

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 154
2.	Policy Name	Provision of an inclusive beach
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Community and Wellbeing
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>In October 2017, a notice of motion was agreed that required officers to bring back a report on the possibility of creating an inclusive beach, similar to that of Benone Strand, at a suitable location within our Borough, where people of all abilities can share and enjoy seaside activities.</p> <p>The criteria used in selecting an appropriate location includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated Bathing Water status • Bathing Water Operator for the site • Water Quality • Presence of staff on site • Current toilet facilities on site • Car parking facilities on site <p>At present, a number of departments within the council are responsible for various aspects of beach management, therefore the creation of an inclusive beach for people of all abilities is dependent on co-operation from a number of services, with preferably one taking on a lead role.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed that Groomsport is considered as the Mae Murray approved accessible beach for the Borough and as a possible pilot exercise for potential other locations within the Borough. The Mae Murray Foundation has agreed to promote the beach through their communication channels where the desirable criteria has been achieved.</p>
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The vision of the Mae Murray Foundation is to create one inclusive beach in each of the four coastal Council areas. There are a number of headline actions included in the Community Plan that this proposed initiative will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to and provision of play and

		<p>recreational facilities for people with a disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of programmes that will ensure Ards and North Down is a friendly and welcoming place for everyone – age-friendly, dementia friendly and autism friendly • Improved disability access to natural and historic environments. <p>Ards and North Down Borough Council are committed to the development and provision of an inclusive beach within the criteria and topography of the selected site.</p>
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6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 dimensions are expected to benefit as this is to enable individuals with a disability and those that accompany them to access the beach and its environment.
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7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	If the policy is not implemented as intended or if the funding is not as agreed to enable the access and appropriate facilities to be made accessible.
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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, Council employees, residents, ratepayers and visitors to the Borough, members of Mae Murray Foundation, members of any organisation for those with a disability or learning impairment and/or carers.
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9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	<p>Policies:</p> <p>E 14 Sustainability and Environmental Policy</p> <p>E 15 Ards and North Down Borough Council - Corporate Plan</p> <p>E 27 Lands and Property Policy</p> <p>E 28 Corporate Complaints policy and procedure</p> <p>E 69 Provision of 'Changing Places' facilities</p> <p>E 109 Strategy for the provision of public toilets</p> <p>E 130 Integrated Tourism, Regeneration and Development Strategy</p> <p>E 152 Tourism Events 2018 - 2019</p>	<p>Owned by:</p> <p>Ards and North Down Borough Council</p>

10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to:	
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Religious Belief	The profile of residents of the Borough indicates: Religion or Religion Brought up in (Numbers with % in brackets)	
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	All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)	Other Religions	None
Northern Ireland	1,810,863 (100%)	817,385 (45%)	875,717 (48%)	16,592 (1%)	101,169 (6%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	156,672 (100%)	20,550 (13%)	117,589 (75%)	1,729 (1%)	16,804 (11%)
Groomsport Settlement	1,214 (100%)	89 (7%)	992 (82%)	13 (1%)	120 (10%)

Source:

[Religion or religion brought up in. Census 2011, NISRA](#)

Political Opinion	<p>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. See table below</p> <p>Data:</p> <p>Council Election results</p> <p>The most recent local council election (22nd May 2015) showed:</p>																																																	
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Ards Peninsula (DEA)	16,656	7,369 (44.2%)	3	1	1	1			
Bangor Central (DEA)	17,194	6,678 (38.8%)	2	2		1			1
Bangor East and Donaghadee (DEA)	16,956	6,915 (40.8%)	3	1		1	1		
Bangor West (DEA)	13,479	5,448 (40.4%)	2	1		1			1
Comber (DEA)	13,681	6,272 (45.8%)	2	1		1		1	
Hollywood and Clondeboye (DEA)	14,158	6,229 (44.0%)	2	1		1			1
Newtownards (DEA)	19,953	8,250 (41.4%)	3	2		1	1		

Source:

[The Electoral Office, NI](#)

Since the election in 2014 for local Councillors a number of changes to the political make-up of the Council have taken place. The current makeup of the Council as at December 2017 is:

18 DUP, 8 UUP, 3 Independents, 2 Greens with 7 Alliance, 1 SDLP and 1 TUV.

Racial Group

In relation to the resident population 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.

