

# ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 169
2.	Policy Name	Policy for the Provision & Maintenance of Play Areas
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Environment
5.	Description of policy to be screened	This policy applies to all play areas across the borough and helps ensure that equitable resources are applied, commensurate to the established need.
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	The purpose of this policy is to ensure the Council has a consistent, fair and equitable approach to the provision and maintenance of play areas throughout the Borough.
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 categories are expected to benefit from this policy
7.	Factors which could contribute-to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	If the policy is not delivered as intended for any reason.
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, residents and visitors to the Borough. Schools, ratepayers, members of any organisation for those with a disability or learning impairment and/or carers.
9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	E 14 Sustainability and Environmental Policy E 27 Lands and Property Policy E 66 Safeguarding policy for children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable	Ards and North Down Borough Council
10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to :	

Religious Belief		<p><b>Summary:</b> 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. See table below</p> <p><b>Data: Religion or Religion Brought up in</b> (Numbers with % in brackets)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 485 1422 993"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>All usual residents</th> <th>Catholic</th> <th>Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)</th> <th>Other Religions</th> <th>None</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>1,810,863 (100%)</td> <td>817,385 (45%)</td> <td>875,717 (48%)</td> <td>16,592 (1%)</td> <td>101,169 (6%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>156,672 (100%)</td> <td>20,550 (13%)</td> <td>117,589 (75%)</td> <td>1,729 (1%)</td> <td>16,804 (11%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Religion or religion brought up in. Census 2011, NISRA</a></p>		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%)
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Political Opinion		<p><b>Summary:</b> 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><b>Data: Council Election results</b> The most recent local council election (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015) showed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1434 1568 1808"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2"></th> <th rowspan="2">Eligible Electorate</th> <th rowspan="2">Votes Polled (% Turnout)</th> <th colspan="8">Elected Candidate</th> </tr> <tr> <th>DUP</th> <th>Sinn Féin</th> <th>UUP</th> <th>SDLP</th> <th>Alliance</th> <th>Independent</th> <th>TUV</th> <th>Green</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>1,243,649</td> <td>638,332 (51.3%)</td> <td>130</td> <td>105</td> <td>88</td> <td>66</td> <td>32</td> <td>15</td> <td>13</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Eligible Electorate	Votes Polled (% Turnout)	Elected Candidate								DUP	Sinn Féin	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Independent	TUV	Green	Northern Ireland	1,243,649	638,332 (51.3%)	130	105	88	66	32	15	13	4
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Ards and North Down Borough Council	112,077	47,161 (42.1%)	17	9	1	7	2	1	3
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 changes to the political make-up of the Council have taken place. The current makeup of the Council as at December 2017 was:

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

Racial Group	<p><b>Summary:</b> 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</p>
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**Data: Ethnic Group** (Numbers with % in brackets)

	All usual residents	White	Chinese	Indian	Bangladeshi	Other Asian	Black African	Black Other	Mixed	Other
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 Clondeboye	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%)

**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%)	<b>1,851,621 (100%)</b>
Ards and North Down Borough Council	29,801 (19%)	43,239 (27%)	54,094 (34%)	31,663 (20%)	<b>158,797 (100%)</b>

**Sources:** [Demography and Methodology Branch, NISRA](#)  
[World Health Organization](#)

While the population is ageing, there are still areas with higher proportions of

younger people. For the purpose of this screening form the following table provides the numbers and proportion of the population these represent of younger people within settlements across the borough.

Settlement	Aged 0-4	Aged 5-7	Aged 8-9	Aged 10-14	Aged 15	Aged 16+	Total
Ballygowan	182 (7%)	137 (5%)	68 (2%)	228 (8%)	40 (1%)	2,287 (78%)	2,942 (100%)
Ballyhalbert	106 (6%)	64 (6%)	29 (3%)	57 (5%)	15 (1%)	769 (74%)	1,040 (100%)
Ballywalter	145 (10%)	88 (4%)	45 (2%)	125 (6%)	14 (1%)	1,610 (79%)	2,027 (100%)
Bangor	3,819 (7%)	2,094 (3%)	1,320 (2%)	3,514 (6%)	741 (1%)	49,523 (81%)	61,011 (100%)
Carrowdore	73 (6%)	45 (5%)	31 (3%)	64 (7%)	7 (1%)	740 (77%)	960 (100%)
Cloughey	94 (8%)	54 (5%)	32 (3%)	63 (6%)	14 (1%)	835 (76%)	1,092 (100%)
Comber	522 (9%)	277 (3%)	192 (2%)	498 (5%)	113 (1%)	7,469 (82%)	9,071 (100%)
Crawfordsburn	35 (6%)	24 (4%)	7 (1%)	24 (4%)	3 (1%)	488 (84%)	581 (100%)
Donaghadee	398 (6%)	239 (3%)	150 (2%)	404 (6%)	75 (1%)	5,603 (82%)	6,869 (100%)
Greyabbey	50 (5%)	26 (3%)	21 (2%)	52 (6%)	12 (1%)	778 (83%)	939 (100%)
Groomspoint	58 (5%)	35 (3%)	15 (1%)	38 (3%)	8 (1%)	1,060 (87%)	1,214 (100%)
Helen's Bay	65 (5%)	42 (3%)	29 (2%)	80 (6%)	20 (1%)	1,149 (83%)	1,385 (100%)
Hollywood	662 (6%)	399 (4%)	235 (2%)	649 (6%)	114 (1%)	9,198 (82%)	11,257 (100%)
Killinchy	48 (9%)	19 (4%)	8 (1%)	32 (6%)	4 (1%)	428 (79%)	539 (100%)
Millisle	194 (8%)	95 (4%)	50 (2%)	117 (5%)	20 (1%)	1,843 (79%)	2,319 (100%)
Newtownards	1,822 (7%)	1,077 (4%)	641 (2%)	1,794 (6%)	349 (1%)	22,367 (80%)	28,050 (100%)
Portaferry	148 (6%)	99 (4%)	66 (3%)	152 (6%)	43 (2%)	2,003 (80%)	2,511 (100%)
Seahill	30 (3%)	22 (2%)	24 (2%)	59 (6%)	10 (1%)	869 (86%)	1,014 (100%)

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.

