

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

Policy	Details of policy	Screening Outcome
Establishment of a New Ireland Working Group	<p>At the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 16 March 2022, approved at the Council meeting 4 April 2022, a Notice of Motion regarding an Irish Unity Working Group (SPR/039/2022) was tabled for consideration.</p> <p>It was agreed that this Council recognises that discussions about a constitutional change are now well underway and that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council have a duty to consult with its ratepayers on this important issue and the implications for the Council area and the wider border corridor. Therefore, this motion calls on the Council to establish a New Ireland Working Group and to begin a consultation with other Councils, ratepayers and community and business representatives to assess views on the issues related to constitutional change.</p>	No EQIA considered necessary
Provision of Newry Tennis Bubble	<p>The provision of a tennis bubble is referenced and set out as a specific recommendation within Council’s Sports Facility Strategy. Recommendation 11 within the Council’s Sports Facility Strategy is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a partnership approach to the development of a bubble to cover 2 tennis courts at either Newry Tennis Club or Newcastle Tennis Club to provide a facility within the local authority that provides for all year round tennis <p>The subsequent action has been the development of an additional tennis bubble facility located within the grounds of Our Ladies Grammar School.</p> <p>For reference, the overall vision of Council’s Sports Facility Strategy is:</p>	No EQIA considered necessary

- '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 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.