

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 110
2.	Policy Name	Peace IV Action Plan Projects 2017 award
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Community and Wellbeing
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>The PEACE IV Programme is a unique cross-border initiative, financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) of the European Union and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). It has been designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland aiming to build upon the experience of previous programmes by tackling the remaining challenges that exist in building positive relationships and developing shared spaces.</p> <p>The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) is responsible for managing two EU Structural Funds Programmes - PEACE IV and INTERREG V - which are designed to enhance cross-border co-operation, promote reconciliation and create a more peaceful and prosperous society.</p>
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The PEACE IV Programme has a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) contribution of €229 million and is aimed primarily at reinforcing progress towards a peaceful and stable society and promoting reconciliation. In 2016 SEUPB announced a closed call for Council applications that focussed on three specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young People; • Shared Spaces and Services; • Building Positive Relations <p>An action plan was developed following extensive public engagement from March to July 2016. The opportunity to be involved in the public engagement process was disseminated through advertisements placed in local media, information posted on the Council website, Community Networks, direct mailing and the Councils Facebook site. As well as an on line survey there were a</p>

		<p>variety of different engagement methods, including public meetings, co-design workshops, focus groups and opportunities for individual or groups meetings. Approximately 650 people from across the Borough were involved in developing the PEACE IV Plan for Ards and North Down.</p> <p>As a result of the information provided from the public engagement and co-design workshops, a series of projects were proposed in the PEACE IV Plan which was subsequently submitted to SEUPB via a two stage application process in June and September 2016, for approval. Each of the proposed projects included a strong emphasis on promoting cross community relations and understanding.</p> <p>The PEACE IV Programme is managed by a PEACE IV Partnership comprising elected Members from Ards and North Down Borough Council (8), statutory partners (7) and social partners, recruited from an open recruitment campaign in August 2016. The partnership will oversee the implementation of the PEACE IV Programme across Ards and North Down Borough Council.</p>
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 categories are expected to benefit as the range of projects will engage a broad range of individuals and groups.
7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	If any of the project aims are not delivered as intended.
8.	The main stakeholders on whom the policy will impact. For example, Employees, Potential Service Users and Community Groups Consider the internal and external impacts (either actual or potential) and comment, or list, information where appropriate	The Council, employees of the council, elected members, SEUPB, residents, community groups, individuals and groups from Ards and North Down Borough Council area, visitors to the Borough and employers and employees within the Borough. PEACE IV Partnership including elected members from Ards and North Down Borough Council, statutory partners and social partners. Education Authority, Health Trusts, local schools, regional support groups, local churches and faith groups, individuals living in or visiting the Borough.
9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	Policies: E 15 Ards and North Down Borough Council -	Owned by : Ards and North Down Borough

Corporate Plan E 16 Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan E 17 Community Development Grants E 18 Community Festival Funds Grants E 19 PCSP Strategy E 20 Arts Grant Aid E 21 Cultural Expressions Policy (2015) E 67 Final Community Development Service Delivery E 82 Ards and North Down Borough Council Peace IV Plan 2014-2020	Council
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10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to :	
	Religious Belief	Ards and North Down Borough Council data that is available for the Electoral Ward areas providing a profile of residents. Data on PEACE funding to both legacy councils and the Section 75 data available on the recipients of funding and the unsuccessful applicants for funding. NISRA and NINIS Borough profile data on all areas where funding has been made available and where no funding has been made available. Ards and North Down Good Relations Strategy 2015-2018. Ards and North Down Policing and Community Safety Strategy 2015-2018
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	
	Age	
	Marital Status	
	Sexual orientation	
	Men & Women generally	
	Disability	
	Dependents	

11.	Based on data previously provided what are the needs, experiences and priorities for each of the following categories, in relation to this policy/decision?	
	Religious Belief	All of the Peace IV project parties will be monitored in relation to the applicants and participants in relation to each of the nine Section 75 categories. Peace IV needs and priorities are detailed in the Ards and North Down Peace IV Plan. This data will provide a baseline and a comparison locally and regionally as to the range of multidimensional individuals who have accessed the projects. Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of projects will also provide relevant qualitative data.
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	
	Age	
	Marital Status	
	Sexual orientation	
	Men & Women generally	
	Disability	
	Dependents	

Does this Policy require an Equality Impact Assessment?

