

## Screening Form - Equality

1. Is this a Policy  
2. Name of Access and Use of Household Recycling Centres  
Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service

3. Reference 280

4. Category of Existing  
Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service

5. Please provide a description of the Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service  
The policy sets out the terms and conditions of accessing and using the Council's HRCs

6. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service.

The aims of the policy is to limit use of the HRCs to householders who are resident in the Borough and for the disposal of their own household waste.

To ensure and to maximise the level of recycling achieved within the HRCs,

7. Who initiated or wrote the Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service? Director of Environment

8. Who is responsible for the implementation of the Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service? Waste Contracts & Resources Manager

9. Is this policy affected by timetables established by other relevant Public Authorities? No

### Equality

1. Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy? No

2. Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision? No

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

Staff, Service Users, Voluntary/Community/Trade Unions,  
Commercial businesses who collect household waste from householders for hire and reward

4. Is this policy associated with any other Council Policy (or Policies)?  
Yes

**4a. If yes, please state the related Policy (or Policies)**

Permit system for Householder Access to Household Recycling Centres using Vans and Large Trailers.

**5. Does this policy affect Internal or External users?**External

Evidence to help inform the Section 75 screening process may take many forms. Public authorities should ensure that their screening decision is informed by relevant data.

**6. What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy?**

Age, Disability

**Age evidence**

The policy is likely to impact on elderly residents who require assistance from others to transport household waste from their property.

**Disability evidence**

The policy may impact on persons with a disability, that means they are unable to transfer their own waste to a Household Recycling Centre and rely on others to provide this service.

Taking into account the information referred to above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities for each of the following categories, in relation to the particular policy / decision?

**7. Please provide details of different needs, experiences and priorities for each of the categories**

Site Attendants and Supervisory staff will need to be permitted to provide a degree of discretion in dealing with cases where the householder is elderly, infirmed or disabled, meaning they are physically unable to visit an HRC.

**8. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Religious belief?** None

**9. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Political opinion?**

None

**10. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Racial group?** None

**11. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Age?** Minor

**11a. Impact on equality of opportunity - Age**

A certain degree of discretion will need to apply when a resident is physically unable to transport their own waste.

**12. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Marital status?** None

**13. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Sexual orientation?** None

**14. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Men and women generally?** None

**15. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Disability?** Minor

### 15a. Impact on equality of opportunity - Disability

A certain degree of discretion will need to apply when a resident is physically unable to transport their own waste.

16. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Dependants? None

17. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section75 equalities categories? If Yes, provide details. If No, provide reasons.

Religious belief Not applicable

Political opinion Not applicable

Racial group Not applicable

Age Yes, - a recognition that in some cases the elderly may rely on others to assist with the transport of household waste from their properties.

Marital Status Not applicable

Sexual orientation Not applicable

Men and women generally Not applicable

Disability Yes, - a recognition that in some cases the disabled may rely on others to assist with the transport of household waste from their properties.

Dependants Not applicable

18. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion and/or racial group? None

19. Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion and/or racial group? No

## Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

20. Is there evidence to suggest that this policy would promote positive attitudes towards people with a disability? No

21. Is there evidence to suggest that this policy would encourage the participation of people with a disability in public life?

No

## Additional Considerations

22. Are there any potential impacts of the policy / decision (positive or negative) on people with multiple identities? No

## Monitoring Arrangements

23. Outline what data you could collect in the future to monitor the impact of this policy / decision on equality, good relations and disability duties

On the basis that the elderly (65+) and those with long term health problems/disability represent a significant percentage of the Borough population, a record is maintained at each HRC regarding the number of cases where the Site Attendant/Supervisor has to use their discretion regarding others presenting waste on their behalf.

## **25. On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy/decision is**

Screened Out - Mitigating Actions (minor impacts)

### **25a. Mitigating Actions**

A recognition that in certain circumstances, elderly and disabled residents may need to rely on others to transport household waste on their behalf.

