

# Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Policy Screening Form

## Policy Information

Name of the policy	Participatory Budgeting (PB)
Is this an existing, revised or new policy?	New
What is it trying to achieve (aims/outcomes)	Enable citizens to have a direct say in how public money is spent Extend community engagement by involving groups in making democratic decisions Expanding community knowledge of priorities and assets
Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?	All categories
If so, explain how.	In extending community engagement, PB projects can be designed to be open and relevant to all groups. PB is commonly used to extend decision making to groups who otherwise would not have had experience of doing so.
Who initiated or wrote the policy?	Community Planning
Who owns and who implements the policy?	Community Planning and Performance

## Implementation factors

	Yes	No
Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?	<b>Yes</b>	
If yes, are they Financial	<b>Yes</b>	
If yes, are they Legislative		<b>No</b>
If yes, and they are Other please specify:	<b>Other:</b> Perception of officers in statutory organisations that governance requirements may inhibit action	

## Main stakeholders affected

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

	Yes	No
Staff	Yes	
Service users	Yes	
Other public sector organisations	Yes	
Voluntary/community/trade unions	Yes	
Other, please specify:		

## Other policies with a bearing on this policy

What are they	NMD Financial Assistance
Who owns them	Community Engagement, Active and Healthy Communities

## 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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	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 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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	<p>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>
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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	Project to be open to all and advertised across district
Political opinion	Project to be open to all and advertised across district, with all Elected members informed of project
Racial group	Project to be open to all and advertised across district, including BME / Community groups
Age	Community / Voluntary Groups across age spectrum informed Design / delivery of project/s to be suitable if and when targeted on encouraging children, younger people or older citizens involvement
Marital status	Project to be open to all and advertised across district
Sexual orientation	Project to be open to all and advertised across district, including relevant LGBT groups
Men and women generally	Project to be open to all and advertised across district
Disability	Project to be open to all and advertised across district, including statutory services and community / voluntary disability groups
Dependants	Project to be open to all and advertised across district,

### 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	Positive engagement with others of different religion	Minor
Political opinion	No obvious impact	None

Racial group	Improved opportunities for positive community engagement / inclusion with statutory and other community /voluntary organisations / PB applicants	Minor
Age	Intergenerational links / understanding	Minor
Marital status	No obvious impact	None
Sexual orientation	Improved opportunities for positive community engagement / inclusion with statutory and other community /voluntary organisations / PB applicants	
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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	Encourage PB applications / event invitations through NMDDC and partners targeted social media	
Political opinion	As above	
Racial group	As above	
Age	As above	
Marital status	As above	
Sexual orientation	As above	
Men and women generally	As above	
Disability	As above, + accessible venues	
Dependants	As above, + family friendly event times and venues	

3. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

<b>Good relations category</b>	<b>Details of policy impact</b>	<b>Level of impact? Major/minor/none</b>
Religious belief	Positive engagement with others of different religion / shared understandings of similar or common purpose through PB events	Minor
Political opinion	<b>None</b>	None
Racial group	Positive engagement with others of different racial group/ ethnic background / shared understandings of similar or common purpose through PB events	Minor

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

<b>Good relations category</b>	<b>If Yes, provide details</b>	<b>If No, provide details</b>
Religious belief	Through collective PB events and shared experience of all involved seeking to address common problems / issues	
Political opinion		Political opinions will not be explicit at PB events. While GR may be promoted it is not the currency of the events.
Racial group	Through collective PB events and shared experience of all involved seeking to address common problems / issues	

## **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:

**Policy is a form of extending community engagement and will be open to all**

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:

**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
David Patterson	Head of Community Planning	08.06.18
Approved by:		
Johnny McBride	Assistant Director, Community Planning and Performance	08.06.18

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.