1.	What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for each of the Section 75 categories?		
		Detail of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
	Religious Belief	The PEACE funding will target the three themes of children and	Major
	Political Opinion		

Racial Group	young people, shared spaces and services and building positive relations. All Section 75 categories and dimensions will be included within these areas of work.	
Age		
Marital Status		
Sexual orientation		
Men & Women generally		
Disability		
Dependents		

2.	Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?	
	If "Yes", provide details	If "No", provide details
Religious Belief	No as the projects will have objectives to meet.	
Political Opinion	These will ensure equality of opportunity is incorporated as an integral part of each programme.	
Racial Group	The Shared Spaces and Services project locations were agreed following public consultation of approximately 650 responses using a range of methodologies. Duplication with other programmes including the Ards and North Down DRAP and council services were also considered.	
Age	Council owned land that was contested space, was prioritised in line with the aims of the programme. In addition, given the timeframe for delivery, the use of council owned land reduced the requirements for land transfer and leases etc. All four proposed sites and facilities had previously been agreed in Village/Town Plans based on all the range of previous consultations.	
Marital Status	In line with the aims of the Peace Programme the projects detailed in the action plan address the aims of the programme, primarily target those who are most affected by the conflict and are designed to promote relations between those of different community backgrounds.	
Sexual orientation		
Men & Women generally		
Disability		
Dependents		

3.	To what extent is the Policy likely to impact on Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?	
	Details of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
Religious Belief	Major, as the Peace IV projects are to address the promotion of good relations within the three specific themes of Children and Young People; Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations	
Political Opinion		
Racial Group		

4.	Are there opportunities to better promote Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?	
	If "Yes" provide details	If "No" provide details
Religious Belief	No as the projects have objectives to meet. All projects	

Political Opinion	have been designed to target areas and individuals most affected by the legacy of the conflict in Northern Ireland and encourage understanding and Good Relations
Racial Group	

Additional Considerations

Multiple Identity Considerations	Details of Impact or potential impact (Positive/Negative)
Are there any potential impacts of the policy decision on people with multiple identities? (e.g. disabled minority ethnic persons)	The actions as detailed in this plan will impact on a broad range of individuals and groups of single and multiple identity dimensions. The range of needs of potential applicants and participants has been considered following intensive consultation and building on previous successful programmes to ensure it is inclusive of all multiple identities.
Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.	These programmes are specifically for identified groups based on age, racial group, political opinion and religious belief and those of no religious belief. Each programme will address specific identified issues and will through those individuals taking part include a broad range of multiple identities.

Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

Does this proposed policy provide an opportunity to: - <u>better promote positive attitudes</u> towards disabled people - <u>increase participation</u> by disabled people in public life	Yes / No	Explain your reasoning:
	Yes	Access to all information about the programmes will be made widely available and alternative formats will be produced where a need is identified. All projects and activities that will be carried out across the Borough will ensure that reasonable adjustments are made where requested to ensure access to trainings, meetings, events and any other arrangements are accessible and that attendance and participation of those with a disability or carers are encouraged.

Monitoring Arrangements

Section 75 places a requirement on the Council to have equality monitoring arrangements in place in order to assess the impact of policies and services, help identify barriers to fair participation and to better promote equality of opportunity.

Outline what data you could collect in the future in order to	Financial spend on each project. Range of projects and objectives.
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monitor the impact of this policy / decision on <u>equality, good relations and disability duties</u>	Section 75 monitoring data of attendees. Monitoring outcomes of each project.
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Consideration of Human Rights

The Human Rights Act 1998 brings the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) into UK and, therefore, Northern Ireland. Indicate below any potential adverse impacts that the policy / decision may have in relation to human rights issues

Right to Life	Article 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prohibition to torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	Article 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prohibition of slavery and forced labour	Article 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to Liberty and Security	Article 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to a Fair and Public Trial	Article 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to no punishment without due legal process	Article 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence	Article 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion	Article 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of Expression	Article 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association	Article 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to marry and found a family	Article 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
The prohibition on discrimination	Article 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of property and enjoyment of possessions	Protocol 1 Article 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to education	Protocol 1 Article 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to free and secret election	Protocol 1 Article 3	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain any adverse impacts on human rights that you have identified?	
Please indicate any ways in which you consider the policy positively promotes Human Rights	

I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision have been screened for:-

x	Equality of opportunity and good relations
x	Disabilities duties; and
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human rights issues

On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy / decision is:-

<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened In – Necessary to conduct a full EQIA
	Please detail actions to be taken:

Screening assessment completed by:-

Name: Jan Nixey
 Title: Head of Community and Culture
 Date: 27 March 2017
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Graeme Bannister
 Title: Director of Community and Wellbeing
 Date: 27 March 2017
 Signature:

If an Equality Impact Assessment is required

Priority Rating for Timetabling an Equality Impact Assessment. (1-3)	Priority Criterion	Rating
	Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	
	Social need	
	Effect on people's daily lives	
	Relevance to a public authority's functions	

Is this Policy Affected by Timetables established by other relevant Public Authorities?	
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Monitoring Recommendation	
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Approval and Authorisation Screened by :	Position/Job Title:	Date:
	Head of Community and Culture	27 March 2017

	Approved by:	Director of Community and Wellbeing	27 March 2017
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