		<p>This varies across the borough from 36% in Central (Ards) ward to 64% in Lisbane ward. See table below <b>Data: Marital Status (All aged 16+)</b> (Numbers with % in brackets)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 338 1612 926"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>All usual residents</th> <th>Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)</th> <th>Married</th> <th>In a registered same-sex civil partnership</th> <th>Separately (not still) legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)</th> <th>Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved</th> <th>Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>1,431,540 (100%)</td> <td>517,393 (36%)</td> <td>680,831 (48%)</td> <td>1,243 (0%)</td> <td>56,911 (4%)</td> <td>78,074 (5%)</td> <td>97,088 (7%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>126,945 (100%)</td> <td>36,730 (29%)</td> <td>67,866 (53%)</td> <td>123 (0%)</td> <td>4,328 (3%)</td> <td>8,548 (7%)</td> <td>9,350 (7%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status</a></p>		All usual residents	Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	Married	In a registered same-sex civil partnership	Separately (not still) 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%)
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Sexual orientation		<p><b>Summary:</b> 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%). <b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status</a> <a href="#">ONS 2015 Sexual Identity</a></p>																								
Men & Women generally		<p>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%). See table below <b>Data:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1514 1572 1738"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Males</th> <th>Females</th> <th>All</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>887,323 (49%)</td> <td>923,540 (51%)</td> <td>1,810,863 (100%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>75,920 (48%)</td> <td>80,752 (52%)</td> <td>156,672(100%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Age Structure, Census 2011, NISRA</a> <a href="#">Review of statistical classification and delineation of settlements, NISRA</a></p>		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%)												
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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)</p>																								

	<p>which has lasted or expected to last at least 12 months. (This was similar to the Northern Ireland figure of 21%.)</p> <p><b>Disability Living Allowances, 2015</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2015 (Disability Living Allowance Recipients)</th> <th>2015 (Multiple Disability Benefits) *MDB is aggregated data from Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance data, and data for Employment and Support allowance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>209,280</td> <td>251,490</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>13,840</td> <td>18,080</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards Peninsula</td> <td>2,920</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bangor Central</td> <td>2,250</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bangor East and Donaghadee</td> <td>1,740</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bangor West</td> <td>1,650</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comber</td> <td>1,270</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holywood and Clandeboye</td> <td>1,180</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newtownards</td> <td>2,840</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><a href="#">Northern Ireland Census 2011 Long-term health problem or disability by long-term problem or disability</a></p>		2015 (Disability Living Allowance Recipients)	2015 (Multiple Disability Benefits) *MDB is aggregated data from Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance data, and data for Employment and Support allowance	Northern Ireland	209,280	251,490	Ards and North Down Borough Council	13,840	18,080	Ards Peninsula	2,920	n/a	Bangor Central	2,250	n/a	Bangor East and Donaghadee	1,740	n/a	Bangor West	1,650	n/a	Comber	1,270	n/a	Holywood and Clandeboye	1,180	n/a	Newtownards	2,840	n/a
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Dependents	<p><b>Summary:</b> 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).</p> <p><b>Sources:</b> 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	The provision and maintenance of play equipment in a safe condition is a requirement of the Council to ensure all users
	Political Opinion	

	Racial Group	<p>may be able to use it irrespective of their religious belief, political opinion, racial group, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender.</p> <p>The range of play equipment is selected and laid out to provide an appropriate play experience for users irrespective of their age as it is designed in accordance with relevant British Standards to provide a play experience for children up to the age of 12 years. Inclusive equipment is provided for children with a disability and the equipment, layout and seating in the area is designed for those whose dependents are using the facilities as well as the users themselves.</p>
	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>The policy is to ensure a play experience is provided in each of the play areas across the Borough that will challenge, motivate and expose children to measured risk and provide this in areas that are accessible and suitable for all users and those attending with them.</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	<p>No as the needs of all the dimensions within Section 75 have been considered while developing this policy.</p>	
	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	<p>Minor as the location of play areas are selected to ensure they are placed where children may play in an inclusive</p>	
	Political Opinion		



Racial Group	area.
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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 location of play areas are considered for sites that are inclusive	
	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). Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities.</p> <p>Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.</p>	<p>This policy will impact on a breadth of multiple identities – the children using the facilities and those accompanying them.</p>

### **Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006**

Does this proposed policy provide an opportunity to:	Yes / No	Explain your reasoning:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>better promote positive attitudes</u> towards disabled people</li> <li>- <u>increase participation</u> by disabled people in public life</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>This policy includes a range of play equipment in each area that is inclusive for those with a disability.</p>

### 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</u>	Comments and complaints received. Range of users and range of those bringing children to the play grounds
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	<u>duties</u>	
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I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision have 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: Peter Caldwell  
 Title: Head of Assets & Property Services  
 Date: 8 November 2018  
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: David Lindsay  
 Title: Director of Environment  
 Date: 8 November 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		
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	Screened by:	Position/Job Title:	Date:
		Head of Assets & Property Services	8 November 2018
	Approved by:	Director of Environment	8 November 2018