

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Screening Form

Policy Information

Name of the policy	NMDDC NI Centenary Fund Financial Assistance Programme
Is this an existing, revised or new policy?	This is a new policy
What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes)	<p>May 2021 marks the 100th anniversary since the establishment of Northern Ireland. A notice of motion was raised by an Elected Member which was then forwarded to the January 2021 meeting of the Equality and Good Relations Reference Group for consideration.</p> <p>Following extensive discussion, the following was agreed;</p> <p><i>"Next year 2021 is the 100th Anniversary of the creation of Northern Ireland. This holds great importance for many in our district Council area.</i></p> <p><i>This Council should recognise this, and in so doing provide financial support to mark this important Anniversary by establishing a Centenaries Funding Programme of £40,000 to be included in the first financial call for 2021/2022."</i></p>
<p>Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?</p> <p>If so, explain how.</p>	<p>The NI Centenary Fund Financial Assistance Call is open to all groups that wish to apply subject to meeting the criteria. Criteria will be in line with the Good Relations financial assistance programme criteria.</p> <p>However, as an open call for funding, while the centenary may have differing interpretation, perspective and meaning for people, and there is a perception that a greater number of applications may be received from groups/organisations from within the PUL community.</p>
Who initiated or wrote the policy?	Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy
Who owns and who implements the policy?	Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy. Programmes Unit

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:		

Main stakeholders affected

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

	Yes	No
Staff		
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 and who owns them	Financial Assistance Policy
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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.

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Racial group	<p data-bbox="384 1352 1398 1451">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 data-bbox="384 1485 1398 1550">The minority ethnic language profile within the area serves as a possible indicator of the BME community profile.</p> <p data-bbox="384 1583 1398 1648">The composition of language groups in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is noted by NISRA (2011) as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="384 1682 1398 1747">Minority Ethnic Language Profile of the Newry, Mourne and Down LGD Area</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 1753 1382 2022"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="384 1753 858 1852">Main language of residents in Newry, Mourne and Down District LGD</th> <th data-bbox="858 1753 1086 1852">Number</th> <th data-bbox="1086 1753 1382 1852">Percentage %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1859 858 1890">English</td> <td data-bbox="858 1859 1086 1890">156794</td> <td data-bbox="1086 1859 1382 1890">97.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1897 858 1928">Polish</td> <td data-bbox="858 1897 1086 1928">2100</td> <td data-bbox="1086 1897 1382 1928">1.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1935 858 1966">Lithuanian</td> <td data-bbox="858 1935 1086 1966">836</td> <td data-bbox="1086 1935 1382 1966">0.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 1973 858 2004">Irish</td> <td data-bbox="858 1973 1086 2004">367</td> <td data-bbox="1086 1973 1382 2004">0.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 2011 858 2042">Portuguese</td> <td data-bbox="858 2011 1086 2042">86</td> <td data-bbox="1086 2011 1382 2042">0.05</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>						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
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	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: 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%)
	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	4697	56911 (3.98%)

	civil partnership): Aged 16+ years																		
	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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	<p>and/or Irish Sign Language (ISL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Northern Ireland there are 57,000 blind people or people with significant visual impairment • 52,000 people with learning disabilities <p>(Source: Disability Action)</p>
Dependants	<p>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>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>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 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/decision? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories

Section 75 Category	Details of needs/experiences/priorities
Religious belief	It is acknowledged that the marking of the Centenary invokes different interpretations, perspectives, perceptions and implication for different communities within Northern Ireland. Whilst the Financial assistance call is open to all groups/organisations that meet the criteria, groups from a PUL background may prioritise applications to this call.
Political opinion	It is acknowledged that the marking of the Centenary invokes different interpretations, perspectives, perceptions and implication for different communities within Northern Ireland. Whilst the Financial assistance call is open to all groups/organisations that meet the criteria, groups from a PUL background may prioritise applications to this call.
Racial group	This financial assistance call is open to all groups/organisations who wish to apply subject to meeting the financial assistance programme call criteria.
Age	This financial assistance call is open to all groups/organisations who wish to apply subject to meeting the financial assistance programme call criteria.
Marital status	This financial assistance call is open to all groups/organisations who wish to apply subject to meeting the financial assistance programme call criteria.
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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?

