

# Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Screening Form

## Policy Information

Name of the policy/project	<i>Mournes Gateway Project</i>
Is this an existing, revised or new policy/project?	<i>New capital project</i>
What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes)	<i>Please see appendix 1</i>
Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?	<i>Age Men and women generally Disability Dependants</i>
If so, explain how.	<p><i>The Mourne Mountains Gateway Project is a Tourism Project within the Belfast Region City Deal, aimed at enhancing Northern Ireland's tourism offering and which seeks to redefine the visitor destination experience associated with the Mourne Mountains and coastline.</i></p> <p><i>The project proposal is for the establishment of the Thomas Quarry Visitor Centre in the Mournes, with a Gondola/cable car uplift that will commence in Donard Park. It will be a world class international tourist attraction which will provide sustainable enhancements for access from Newcastle town into the Mournes. The project aims to catalyse the sustainable tourism industry in Northern Ireland.</i></p> <p><i>The vision of the Gateway Project is to: "Deliver a world-class visitor attraction that will support the sustainable regional growth of tourism in Northern Ireland and will help to position Newry, Mourne and Down as one of the premier tourism destinations on the Island of Ireland.</i></p> <p><i>The project will provide major enhancements to the visitor experience in and around the Mournes, whilst protecting and enhancing the natural heritage and habitat of the region".</i></p> <p><i>The project will deliver:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Increased access to the Mournes by all abilities &amp; age groups</i></li> <li><i>2. The project will contribute to the Belfast Region City Deal's ambition to deliver a step change in the region's economic prosperity, help achieve a 15-year programme of inclusive growth, an increase of £470m Gross Value Added and create up to 20,000 new and better jobs, accessible to people</i></li> </ol>

	<p>from all communities.</p> <p>3. The estimated economic benefits of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 226 direct, indirect and induced jobs</li> <li>b. 251 construction job</li> <li>c. £5.1m annual GVA by 2032, £74.6m GVA over 30 years</li> </ul>
Who initiated or wrote the policy/developed the project?	<p>NMDDC is responsible for the development of the Project Outline Business Case with a multi-disciplinary project team appointed, including structural, mechanical and civil engineers, architects, planners, a geo-environmental team, an ecology team, a landscape architect team, transport specialists, commercial consultant and economist to deliver the OBC in line with BRCD requirements in March 2021.</p> <p>As part of the development of the OBC for the Mournes Gateway Project Council formed a Project Board with membership drawn from key stakeholders including the National Trust, Tourism N, MHT &amp; DfC. Officers have engaged with the project group from August 2019 to consult and inform on the development of the OBC, including options appraisals, project risks, environmental &amp; ecological studies, and critical success factors in the delivery of the project.</p>
Who owns and who implements the policy/project?	NMDDC

### Implementation factors

	Yes	No
Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?	Yes	
If yes, are they Financial	Yes – Finance: Risk that the estimated cost of the project greatly exceeds the proposed level of capital & revenue funding available Council.	
If yes, are they Legislative	Yes – Risk of Build: Failure to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements, particularly around nature conservation, landscape designations and planning cause delays and adverse impact on project delivery.	
If yes, and they are Other please specify:		
<p><b>NB. The Risks involved with the project, including consideration of implementing factors; risk management and mitigation have been addressed in a detailed Risk Management Strategy that forms part of the Outline Business Case.</b></p>		

## Main stakeholders affected

Who are the internal and external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy/project will impact upon?

	Yes	No
Staff	<i>Yes – creation of new jobs &amp; employment opportunities associated with projected economic outcomes of the project.</i>	
Service users	<i>Yes – increased opportunity to access the Mourne Mountains. Increased tourism provision in the district &amp; associated benefits from the projected economic outcomes of the project.</i>	
Other public sector organisations	<i>Yes – improved capital infrastructure &amp; transport provision in &amp; around Newcastle. Increased tourism spend &amp; GVA generated in the district &amp; wider Belfast City Deal Region.</i>	
Voluntary/community/trade unions	<i>Yes – creation of new jobs &amp; employment opportunities associated with projected economic outcomes of the project. Improved capital infrastructure &amp; transport provision in &amp; around Newcastle. Proposed creation of a Charitable foundation with the aim of funding new social, community, conservation and Heritage projects in the Mournes AONB.</i>	
Other, please specify:		

