

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Screening Form

Policy Information

Name of the policy	NMDDC Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 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>2022 marks the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II on 6 February 1952.</p> <p>The Councillors' Equality and Good Relations Reference Group at its meeting on 18 February 2022 gave consideration to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from Councillors Walker, Hanna and Owens that Council agree funding for groups to run events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. • Notice of Motion from Councillors Taylor, Lewis and Burgess: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>"To ask Council to establish a funding programme to enable local citizens and community organisations across the District to mark the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II."</i> <p>Following discussion, the consensus of the Councillors' Equality & Good Relations Reference Group was to recommend Council establish a Queen's Platinum Jubilee financial assistance programme with a fund of £40,000.</p> <p>This was considered and agreed at the Council's Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 16 March 2022.</p>
Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy? If so, explain how.	<p>The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee financial assistance call is open to all groups that wish to apply subject to meeting the criteria.</p> <p>However, as an open call for funding, while the platinum jubilee 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 Protestant, Unionist and Loyalist (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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	(Source: Disability Action)
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 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 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 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 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

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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.
Sexual orientation	This financial assistance call is open to all groups/organisations who wish to apply subject to meeting the financial assistance programme call criteria.
Men and women generally	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 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee funding programme is to support projects to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</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 Queen's Platinum Jubilee may invoke different interpretations and perspectives which may be reflected in applications received.</p>	Minor - positive
Political opinion	The purpose of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee funding programme is to support projects to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.	Minor - positive

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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 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 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	As previously set out, the aim is to provide financial support towards the delivery of projects aimed to mark Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.	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		No. The Platinum Jubilee Financial

Political opinion		Assistance Programme has been developed to ensure all groups/organisations regardless of background, who wish to apply to the programme can do so.
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 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Financial Assistance theme not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).

As noted, the purpose of the Funding Programme is to support projects to mark the platinum jubilee.

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 platinum jubilee 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 2022/2023 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
Approved by:		
Colin Moffett	Head of Corporate Policy	25 February 2022

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.