## **26. Monitoring Recommendations**

A record is kept at each site to determine how frequently these circumstances occur and whether there is a need for further mitigatory measures to improve the service.

## **Conclusion**

Overall , the majority of the measures and controls included in the policy are already in place but not being rigorously enforced. The recent industrial action in NI Councils (ongoing) has highlighted the problem of waste "tourism" and without the measures this Council is vulnerable to be targeted by LCCC residents and potentially NM&D residents.

## **Please upload any supporting documents for review**



Appendix 1 - Policy on Accè... .docx



Appendix 2 - Policy on Pem... .docx

## **Email:**

Enquiries@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

## **Screening Panel Comments**

Consistent Approach needed from all HRCs, all complaints should be recorded and followed up if needed, ensure people are informed of the changes.

## Appendix - Religious Belief

### Religious belief (Internal)

\* Small numbers removed as individuals could be identifiable

	Catholic	Protestant & other Christian	Other religions	Total
Males F/T	33	388	34	425
	8%	84%	8%	100%
Males P/T	*	*	*	8
	25%	63%	13%	100%
Females F/T	58	223	6	287
	20%	78%	2%	100%
Females P/T	12	20	5	35
	32%	54%	14%	100%
Total	105	606	46	757
	14%	80%	6%	100%

### Religious belief (External)

The Northern Ireland Census 2011 (NISRA) statistics for the Borough area showed that 75% are or have been brought up in Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related) religions. While this varied across the borough from 17% in Portaferry ward to 87% in Carrowdore ward this does not have any relation to this policy. These compared to 48% for Northern Ireland as a whole.

LGD	All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant & other Christian	Other religions	None
Northern Ireland	1,810,863	817,385	875,717	16,592	101,169
		-45.14%	-48.36%	-0.92%	-5.59%
Ards and North Down	156,672	20,550	117,589	1,729	16,804
		13%	75%	1%	11%

## Appendix - Political Opinion

### Political opinion (External)

Electoral Office data from recent Local Government elections detail the political representation on Ards and North Down Council, The Stormont Executive for this electoral area and Westminster election. This data is an approximate measure of political opinion of the voting electorate within the Borough. Turnout to vote in North Down and Strangford constituencies tend to be lower than the rest of NI suggesting less strong political opinions. Of those who do turn out, the results show preferences for voting Unionist parties.

<b>Political Party</b>	<b>Seats Held</b>
Alliance	10
DUP	14
Green	3
Independants	3
SDLP	1
Sinn Féin	0
TUV	1
UUP	8

## Appendix - Racial Group

### Racial group (Internal)

\* Small numbers removed as individuals could be identifiable

Racial Group	Total	Percentage
White	682	78.66%
Black	*	*
Chinese	*	*
Other	*	*
Did not want to answer	*	*
Left Black	176	20.30%

### Racial group (External)

NISRA, NINIS and Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership data provide up to date data. The 2011 census showed that 32,000 (1.8%) of the usually resident population in Northern Ireland is from a minority ethnic background. Within the borough, the 2011 Census showed that 1.5% (2,300) were from a minority ethnic background. Across the borough this ranged from 5.2% in Loughview ward to 0.3% in Lisbane ward.

Total Usual Residents	156,672
White	154,365
Chinese	406
Irish Traveller	0
Indian	283
Pakistani	0
Bangladeshi	177
Other Asian	415
Black Caribbean	0
Black African	139
Black Other	132
Mixed	556
Other	199

## Appendix - Age

### Age (Internal)

Age Profile	Female	Female %	Male	Male %
16 to 29	20	6%	26	65%
30 to 39	75	23%	83	19%
40 to 49	105	33%	121	27%
50 to 59	80	25%	176	39%
65+	42	13%	41	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Age (External)

NISRA have published population projections for the Borough which show that the proportion of those aged 85 and over are expected to more than double within the next 25 years. ANDBC has the highest % population of older people in Northern Ireland.

