

**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Section 75 Policy Screening Report  
Quarterly Report January – March 2022**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Details of policy</b>	<b>Screening Outcome</b>
<b>New policies</b>		
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2022-23	<p>The following five performance improvement objectives have been developed, all of which are clearly linked to the Community Plan and Corporate Plan 2021-23.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We will encourage local people to lead healthy and active lives by improving the quality of our parks and open spaces</li> <li>2. We will grow the economy by supporting local businesses and creating new jobs</li> <li>3. We will improve the cleanliness of our District by addressing littering, fly tipping and dog fouling incidents</li> <li>4. We will build the capacity of local communities through the Financial Assistance Scheme</li> <li>5. We will improve the processing times of planning applications and enforcement cases by implementing the Planning Service Improvement Programme</li> </ol>	No EQIA considered necessary
Notice of Motion - Contactless Payment Solutions to tackle Homelessness	The notice of motion seeks Council to establish contactless payment points with monies donated to the Council Chairperson's charitable fund to be used specifically to tackle homelessness.	No EQIA considered necessary

<p>NMDDC Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Financial Assistance Programme</p>	<p>2022 marks the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II on 6 February 1952.</p> <p>Following discussion, the consensus of the Councillors' Equality &amp; Good Relations Reference Group meeting on 18 February 2022 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>	<p>No EQIA considered necessary</p>
<p><b>Reviewed policies</b></p>		
<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Non-Current Asset Procedure</p>	<p>The aim of the Non-Current Asset Procedure is to clearly set out the Council's procedures in relation to the appropriate management, recording and monitoring and accounting of Non-Current Assets and to ensure that all members and officers are aware of their roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>The procedures apply to all officers with responsibility for Non-Current Assets and sets out how they are identified and to ensure Council officers are aware of the financial implications of acquiring and disposing of assets, and to provide guidance on how managers should ensure the maintenance and safeguarding of the assets within their area of responsibility.</p> <p>The procedures do not aim to be prescriptive with regard to providing monetary values and levels of management authorisation for aspects of asset management. These provide guidance on good practice. It is recognised that further policies and procedures may be required for 'Donated Assets', 'Inventory of Assets' and 'Disposal of Assets'</p>	<p>No EQIA considered necessary</p>

Media Policy	<p>The aim of the Policy is to ensure a consistent approach to dealing with all media communications activity.</p> <p>Our purpose in media relations is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a strong image and identity for the Council and strengthen its reputation</li> <li>• Improve citizens’ awareness and understanding of the work of the Council</li> <li>• Ensure information about our aims, objectives and services is targeted to and accessible by key stakeholders as highlighted under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.</li> <li>• Invigorate local democracy and encourage and enable people to participate in the work of the Council</li> <li>• Build up a relationship of trust and mutual understanding that will benefit both the Council and the media.</li> </ul>	No EQIA considered necessary
Policy for Dealing with Changed Circumstances Affecting Licensed Street Trading	<p>The purpose of this Policy is to outline the approach to be taken by the District Council where the following circumstances arise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the location of a street trading pitch on which a licence holder trades as a stationary trader has become unsuitable, or,</li> <li>• the space in the street has become inadequate to permit trading by a stationary trader without causing undue interference or inconvenience to persons or vehicles.</li> </ul>	No EQIA considered necessary
Pavement Cafes Designation Policy	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	No EQIA considered necessary

Pavement Cafes Enforcement Policy	<p>By virtue of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council may regulate street trading through enforcement powers in a street or part thereof in its District.</p> <p>The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to take enforcement action against a person of whom there is reasonable grounds to suspect commission of an offence under this Act while involved in Pavement Cafés. Its aim is to provide, in so far 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.</p>	No EQIA considered necessary
Protocol for Hearing of Statutory Referrals to Committee	<p>The key aims of the protocol are to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who make, or make representation to, applications before the Committee are able to make informed representations and know the case which they have to meet; and</li> <li>• The Committee makes decisions in a soundly based, lawful, and transparent way and in a timely and efficient manner.</li> </ul>	No EQIA considered necessary
Risk Management Policy	The aim of this policy is to ensure that risk management is fully embedded within NMDDC strategic and operational planning processes.	No EQIA considered necessary
Street Trading 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 for Street Trading.	No EQIA considered necessary
Street Trading Enforcement Policy	The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to take enforcement action against a person of whom there is reasonable grounds to suspect commission of an offence under this Act while involved in Street Trading.	No EQIA considered necessary

Street Trading Mobile Licence policy	The purpose of this policy document is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to grant or refuse an application for a mobile street trading licence.	No EQIA considered necessary
Street Trading Stall Design and Trading Policy	The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance on the minimum standard of stall design, which should be considered when deciding whether to grant to a person a street trading licence.	No EQIA considered necessary
Street Trading Stationary Licence Policy	The purpose of this policy document is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to grant or refuse an application for a Stationary Licence.	No EQIA considered necessary
Street Trading Temporary Licence Policy	The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to grant to a person a Temporary Licence.	No EQIA considered necessary
Temporary Road Closures on a Public Road for the purpose of holding a Special Event Policy	<p>The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 amends the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) 1997 Order to provide relevant authorities (district councils and DRD Road Service) the power to prohibit or restrict the use of a public road for the purpose of holding a special event on a public road. A 'special event' is defined as any sporting event, social event or entertainment which is held on a public road or the making of a film on a public road. Consent of the Department for Infrastructure (Roads Service) (DfI) is required. If the DfI Roads Service objects on the grounds of road safety issues or traffic management issues, then approval shall not be given.</p> <p>This Policy is intended to ensure that the District Council's Members and Officers are aware of those matters to be taken into consideration when determining if a street or part thereof should be prohibited or restricted for the purpose of holding a special event on a public road.</p>	No EQIA considered necessary