Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Section 75 Policy Screening Report

# Quarterly Report April - June 2017

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| **Policy Number** | **Policy** | **Details of policy** | **Screening Outcome** |
| 51 | Acquisition and Disposal of Land Assets Policy | The aim of the policy is to ensure there is a consistent process to consider the disposal and acquisition of land assets.   | No EQIA considered necessary |
| 133 | Pavement Cafes Designation Policy | The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to designate a street or part thereof as a pavement café and whether to grant or refuse an application for a pavement café. Its aim is to provide, insofar as is possible, consistent decision making so as to develop and thereafter maintain public confidence in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council’s performance of its duties.It should be noted this is an updated equality screening document which was originally named in the Quarterly Policy Screening Report for the period July – September 2016. For information, following consideration of a complaint, the original equality screening was amended as it did not reflect amendments of the policy and did not make direct reference to the potential impact upon older people, families and carers and young people. However, it was the view that this did not alter the original decision of screening that the Pavement Café Designation Policy not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required). Council was satisfied and confident the policy provides an effective framework to enable Council decide whether to designate a street or part thereof as a pavement café and whether to grant or refuse an application for a pavement café, and at this time does not consider the policy is required to be subject to an equality impact assessment.   | No EQIA considered necessary |
| 148 & 149 | Anti-Fraud Policy and Fraud Response Plan | The Council are committed to protecting the public money we look after and to making sure that the opportunity for fraud or any other financial impropriety is reduced to the lowest possible risk. Should allegations be made, we will deal with them in a firm and controlled manner. As well as being potentially criminal acts, fraud and financial impropriety can impact on the council’s finances, its reputation, its staff and its stakeholders.There is a clear commitment from the Council and Senior Management that fraud will not be tolerated and the Council is committed to ensuring that opportunities for fraud are reduced to the lowest possible level of risk. | No EQIA considered necessary |
| 150 | Whistleblowing Policy  | All organisations face the risk of things going wrong from time to time, or of unknowingly harbouring illegal or unethical conduct. A culture of openness and accountability is essential in order to prevent such situations occurring and to address them when they do occur. The Council is committed to developing a culture where all employees are encouraged to raise concerns about poor and unacceptable practice and misconduct safely. Whistleblowing provides workers with an opportunity to raise serious, genuine concerns rather than overlooking the problem or blowing the whistle outside. Whistleblowing legislation offers protection to workers who disclose serious concerns and the Council is committed to ensuring that anyone who blows the whistle will not be victimised, harassed or suffer any detriment as a consequence.The benefits of whistleblowing to the Council include:* safeguarding the integrity of the Council;
* safeguarding the employees and the wider public; and
* identifying damage and wrongdoing as early as possible.
 | No EQIA considered necessary |
| 153 | Policy for the use of play inflatables on/in Council owned properties | The aim of this policy is to build on the Council’s civic leadership role and give appropriate consideration and recognition to communities’ use of play inflatables as an important aspect of community engagement and capacity building within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. The policy applies to the use of play inflatables by Council staff and by the community and voluntary sector on council property, and the scope of the policy will extend to providing advice, training and equipment in some instances. | No EQIA considered necessary |
| 154 | Caravan Site Licencing Conditions Policy (Residential Caravan Sites) | The purpose of this Policy is to provide a consistent approach to the enforcement of caravan site licencing. | No EQIA considered necessary |
| 155 | Caravan Site Licencing Conditions Policy (Static Holiday and Touring Caravan Sites) | The purpose of this Policy is to provide a consistent approach to the enforcement of caravan site licencing. | No EQIA considered necessary |