## Other policies & strategies with a bearing on this policy/project

What are they	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NI Draft Programme for Government 2016-2021</li> <li>• Economy 2030: A Consultation on an Industrial Strategy for Northern Ireland</li> <li>• Draft Tourism Strategy for NI (in development)</li> <li>• NI Executive - New Decade, New Approach Document</li> <li>• Council Corporate plan 2021-2023</li> <li>• Belfast Region Industrial Strategy</li> </ul>
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## Available evidence

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

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Political opinion	<p data-bbox="384 916 1398 981">Elected political party representation is an approximate barometer of political opinion of people within the Council area.</p> <p data-bbox="384 1016 1398 1050">The party breakdown of the Council's elected members is as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="384 1086 979 1285"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1086 858 1120">Sinn Féin</td> <td data-bbox="858 1086 979 1120">16 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1120 858 1153">SDLP</td> <td data-bbox="858 1120 979 1153">11 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1153 858 1187">Independents</td> <td data-bbox="858 1153 979 1187">5 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1187 858 1220">Ulster Unionist</td> <td data-bbox="858 1187 979 1220">4 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1220 858 1254">Democratic Unionist</td> <td data-bbox="858 1220 979 1254">3 seats</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1254 858 1285">Alliance</td> <td data-bbox="858 1254 979 1285">2 seats</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sinn Féin	16 seats	SDLP	11 seats	Independents	5 seats	Ulster Unionist	4 seats	Democratic Unionist	3 seats	Alliance	2 seats									
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	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:		
	<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Newry, Mourne and Down LGD</b>	<b>NI</b>
	All usual residents: Aged 16+ years	132455	1431540
	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%)
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	registered same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years		(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	<p>Analysis of the Census 2011 indicates that between 2% and 10% of the population may be lesbian, gay or bisexual.</p> <p>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.</p>											
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Dependants	<p data-bbox="395 1167 1398 1256">Persons with dependents 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 data-bbox="395 1292 1398 1494">There are 61,998 households in Newry, Mourne and Down, 37.5% of which have dependents. With regard to these figures, dependents 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 dependents in the District has declined from 50% in 1981 to 37.5% in 2011.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1529 1398 1830">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 data-bbox="395 1865 1398 1964">In 2012, the teenage conception rate was 1.02 per 1,000 mothers, which is the third lowest in N.Ireland before Lisburn and Castlereagh and Fermanagh and Omagh.</p>															

## 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/project/decision? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories

<b>Section 75 Category</b>	<b>Details of needs/experiences/priorities</b>
Religious belief	<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities identified.</i>
Political opinion	<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities identified.</i>
Racial group	<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities identified.</i>
Age	<p><i>People of different age, including those with mobility issues, may experience difficulty accessing services.</i></p> <p><i>As set out with chapter 6 of Council's Equality Scheme, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is committed to ensuring the information we disseminate and the services we provide are fully accessible to all parts of the community.</i></p> <p><i>As previously noted, the Mourne Mountains Gateway Project is a Tourism Project within the Belfast Region City Deal, which will enhance visitor destination experience.</i></p> <p><i>The project proposal of the establishment of the Thomas Quarry Visitor Centre in the Mournes, with a Gondola/cable car uplift commencing in Donard Park, will enhance access from Newcastle town into the Mournes.</i></p> <p><i>The project will provide major enhancements to the visitor experience in and around the Mournes and increase access to the Mournes for people of different age, including those with mobility issues.</i></p>
Marital status	<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities identified.</i>
Sexual orientation	<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities identified.</i>
Men and women generally	<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities identified.</i>
Disability	<p><i>People with disability, including those with mobility issues, experience barriers which impact upon opportunity to access services and effectively participate within public life.</i></p> <p><i>As set out with chapter 6 of Council's Equality Scheme, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is committed to ensuring the information we disseminate and the services we provide are fully accessible to all parts of the community.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (as amended by the) Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006 requires the Council in carrying out its functions, to have due regard to the need to:</i></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>promote positive attitudes towards disabled people; and</i></li> <li>• <i>encourage participation by disabled people in public life.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>As previously noted, the Mourne Mountains Gateway Project is a Tourism Project within the Belfast Region City Deal, which will enhance visitor destination experience.</i></p> <p><i>The project proposal of the establishment of the Thomas Quarry Visitor Centre in the Mournes, with a Gondola/cable car uplift commencing in Donard Park, will enhance access from Newcastle town into the Mournes.</i></p> <p><i>The project will provide major enhancements to the visitor experience in and around the Mournes. This would be designated as a positive action increasing access to the Mournes for people with disability, including those with mobility issues, and also meet Council's disability duty to encourage participation of disabled people in public life.</i></p>
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## Screening Questions