See table below

Data:

Ethnic Group (Numbers with % in brackets)

	All usual residents	White	Chinese	Indian	Bangladeshi	Other Asian	Black African	Black Other	Mixed	Other
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Northern Ireland	1,810,863 (100%)	1,778,449 (98%)	6,303 (0%)	6,198 (0%)	540 (0%)	6,089 (0%)	2,345 (0%)	1271 (0%)	6,014 (0%)	3,654 (0%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	156,672 (100%)	154,365 (99%)	406 (0%)	283 (0%)	177 (0%)	415 (0%)	139 (0%)	132 (0%)	556 (0%)	199 (0%)
Ards Peninsula	156,672 (100%)	23,367 (99%)	26 (0%)	19 (0%)	5 (0%)	19 (0%)	6 (0%)	2 (0%)	51 (0%)	29 (0%)
Bangor Central	23,524 (100%)	24,469 (98%)	105 (0%)	43 (0%)	17 (0%)	43 (0%)	26 (0%)	32 (0%)	119 (0%)	38 (0%)
Bangor East and Donaghadee	24,892 (100%)	22,648 (99%)	56 (0%)	27 (0%)	10 (0%)	91 (0%)	11 (0%)	2 (0%)	82 (0%)	19 (0%)
Bangor West	22,946 (100%)	17,763 (98%)	19 (0%)	135 (0%)	2 (0%)	116 (0%)	3 (0%)	26 (0%)	73 (0%)	15 (0%)
Comber	18,152 (100%)	18,216 (99%)	30 (0%)	8 (0%)	9 (0%)	35 (0%)	4 (0%)	8 (0%)	55 (0%)	17 (0%)
Hollywood and Clondeboyne	18,382 (100%)	20,061 (98%)	65 (0%)	31 (0%)	23 (0%)	81 (0%)	81 (0%)	56 (0%)	101 (0%)	61 (0%)
Newtownards	20,560 (100%)	27,841 (99%)	105 (0%)	20 (0%)	111 (0%)	30 (0%)	8 (0%)	6 (0%)	75 (0%)	20 (0%)
Groomsport Settlement	1,214 (100%)	1,197 (97%)	3 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (1%)	1 (0%)

Source:

[Ethnic Group, Census 2011, NISRA](#)

Age

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.

See table below

Data:

Age Groups (Numbers with % in brackets)

	0-15	16-39	40-64	65+	Total
Northern Ireland	385,200 (21%)	583,116 (31%)	591,481 (32%)	291,824 (16%)	1,851,621 (100%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	29,801 (19%)	43,239 (27%)	54,094 (34%)	31,663 (20%)	158,797 (100%)
Groomsport Settlement (Census 2011)	154 (13%)	258 (21%)	423 (35%)	379 (31%)	1,214 (100%)

Sources:

[Demography and Methodology Branch, NISRA](#)

[World Health Organization.](#)

Marital Status

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 table below

Data: Marital Status (All aged 16+) (Numbers with % in brackets)

	All usual residents	Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	Married	In a registered same-sex civil partnership	Separately registered, legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership
Northern Ireland	1,431,540 (100%)	517,393 (36%)	680,831 (48%)	1,243 (0%)	56,911 (4%)	78,074 (5%)	97,088 (7%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	126,945 (100%)	36,730 (29%)	67,866 (53%)	123 (0%)	4,328 (3%)	8,548 (7%)	9,350 (7%)
Groomsport Settlement	1,060 (100%)	225 (21%)	591 (56%)	2 (0%)	30 (3%)	96 (9%)	116 (11%)

Source:

[Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status](#)

Sexual orientation

Summary:

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%).

Source:

[Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status](#)

[ONS 2015 Sexual Identity](#)

Men & Women generally

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%). Groomsport settlement showed similar the borough as a whole (49% males and 51% females).

