

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 187
2.	Policy Name	Pilot project funded by Ards and North Down Borough Council and Recycling Investment Fund for The Big Conversation Participatory Budgeting
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Chief Executive
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>Since April 2015, Ards and North Down Borough Council has been facilitating Community Planning by working in partnership with organisations who provide public services. The Big Conversation was used to engage with people and find out what they like and dislike about living in Ards and North Down. To help the public get more involved in democratic decisions, the Council's Community Planning Service is running a participatory budgeting pilot.</p> <p>Participatory budgeting involves local people being given the power to make decisions on how public money is spent within their community. The project is called #myvoicemyAND. This is the hashtag that accompanies the Big Conversation.</p>
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The project wants people in Ards and North Down to come together and decide how to spend £14,000 of public money that has been provided via 'Ards and North Down Borough Council's Recycling Community Investment Fund'. It pays to recycle!</p> <p>They are encouraged to come up with ideas for projects that benefit the community or individuals they represent and developing these ideas into a project bid; and then encourage communities across Ards and North Down to get behind your initiative and vote for where they think the money should be allocated.</p> <p>The projects with the most public votes will then be awarded funding to make their project happen. All funding will be distributed before 30 March 2020.</p>

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See table below
Data: Religion or Religion Brought up in (Numbers with % in brackets)

	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%)

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

Political Opinion

Summary: 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

Data: Council Election results

The most recent local council election (2nd May 2019) showed:

	Eligible Electorate	Votes Polled (% Turnout)	Elected Candidate										
			DUP	Sinn Féin	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Independent	TUV	Green	PUP	Aontu	CCIA
Northern Ireland	1,305,553	687,733 (52.7%)	122	105	75	59	53	24	6	8	3	1	1
Ards and North Down Borough Council	112,077	47,161 (42.1%)	14		8	1	10	3	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	1		1	1		1				
Bangor East and Donaghadee (DEA)	16,956	6,915 (40.8%)	2	2		1	1						
Bangor West (DEA)	13,479	5,448 (40.4%)	1	1		2				1			
Comber (DEA)	13,681	6,272 (45.8%)	2	1		1			1				
Holywood and Clondeboy (DEA)	14,158	6,229 (44.0%)	1	1		2				1			
Newtownards (DEA)	19,953	8,250 (41.4%)	3	1		2	1						

Source: [The Electoral Office, NI](#)

Racial Group	<p>Summary: 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.</p> <p>See table below</p> <p>Data: Ethnic Group (Numbers with % in brackets)</p>											
		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%)	12,710 (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	23,367	26 (0%)	19	5	19	6	2	51	29		

		(100%)	(99%)		(0%)	(0 %)	(0 %)	(0 %)	(0 %)	(0 %)	(0 %)
Bangor Central	23,524 (100%)	24,469 (98%)	105 (0%)	43 (0%)	17 (0 %)	43 (0 %)	26 (0 %)	32 (0 %)	11 (0 %)	9 (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	2 (0 %)	11 (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 Clandeboyne	18,382 (100%)	20,061 (98%)	65 (0%)	31 (0%)	23 (0 %)	81 (0 %)	81 (0 %)	56 (0 %)	10 (0 %)	1 (0 %)	61 (0 %)
Newtownards	20,560 (100%)	27,841 (99%)	105 (0%)	20 (0%)	11 (0 %)	1 (0 %)	30 (0 %)	8 (0 %)	6 (0 %)	75 (0 %)	20 (0 %)

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

Age	<p>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)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>0-15</th> <th>16-39</th> <th>40-64</th> <th>65+</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>385,200 (21%)</td> <td>583,116 (31%)</td> <td>591,481 (32%)</td> <td>291,824 (16%)</td> <td>1,851,621 (100%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>29,801 (19%)</td> <td>43,239 (27%)</td> <td>54,094 (34%)</td> <td>31,663 (20%)</td> <td>158,797 (100%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Sources: Demography and Methodology Branch, NISRA World Health Organization</p>						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%)
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Marital Status	<p>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)</p>
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	All usual residents	Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	Married	In a registered same-sex civil partnership	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%)	68,081 (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%)

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

Sexual orientation	<p>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%).</p> <p>Source: Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status ONS 2015 Sexual Identity</p>
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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</p> <p>Data:</p> <table border="1"> <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>Source: Age Structure, Census 2011, NISRA Review of statistical classification and delineation of settlements, NISRA</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) which has lasted or expected to last at least 12 months. (This is similar to the Northern Ireland figure of 21%.)</p> <p>Disability Living Allowances, 2015</p>
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		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 Clondeboye	1,180	n/a
	Newtownards	2,840	n/a
	Northern Ireland Census 2011 Long-term health problem or disability by long-term problem or disability		
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).</p> <p>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	This pilot project is open to all residents of Ards and North Down Borough Council irrespective of their Section 75 dimension. The needs, experiences and priorities of all applicants and potential applicants will be considered in relation to each project that meets the criteria and adheres to the ethos of Section 75. Applicants will be encouraged from
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	
	Age	
	Marital Status	
	Sexual orientation	

Men & Women generally	all dimensions and arrangements will be made to ensure where difficulties in applying for the funding are identified these will be addressed appropriately.
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	As this pilot project is open to all residents of Ards and North Down Borough Council irrespective of their Section 75 dimension the positive impact will be identified by the individuals benefiting from each delivered project.	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 this pilot project has requested all applicants adhere to Section 75 ethos including the promotion of equality of opportunity.	
	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	This pilot project will have positive impact on the promotion of good relations as it encourages the promotion of S75 ethos and encourages communities working together	
	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 this pilot project has requested all applicants	

Political Opinion	adhere to Section 75 ethos including the promotion of 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). Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.	This pilot project has the potential to engage a broad range of individuals' and groups and will therefore impact on many 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	This pilot project will ensure all projects proposed will ensure the inclusion of those with a disability and will be widely advertised in a range of formats and publications to ensure as broad a range of groups and individuals are made aware of the pilot project. Support will be offered to anyone who requests support due to their disability in completing the appropriate documentation.

Monitoring Arrangements

Section 75 places a requirement on the Council to have equality monitoring arrangements in place 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 to monitor the impact of this policy / decision on <u>equality, good relations and disability duties</u>	Comments and complaints on the arrangements throughout the process. Monitoring data in relation to Section 75 for each application. Enquiries in relation to the criteria that all applications must adhere to the ethos of Section 75.
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I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision have been screened for:-

X	Equality of opportunity and good relations
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X	Disabilities duties
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On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy / decision is:-

<input checked="" 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: Patricia Mackey
 Title: Community Planning Manager
 Date: 18 July 2019
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Stephen Reid
 Title: Chief Executive
 Date: 18 July 2019
 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	Position/Job Title:	Date:
Screened by:	Community Planning Manager	18 July 2019
Approved by:	Chief Executive	18 July 2019