1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy/project, for each of the Section 75 grounds?

<b>Section 75 category</b>	<b>Details of policy/project impact</b>	<b>Level of impact? Major/minor/none</b>
Religious belief		None
Political opinion		None
Racial group		None
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Increased access to the Mournes by all abilities &amp; age groups, including those with mobility issues.</i></li> <li>• <i>Improved transport provision in &amp; around Newcastle.</i></li> <li>• <i>Creation of new jobs &amp; employment opportunities associated with projected economic outcomes of the project.</i></li> </ul>	Major
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2. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?

<b>Section 75 category</b>	<b>If Yes, provide details</b>	<b>If No, provide details</b>
Religious belief		<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities were identified.</i>
Political opinion		<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities were identified.</i>
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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		<i>None</i>
Political opinion		<i>None</i>
Racial group		<i>None</i>

4. Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

Good relations category	If <b>Yes</b> , provide details	If <b>No</b> , provide details
Religious belief		<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities were identified.</i>
Political opinion		<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities were identified.</i>
Racial group		<i>No specific needs, experiences or priorities were identified.</i>

## 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).

*None*

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:

It is envisaged that the Project will have a positive impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy as detailed in the responses above.

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?  
If No, please explain why

N/a

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:

**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

<b>Screened by:</b>	<b>Position/Job Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>Andy Patterson</i>	<i>NMDDC Assistant Director – Tourism, Culture &amp; Events</i>	<i>15 June 2021</i>
<b>Approved by:</b>		
<i>Conor Mallon</i>	<i>Director - Enterprise, Regeneration &amp; Tourism</i>	<i>18 June 2021</i>

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.

## Appendix 1 – Project Outcomes

Impact Evaluation Pathway by 2032				
Inputs	Provision	Outputs	Outcomes	Impact
Capital investment of £36m in The Mourne Mountains Gateway project	<p>Gondola style cable car to a Visitor Centre at Thomas Quarry, modular designed Visitor Centre catering for 350k visitors and expandable, linkages into the Mournes, variety of transport solutions, highest environmental considerations</p> <p>Unique offering of the Coast, the Mountains and the Heritage</p>	<p>New Tourism Proposition of scale for NI</p> <p>Attractor for out of state (OoS) visitors to NI &amp; NMD district</p> <p>New offering for Domestic tourism market</p> <p>Total visitor numbers of 367k OoS visitors of 297k pa (new and existing) Day trip visitors of 143k pa Bed nights of 247k pa OoS bed nights of 243k pa</p>	<p>New “World Class” “Giant” experience along Dublin~Belfast corridor</p> <p>Increased access to the Mournes by all abilities - widening participation.</p> <p>Focus on delivering highest environmentally sustainable product</p> <p>Family friendly facility</p> <p>All weather, all seasons facility</p> <p>33 direct new jobs, 226 direct, indirect and induced jobs</p>	<p>Contribution to doubling of tourism spend by 2030</p> <p>Development of new world class tourism offering between Dublin and Belfast</p> <p>Addresses regional dispersion and year-round attraction</p> <p>GVA of £5.1m pa by 2032</p> <p>GVA of £74.6m over 30 years</p>