## Financial Assistance Policy

The overall aim of financial assistance is to enable Council to maximise the impact of its work across the Council area for the benefit of local residents.

The objectives of the policy are to:
- Maximise the impact of, and outcomes from, all Council funding.
- Seek to address needs which are clearly demonstrated and fall within, or are compatible with, Council priorities.
- Increase community engagement and voluntary participation in addressing areas of common concern.
- Enhance the sustainability of community-based activities and provision.
- Support community-based work which addresses the needs of those who are most deprived.
- Support the development of mutual respect, understanding and appreciation of diversity and shared cultural experiences.
- Ensure fairness, transparency and value for money in all Council's Financial Assistance Practice.

## Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme (Ph III)

The purpose of this Scheme is to provide urban environmental improvements, which will comprise of the installation of new paving and kerbing on the footways. New decorative street lighting, street furniture, tree planting and the under-grounding of overhead services are also proposed as part of the scheme.

Its aim is to provide this physical regeneration investment into a very busy part of Newry’s main street, ‘Hill Street’.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Policy</th>
<th>Details of policy</th>
<th>Screening Outcome</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Financial Assistance Policy</td>
<td>The overall aim of financial assistance is to enable Council to maximise the impact of its work across the Council area for the benefit of local residents. The objectives of the policy are to:  - Maximise the impact of, and outcomes from, all Council funding.  - Seek to address needs which are clearly demonstrated and fall within, or are compatible with, Council priorities.  - Increase community engagement and voluntary participation in addressing areas of common concern.  - Enhance the sustainability of community-based activities and provision.  - Support community-based work which addresses the needs of those who are most deprived.  - Support the development of mutual respect, understanding and appreciation of diversity and shared cultural experiences.  - Ensure fairness, transparency and value for money in all Council's Financial Assistance Practice.</td>
<td>No EQIA considered necessary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme (Ph III)</td>
<td>The purpose of this Scheme is to provide urban environmental improvements, which will comprise of the installation of new paving and kerbing on the footways. New decorative street lighting, street furniture, tree planting and the under-grounding of overhead services are also proposed as part of the scheme. Its aim is to provide this physical regeneration investment into a very busy part of Newry’s main street, ‘Hill Street’.</td>
<td>No EQIA considered necessary</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
This proposed project will have a direct impact upon people with disability, visual impairment, people with mobility issues, older people, families and carers and young people. The current streetscape has not had investment in over 30 years and is very hazardous in regards, uneven pavement surfaces, lack of tactiles at crossings and poor lighting throughout. Upgrading these obvious issues, will directly benefit some of the core Section 75 groups, especially in regards to mobility.

| Review of operations at Household Recycling Centres | The aim and objective is establishment of guiding principles in relation to Council’s Household Recycling Centres (HRCs). The primary rationale is to secure standardisation across all HRCs, as well as to reduce the amount of (non-recyclable) residual waste currently being receipted and processed through these facilities. The principles address the following areas:  
- General access & usage;  
- Construction / DIY materials;  
- Commercial waste; and  
- Re-Use. | No EQIA considered necessary |

| Sports Facility Strategy | The vision is:  
- ‘Development of an evidence-based assessment of facility need, which will inform and prioritise future investment in and development of, a network of high quality sports facilities, addressing the needs for increased community participation in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council’  
The Strategy aim is:  
- to develop a strategic framework for the future provision of sports facilities in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. This identifies the need for provision and the priorities for investment into sports facilities, informed by | No EQIA considered necessary |
evidence of need, consultation with key stakeholders and a supply and demand analysis.

The Strategy Objectives are:

- To identify the existing range of facilities provided at local level in Newry, Mourne and Down.
- To undertake consultation with strategic stakeholders to identify current and future facility needs and locations.
- To undertake a supply and demand assessment to identify gaps in current provision, plus future needs.
- To develop a facility framework reflecting identified current and future community needs.
- To link this strategic framework where relevant to the network of local sports facilities.
- To develop a set of strategic principles underpinning all future investment in sports facilities.
- To link the identified sports facility needs in Newry, Mourne and Down into the priorities identified at national level, where appropriate.
- To recommend priority investment(s) in sports facility provision in Newry, Mourne and Down.