Age Profile	Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down
0 to 15	385,200	29,801
16 to 39	583,116	43,239
40 to 64	591,481	54,094
65+	291,824	31,663



<b>Total</b>	1,851,621	158,797
--------------	-----------	---------

# Appendix - Marital Status

## Marital Status (Internal)

\* Small numbers removed as individuals could be identifiable

Marital Status	Total	Percentage
Single	180	20.76%
Married	405	46.71%
Divorced	35	4.04%
Co Habiting	14	1.61%
Separated	25	2.88%
Civil Partnership	*	*
Left Blank	207	23.88%

## Marital Status (External)

The 2011 Northern Ireland Census showed that 48% of adults (those aged over 16 years of age) in Northern Ireland were either married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership. Within the borough, 54% of adults fell into this category. This varies across the borough from 36% in Central (Ards) ward to 64% in Lisbane ward. See

Marital Status	Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down
All usual residents: Aged 16+ years	<b>1,431,540</b>	<b>126,945</b>
Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership): Aged 16+ years	<b>517,393</b>	<b>36,730</b>
	36.14%	29%
Married: Aged 16+ years	<b>680,831</b>	<b>67,866</b>
	47.56%	53%
In a registered same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years	<b>1243</b>	<b>123</b>
	0.09%	0.09%
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership): Aged 16+ years	<b>56,911</b>	<b>4,328</b>
	3.98%	3%
Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved:	<b>78,074</b>	<b>8,548</b>
	5.45%	7%
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years	<b>97,088</b>	<b>9,350</b>
	6.78%	7%

## Appendix - Sexual Orientation

### Sexual Orientation

It should be noted that no reliable data is available on sexual orientation-NISRA are currently examining methodology on how to measure this. However, the 2011 census indicates that less than 1% of the Northern Ireland adult population (those aged 16 years and over) were in a registered same-sex civil partnership. This was similar to the borough as a whole. The Continuous Household Survey in Northern Ireland estimated this figure between 0.9% and 1.9% in 2015-2016. The Office for National Statistics estimates a similar range for the United Kingdom (1.7%).

## Appendix - Men and Women Generally

### Men and women generally (Internal)

Male	Female	Total
511	356	867
58.94%	41.06%	100%

### Men and women generally (External)

According to census (NISRA) almost half of the population of Northern Ireland were male (49%) and this was similar throughout Ards and North Down Borough Council (48%).

LGD	Male	Female	Total
Northern Ireland	887,323	923,540	1,810,863
Ards and North Down	75,920	80,752	156,672

## Appendix - Disability

### Disability (External)

The 2011 Census (NISRA) showed that 20% of the population in Ards and North Down area had a health issue or disability (including those related to old age) which has lasted or expected to last at least 12 months. (This was similar to the Northern Ireland figure of 21%.)

<b>LGD</b>	<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>Long-term health problems or disability: Day-to-day activities limited a lot</b>	<b>Long-term health problems or disability: Day-to-day activities limited a little</b>	<b>Long-term health problems or disability: Day-to-day activities not limited</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	1,810,863	215,232	159,414	1,436,217
<b>Ards and North Down</b>	156,672	16,696	14,808	187,141

## Appendix - Dependants

### Dependants (External)

In considering this dimension the following have been included: persons with responsibility for the care of a child, children, a person with a disability and or an older person. According to the Continuous Household Survey, 2013-2016, 37% of Ards and North Down claimed to have a dependent (This did not differentiate on the type of dependent).

According to the 2011 Census, 7,474 households in Ards and North Down had a dependent child under the age of 4 (This might give an indication on the numbers who would have buggies or prams).

	<b>All households</b>	<b>Dependent children in household: All ages</b>	<b>Dependent children in household: Aged 0-4 years</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	703,275	238,904	96,030
<b>Ards and North Down</b>	156,672	19,520	7,474