

# ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 202
2.	Policy Name	Ards and North Down Borough Council In Bloom Funding Policy
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New Policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Parks and Cemeteries Manager
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>Ards and North Down Borough Council currently makes budget provision for the allocation of funding to community groups in order to assist with floral displays in the towns and villages throughout the borough, to assist with the council's commitment to the Ulster In Bloom competition.</p> <p>The policy is applied in line with Ards and North Down Borough Council's Grants Policy.</p> <p>The allocation for funding is intended to supplement floral display and amenity area maintenance currently carried out by the councils Parks and Cemeteries section. This may be in the form of hanging baskets, planters, flower beds etc. on council property, NIHE property, Roads Service property, or privately owned non-domestic areas in public view.</p> <p>The maximum limit for floral funding is £1000 per annum per group. A further grant may be provided for funding, in whole or in part appropriate liability insurance covering the floral display work, over and above the group's normal insured activities. Funding will be allocated with 80% advance payment, with the further 20% paid upon the receipt of invoices.</p>
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The purpose of this policy is to set out the guidelines and criteria for In Bloom funding applications and how the funding should be utilised.</p> <p>An advert requesting applications will be published in the local press in the spring of each year.</p> <p>It should be pointed out that funding availability will be subject to budget approval on an annual basis.</p> <p>Council wish to encourage a collaborative approach by</p>

		groups, where there are more than one group applying in a town or village, consideration may only be given to one project.
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6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 categories should benefit as communities include a breadth of multi-dimensional dimensions and areas where these displays are available to the area.
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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 applied as intended.
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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	Members of constituted community groups. Residents of the settlements being enhanced. Local garden centres and hardware stores. Employees and Elected Members of Ards and North Down Borough Council. The Council, ratepayers, residents and those working in and visiting the Borough.
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9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	E 14 Sustainability and Environmental Policy E 28 Corporate Complaints policy and procedure E 62 ANDBC Grants Policy E 179 Policy on Requests for the utilisation of a Council Display Bed E 196 Ards and North Down Borough Council Corporate Plan 2020-2024	Ards and North Down Borough Council

10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to :	
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Religious Belief	<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				
	<b>Data:</b> <b>Religion or Religion Brought up in</b> (Numbers with % in brackets)				
	All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant and Other Christian	Other Religions	None

				(including Christian related)		
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 (2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019) showed:

	Eligible Electorate	Votes Polled (% Turnout)	Elected Candidate										
			DUP	Sinn Féin	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Independent	TUV	Green	PUP	Aontu	CCJA
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	1	1				
Bangor East and Donagha dee (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

**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

**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%)	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 Clandeboye	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	<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.</p> <p>ANDBC has the highest % population of older people in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>See table below</p> <p><b>Data:</b></p> <p><b>Age Groups</b> (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><b>1,851,621 (100%)</b></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><b>158,797 (100%)</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Sources:</b> <a href="#">Demography and Methodology Branch, NISRA</a> <a href="#">World Health Organization</a></p>		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>
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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.</p> <p>See table below</p> <p><b>Data:</b></p>
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<b>Marital Status (All aged 16+) (Numbers with % in brackets)</b>							
	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 & 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%). 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%)

**Source:** [Age Structure, Census 2011, NISRA](#)  
[Review of statistical classification and delineation of settlements, NISRA](#)

**Disability**

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

	<p>Northern Ireland figure of 21%.)  <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 Clondeboyne</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 Clondeboyne	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).  <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?				
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	Age	welcomed only from constituted Community Groups that meet the Council criteria.
	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	There is no impact on equality of opportunity for any section 75 categories as all groups are entitled to apply for the funding where they meet the criteria of the grant.	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, the grant is advertised in local newspapers, on the Council website and social media and criteria ensures that displays must not include any discrimination. Assistance will be offered should a reasonable adjustment to apply be required.	
	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	None. The funding is available only to constituted community groups to apply and the funding must be used to enhance common spaces from which all Section 75 dimensions as residents, ratepayers or visitors should benefit.	
	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 policy applies to all who meet the criteria irrespective of any individuals or groups religious belief, political opinion or racial group.	
	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. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.</p>	<p>This policy will impact on a breadth of individuals with their unique multiple identities as all individuals have their unique identities. The policy will support all individuals to whom the policy applies.</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>The availability of this grant will be advertised in accordance with the Council policy and where assistance or a reasonable adjustment is required by any individual or group due to a disability this will be provided.</p>

#### 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>Details of which groups are receiving funding each year will be retained, and for which areas of the Borough. Comments and complaints in relation to the award of the grant Complaints and comments received in relation to the</p>
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I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision have been screened for:-

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality of opportunity and good relations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disabilities duties

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: Edward Gregson  
 Title: Admin Officer – Leisure and Amenities  
 Date: 21 May 2020  
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: John McConnell  
 Title: Parks and Cemeteries Manager  
 Date: 21 May 2020  
 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:	Admin Officer – Leisure and Amenities	01 July 2020
	Approved by:	Parks and Cemeteries Manager	01 July 2020