

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Equality Screening Form

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Policy Information

Name of the policy	Litter Bin Policy
Is this an existing, revised or new policy?	New policy
What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes)	The aim of the Litter Bin Policy is to ensure a consistent approach to the provision, replacement, relocation or removal of litter bins in the district.
Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy? If so, explain how.	Consideration of people with disabilities and people with dependants actively considered as part of policy and procedure.
Who initiated or wrote the policy?	Head of Refuse and Cleansing
Who owns and who implements the policy?	Assistant Director, Waste Management

Implementation factors

	Yes	No
Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?	X	
If yes, are they Financial	X	
If yes, are they Legislative		X
If yes, and they are Other please specify:		X

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:		

Other policies with a bearing on this policy

What are they	N/A
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Who owns them	N/A
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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
Religious belief	Not relevant
Political opinion	Not relevant
Racial group	Not relevant
Age	Not relevant
Marital status	Not relevant
Sexual orientation	Not relevant
Men and women generally	Not relevant
Disability	Need to ensure bins are accessible to people with disabilities but do not obstruct pedestrian pathways or reduce accessibility to areas.
Dependants	Need to ensure bins are accessible to people with dependants but do not obstruct pedestrian pathways or reduce accessibility to areas.

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	Not relevant
Political opinion	Not relevant
Racial group	Not relevant
Age	Not relevant
Marital status	Not relevant
Sexual orientation	Not relevant

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Men and women generally	Not relevant
Disability	Street furniture should not obstruct pedestrian pathways or access points
Dependants	Street furniture should not obstruct pedestrian pathways or access points

Screening questions

1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories? **Minor/Major/None**

Section 75 Category	Details of Policy Impact	Level of impact Major/minor/none
Religious belief	None	
Political opinion	None	
Racial group	None	
Age	None	
Marital status	None	
Sexual orientation	None	
Men and women generally	None	
Disability	Consideration to placement of litter bin to ensure accessibility to bin and that bins does not cause obstruction	Minor, positive
Dependants	Consideration to placement of litter bin to ensure accessibility to bin and that bins does not cause obstruction	Minor, positive

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		No
Racial group		No
Age		No
Marital status		No

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Sexual orientation		No
Men and women generally		No
Disability	Yes, increased accessibility to litter bins and reduced footpath obstruction	
Dependants	Yes, increased accessibility to litter bins and reduced footpath obstruction	

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**

Good relations category	Details of Policy Impact	Level of impact Major/minor/none
Religious belief	None	None
Political opinion	None	None
Racial group	None	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, no impact
Political opinion		No, no impact
Racial group		No, no impact

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).

Provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.

No impacts identified.

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)

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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:

Policy has minimal impact which is mitigated against in associated litter bin survey form

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

No. Proposed policy and procedure provide mitigation.

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	

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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:

In addition to outlining proposed monitoring arrangements on how the impact of the policy's implementation will be assessed, the following comment should be included:

"The policy will be reviewed in line with the Council's agreed policy review cycle i.e. every four years (as per Council's Equality Scheme commitment 4.31), or sooner as necessary, to ensure that it remains up-to-date with legislative advancements etc."

Approval and Authorisation

Screened by:	Position/Job Title	Date
Peter Whyte	Head of Refuse and Cleansing	23/10/19
Approved by:		

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.