terms of equality of opportunity for children and young people, parents, carers and the</p>

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## 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).

N/A

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:

Having taken into account the evidence and information available the outcome of the equality screening of the proposed revised arrangements regarding the delivery of the play strategy consultation process, is that it is not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).

The revised arrangements regarding the delivery of the play strategy consultation process are to enable Council to utilise additional match funding of £500,000 secured from the Rural Development Project (RDP) which requires all works to be completed by March 2019.

Evidence from the outworking of the revised process, as detailed in Play Board Northern Ireland's reports (in relation to four consultation processes held in Ballyholland Community Centre, Killough Community Hall, Newtownhamilton

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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:

## Approval and Authorisation

Screened by:	Position/Job Title	Date
Conor Haughey	Head of Outdoor Leisure	28 September 2018
Colin Moffett	Head of Corporate Policy	28 September 2018
<b>Approved by:</b>		9/10/18

Note: The completed policy screening template, signed off by the appropriate policy lead within the Council, and approved by the senior manager responsible for the policy, should be forwarded to the Head of Corporate Policy who will arrange for it to be included in the Council's Quarterly Report on Screening and made available on the Council's website.