

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Screening Form

Policy Information

Name of the policy	Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy
Is this an existing, revised or new policy?	Revised
What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes)	<p>The aim of this policy is to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Regularise sports and community facility management and leasing procedures; (b) Complement the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Corporate Plan, Core Ideology, policies and procedures; (c) Empower and improve the capacity of our local communities; (d) Improve sports and community development opportunities for all; (e) Promote economic and community regeneration through sport, community and sustainability projects; (f) Encourage Sporting Clubs and Community organisations to play a greater role in the management of facilities; (g) Support improved Health and Wellbeing outcomes. <p>The policy states that when an approach is made to Council regarding land/property or facility it is agreed to invite expressions of interest and the Council will notify all organisation users of the land/property or facility within the last 5 years to advise that interest has been notified and that an expression of interest exercise will be undertaken.</p>
Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?	No. The approach detailed in the policy ensures there is a consistent approach when dealing with requests.
If so, explain how.	Non applicable.
Who initiated or wrote	Conor Haughey, Assistant Director, Healthy Living, Leisure

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	LGD	All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant and other Christian	Other religions	None												
	Northern Ireland	1,903,178	869,753 (45.7%)	827,545 (43.5%)	28,514 (1.5%)	177,360 (9.3%)												
	Newry, Mourne & Down	182,074	131,300 (72.1%)	39,970 (22.0%)	1,327 (0.7%)	9,477 (5.2%)												
	(Source: Census Data 2021).																	
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>20 seats</td></tr><tr><td>SDLP</td><td>8 seats</td></tr><tr><td>Independents</td><td>2 seats</td></tr><tr><td>Democratic Unionist</td><td>5 seats</td></tr><tr><td>Ulster Unionist</td><td>1 seats</td></tr><tr><td>Alliance</td><td>5 seats</td></tr></table> <p>Councillors are elected within seven District Electoral Areas (DEAs) across the Council area. With respect to party political representation, democratic deficits exist within particular DEAs i.e three DEAs have no PUL Councillor representation (Newry, Crotlieve and Downpatrick), two DEAs have one PUL (Slieve Croob and Slieve Gullion) Councillor and, one DEA has one CNR (Rowallane).</p>						Sinn Féin	20 seats	SDLP	8 seats	Independents	2 seats	Democratic Unionist	5 seats	Ulster Unionist	1 seats	Alliance	5 seats
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Racial group	<p>According to the 2021 Census, 3.4% (65,604) of the usually resident population of Northern Ireland belongs to minority ethnic groups. This is almost double the proportion in 2011 (1.8%).</p> <p>The minority ethnic language profile within the area serves as a possible indicator of the BME community profile. The composition of language groups in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is noted by NISRA (2021) as follows:</p>																	

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Sexual orientation	Analysis of the Census 2021 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	The gender profile for the Newry, Mourne and Down LGD is as follows:																										
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	<p>declined from 50% in 1981 to 33.9% in 2021.</p> <p>There are 5,639 lone parent households with dependent children in Newry, Mourne and Down which equates to just over 8% of number of total households in the District and is the fourth highest in Northern Ireland, after Belfast (17,292), Derry and Strabane (7,639) and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon (6,556). Half of the parents in lone parent households in Newry, Mourne and Down are unemployed, almost a quarter are in full time employment and over a quarter are in part time employment. 93% of the parents in lone parent households in the District are female compared to 11% who are male.</p> <p>In 2019-21, the teenage birth rate (under 20 years old) was 6.5 per 1,000 mothers, which is the fourth highest in Northern Ireland after Belfast (11.4); Antrim & Newtownabbey (6.9) and Mid and East Antrim (6.8) but below the regional average of 6.8 per 1,000 births.</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	No evidence of specific needs, experiences or priorities for this section 75 category in relation to the implementation of the policy.
Political opinion	No evidence of specific needs, experiences or priorities for this section 75 category in relation to the implementation of the policy.
Racial group	No evidence of specific needs, experiences or priorities for this section 75 category in relation to the implementation of the policy.
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Disability	No evidence of specific needs, experiences or priorities for this section 75 category in relation to the implementation of the policy.

		will be taken for all requests from all groups.
Political opinion		While no adverse impact is anticipated, the detail outlined in the policy will ensure that a fair and consistent approach will be taken for all requests from all groups.
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Religious belief		As stated, the detail in the policy ensures that all requests on this nature go through the same process regardless of religious belief
Political opinion		As stated, the detail in the policy ensures that all requests on this nature go through the same process regardless of political opinion
Racial group		As stated, the detail in the policy ensures that all requests on this nature go through the same process regardless of 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).

None

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. Be subject to an EQIA

If 1. or 2. (i.e. not be subject to an EQIA), please provide details of the reasons why:

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:

This policy will be reviewed in line with Council policy. Review date is October 2029.

Approval and Authorisation

Screened by:	Position/Job Title	Date
	Head of Outdoor Leisure	14-1-25
Approved by:	Assistant Director Healthy Living	
		

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.