See table below

Data:

	Males	Females	All
Northern Ireland	887,323 (49%)	923,540 (51%)	1,810,863 (100%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	75,920 (48%)	80,752 (52%)	156,672(100%)
Groomsport Settlement	592 (49%)	622 (51%)	1,214 (100%)

Source:

[Age Structure, Census 2011, NISRA](#)

[Review of statistical classification and delineation of settlements, NISRA](#)

Disability	<p>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%.) The equivalent figure for Comber Settlement was 20%.</p> <p>See tables below</p> <p>Data:</p> <p>Type of Long-term Condition (self-defined -Census 2011) (Numbers with % in brackets)</p>			
		Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down Borough Council	Groomsport Settlement
	All usual residents	1,810,863 (100%)	156,672 (100%)	1,214 (100%)
	Deafness or partial hearing loss	93,091 (5%)	9,894 (6%)	98 (8%)
	Blindness or partial sight loss	30,862 (2%)	2,840 (2%)	29 (2%)
	Communication difficulty	29,871 (2%)	2,314 (1%)	15 (1%)
	A mobility or dexterity difficulty	207,173 (11%)	18,082 (12%)	200 (16%)
	A learning, intellectual, social or behavioural difficulty	40,177 (2%)	3,000 (2%)	16 (1%)
	An emotional, psychological or mental health condition	105,528 (6%)	7,696 (5%)	67 (6%)
	Long-term pain or discomfort	182,820 (10%)	16,298 (10%)	174 (14%)
	Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	157,890 (9%)	13,327 (9%)	110 (9%)
	Frequent periods of confusion or memory loss	35,616 (2%)	3,092 (2%)	35 (3%)

		A chronic illness	118,554 (7%)	11,157 (7%)	114 (9%)
		Other condition	94,617 (5%)	8,154 (5%)	73 (6%)
		No condition	1,241,785 (69%)	105,765 (68%)	752 (62%)
	Dependents	<p>Summary: 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). Sources: Continuous Household Survey</p>			

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	<p>The needs for those who are currently unable to access the beaches for themselves or those for whom they have responsibility are central to the criteria stated by the Mae Murray Foundation and a range of other bodies that are involved with access for those with a disability.</p> <p>The criteria will be achieved in this policy development to ensure the needs, experiences and priorities of users and potential users is met, otherwise accreditation will not be awarded.</p>
	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	<p>This policy has addressed the needs of all who require to access the beaches and the supporting infra structure as well as those that are responsible for these individuals.</p>	None
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	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 needs of all users and potential users are considered in the development and provision of the area. This is confirmed through the awarding of the accreditation and appropriate publicity that is afforded to an accessible beach.	
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
	Marital Status		
	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 policy will ensure access to all to the area through the adjustments and communication of these to users and potential users.	
	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 needs of all users and potential users are considered in the development and provision of the area.	
	Political Opinion		
Racial Group			

Additional Considerations

	Multiple Identity Considerations	Details of Impact or potential impact (Positive/Negative)
	<p>Are there any potential impacts of the policy decision on people with multiple identities? (e.g. disabled minority ethnic persons)</p> <p>Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.</p>	<p>This policy will have an impact on a broad range of people with multiple identities. Some criteria will be collated for monitoring usage of the area and its equipment where this is available.</p> <p>The area will be developed to enable a breadth of users both those with a disability and those with caring responsibilities or accompanying them.</p>

Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

Does this proposed policy provide an opportunity to:	Yes / No	Explain your reasoning:
	Yes	Yes, the promotion of this accessible beach will be created to facilitate a range of users and their carers. The environment and facilities in the area will also be developed to ensure full access is available. The promotion of the beach and its facilities will be made through a broad range of mediums including DisabledGo, the Council and Mae Murray Foundation.

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 monitor the impact of this policy / decision on <u>equality, good relations and disability duties</u>	Comments and complaints received. Issues identified by employees and users of the area and facilities.
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I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision has been screened for: -

x	Equality of opportunity and good relations
x	Disabilities duties

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

x	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: Diane Martin
 Title: Environmental Health Officer
 Date: 9 March 2018
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Graeme Bannister
 Title: Director of Community and Wellbeing
 Date: 9 March 2018
 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:
	Environmental Health Officer	9 March 2018
Approved by:	Director of Community and Wellbeing	9 March 2018