Section 75 category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact? Major/minor/none
Religious belief	<p>The purpose of the NI Centenary Funding Programme is to support projects to mark the Northern Ireland Centenary.</p> <p>While it is anticipated the open call may attract a greater number of applications from groups/organisations from within the PUL community, Council acknowledges marking the Centenary may invoke different interpretations and perspectives which may be reflected in applications received.</p>	Minor - positive
Political opinion	<p>The purpose of the NI Centenary Funding Programme is to support projects to mark the Northern Ireland Centenary.</p> <p>While it is anticipated the open call may attract a greater number of applications from groups/organisations from within the PUL community, Council acknowledges marking the Centenary may invoke different interpretations and perspectives which may be reflected in applications received.</p>	Minor - positive
Racial group		None
Age		None
Marital status		None
Sexual orientation		None
Men and women generally		None
Disability		Minor
Dependants		None

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		The NI Centenary Financial Assistance Call is open to all groups/organisations/people within the 75 equality categories whose project meet the criteria set out in the financial assistance policy.
Political opinion		
Racial group		
Age		
Marital status		
Sexual orientation		
Men and women generally		
Disability		
Dependants		

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	<p>As previously set out, the aim is to provide financial support towards the delivery of projects aimed to mark the Northern Ireland Centenary.</p> <p>The objective is to support projects to mark the Northern Ireland Centenary while also complementing the Council's Good Relations Strategy.</p> <p>Applicant projects should aim to address one or more of the 4 Key Priority themes defined by The Executive Office (TEO) under the Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) strategy (2013).</p> <p>The Key Priority areas are summarised and outlined below –</p> <p>Key Priority 1: Our Children and Young People</p> <p>1.1 Improving attitudes between young people from different backgrounds</p> <p>1.2 Young people engaging in bringing the community together</p> <p>Key Priority 2: Our Shared Community</p> <p>2.1 Increased use of shared space and services (e.g. leisure centres, shopping centres, education, housing)</p> <p>2.2 Shared space is accessible to all</p> <p>Key Priority 3: Our Safe Community</p> <p>3.1 Reduce the prevalence of hate crime and intimidation</p> <p>3.2 A community where places and spaces are safe for all</p> <p>Key Priority 4: Our Cultural Expression</p> <p>4.1 Increased sense of belonging (widens contribution beyond community background)</p> <p>4.2 Cultural diversity is celebrated</p>	Minor - positive
Political opinion		
Racial group		

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		<p>No. The Centenaries Fund Financial Assistance Programme has been developed to ensure all groups/organisations regardless of background, who wish to apply to the programme can do so.</p> <p>As noted, initiatives must complement the Council's Good Relations Strategy and should aim to address one or more of the 4 Key Priority themes defined by The Executive Office (TEO) under the Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) strategy (2013).</p>
Political opinion		
Racial group		

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:

It is recommended the Council's NI Centenary Fund Financial Assistance theme not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).

As noted, the purpose of the NI Centenary Funding Programme is to support projects to mark the Northern Ireland Centenary.

While it is anticipated the open call may attract a greater number of applications from groups/organisations from within the PUL community, Council acknowledges marking the Centenary may invoke different interpretations and perspectives which may be reflected in applications received.

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:

It should also be noted this is a funding programme has been agreed to be established for one year only; the 2021/2022 financial year.

Implementation, monitoring and review will be in line with the Council's financial assistance process and governance arrangements.

Approval and Authorisation

Screened by:	Position/Job Title	Date
Suzanne Rice	Corporate Policy and Equality Officer	27 th January 2021.
Approved by:		
Colin Moffett	Head of Corporate Policy	5 February 2021

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 Equality Officer who will arrange for it to be included in the Council's Quarterly Report on Screening and made available on the Council's website.