

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 194
2.	Policy Name	Ards and North Down Borough Council Tourism events Grant Guidance Notes
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	Revised policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Regeneration, Development and Planning
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>Ards and North Down Borough Council (the Council) recognises the value of voluntary and community activity and is committed to supporting the many networks and community organisations in their contribution to making a positive difference to the Borough as a great place to live, work, visit and invest.</p> <p>The Grants Policy is applied by the Council and its Committees/Partnerships/Forums/Advisory Panels who have delegated authority to award grants on behalf of the Council and all Council directorates which have responsibility for managing the Council's grant schemes.</p> <p>This grant process and allocation is within the overarching Council Grants Policy that was agreed and screened out in February 2016. The review was carried out to update and simplify the application process for tourism grants based on feedback from applicants to the process.</p> <p>The review identified the need to ensure the aim of the grants was met and clarity provided on what is not considered relevant to ensuring the aims are achieved. In doing this it was identified that any events of a political or religious connotation would not be considered.</p>
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The overarching policy will ensure the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council supports and encourages groups and/or individuals to deliver projects within the borough which are consistent with the Council's Corporate Objectives; people, place, prosperity and performance; • Council grants are awarded following a robust, fair and consistent application process. The aim of the Grant

		awards in particular is to increase visitors to ANDBC, increase overnight stays and visitor spend.
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 streamlining and clarity in evaluation of the process.
7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	If the grant application process is not delivered on as intended. If the funding is not available as anticipated.
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	Council, employees, residents, current community groups, committees/partnerships/forums/advisory panels and individuals that access Council services, funds and grants; potential service users who do not currently access Council funds or grants. Central Government funding bodies including DAERA, DCAL and Executive Office.
9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
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10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage	

	completion in relation to :																																							
Religious Belief	<p>Summary: 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>Data: Religion or Religion Brought up in (Numbers with % in brackets)</p> <table border="1"> <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>Source: Religion or religion brought up in. Census 2011, NISRA</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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		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. See table below</p> <p>Data:</p>
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Ethnic Group (Numbers with % in brackets)

	All usual residents	White	Chinese	Indian	Banglades	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%)	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 Clondeboye	18,382 (100%)	20,061 (98%)	65 (0%)	31 (0%)	23 (0%)	81 (0%)	81 (0%)	56 (0%)	1 (0%)	61 (0%)
Newtownards	20,560 (100%)	27,841 (99%)	105 (0%)	20 (0%)	11 (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
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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%)

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	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%)

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 & According to census (NISRA) almost half of the population of Northern Ireland

Women generally	<p>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" data-bbox="467 302 1572 527"> <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 was similar to the Northern Ireland figure of 21%.)</p> <p>Disability Living Allowances, 2015</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="467 785 1539 1738"> <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>Hollywood and Clondeboye</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>Northern Ireland Census 2011 Long-term health problem or disability by long-term problem or disability</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	Hollywood and Clondeboye	1,180	n/a	Newtownards	2,840	n/a
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Dependents	<p>Summary: In considering this dimension the following have been included: persons with</p>																														

	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
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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 categories may access the grants process as it is open to all who meet the criteria.
	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	This policy for the award of Council funded grants should ensure the criteria is applied equitably across the Council to all who wish to apply for grant funding available from Ards and North Down Borough Council grant funding streams and where eligible criteria is met. The amendments in this policy ensure that the criteria to deliver bed nights, visitor spend and visitor numbers do not support events with any political or religious connotations as per the revised Grant Guidelines 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021.	None
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
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2.	Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?
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		If "Yes", provide details	If "No", provide details
	Religious Belief	No as the policy and review for the tourism grants is to ensure a consistent and transparent process is in place across the Council and is informed to all eligible to apply for Council Grants, thus ensuring best practice and equity of provision.	
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
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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	All tourism grant awards are encouraged to promote good 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 this review will encourage the promotion of good relations.	
	Political Opinion		
	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 revised policy is to be applied consistently to all applications and potential applications and therefore will impact on many multiple identities within the groups and with the individuals who are eligible to apply for grant funding.

Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

	Does this proposed policy provide an opportunity to:	Yes / No	Explain your reasoning:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>better promote positive attitudes</u> towards disabled people - <u>increase participation</u> by disabled people in public life 	Yes	<p>Applicants with a disability will have the opportunity to have reasonable adjustment made to ensure they may access the funding process and if awarded a grant to facilitate in the use of that grant. Anyone with a disability will be accommodated through reasonable adjustments where this has been requested or where service improvements have been made based on previous requests.</p>
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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.

	<p>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></p>	<p>Section 75 data should be collated on all applicants to ensure the Council are as reflective as possible of the borough profile whilst meeting the grant award criteria. Monitoring data in relation to S75 is a requirement of the awarding of all grants. The review of the grants process used some data previously collated to inform the review.</p>
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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:-

<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)
X	<p>Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts) Where an organisation had a successful grant award previously and will no longer be eligible to apply this will be reviewed to ensure the political or religious connotation is applied appropriately and equitably across all grants and applications.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Screened In – Necessary to conduct a full EQIA</p> <hr/> <p>Please detail actions to be taken:</p>

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Screening assessment completed by:-

Name: Catriona Holmes
 Title: Events Officer
 Date: 9 October 2019
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Susie McCullough
 Title: Director of Regeneration, Development and Planning
 Date: 9 October 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:	Events Officer	9 October 2019
Approved by:	Director of Regeneration, Development and Planning	9 October 2019