

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 247
2.	Policy Name	ANDBC Play Strategy
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	Revised
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Community and Wellbeing
5.	Description of policy to be screened	The Play Strategy sets out the current state of play facilities and the approach to play in its widest sense and how these are to be developed over the next 10 years
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	The purpose of the Play Strategy is to provide a strategic framework to guide decision making relating to play provision over the next 10 years, with key priority action points to be delivered over the next 5 years which will then be reviewed.
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 groups should benefit from this strategy but as the primary aim of the strategy is to improve play provision in the borough it could be said that young people will benefit most from this strategy. There is a particular focus on ensuring that all play developments are fully inclusive, with a benchmark of 30% of inclusive play equipment to be included in every new and refurbished playground going forward. It could therefore be said that disabled groups will also benefit from this strategy.
7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	There is a significant financial cost to the implementation of the strategy if all recommendations are followed. The appointment of a Play Officer will incur an ongoing staffing cost alongside any additional costs required to support the Play Officer. The maintenance of the existing Playground infrastructure is estimated at £500,000 per annum. New and refurbished facilities will cost in the region of £60,000 – 175,000 depending on the type and Tier level of the facility.

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	Key stakeholders are The Council, Elected Members , employees, residents of the Borough, visitors to the Borough, Community Groups, service providers and potential providers. Playgrounds are seen as a key resource in the local community and young families in particular will want to influence any developments that arise out of the strategy. It is important to note the lifecycle of playgrounds will see many different generations of users and the strategy will have to adapt to the changing needs of different generations of users.
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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	Summary:

Belief	<p>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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		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 Clontarf (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: Ethnic Group (Numbers with % in brackets)</p>
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	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	22,797 (100%)	22,641 (99%)	29 (0%)	17 (0%)	5 (0%)	17 (0%)	6 (0%)	2 (0%)	54 (0%)	26 (0%)
Bangor Central	23,524 (100%)	24,469 (98%)	105 (0%)	43 (0%)	17 (0%)	43 (0%)	26 (0%)	32 (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 (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%)	1 (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	<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>				
		0-15	16-39	40-64	65+

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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Does this Policy require an Equality Impact Assessment?

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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	The policy promotes equality of opportunity and benefits all identities and is inclusive of all religious belief groups, all political opinions, racial groups, age ranges, all types marital status, sexual orientation, gender, and disability. The strategy enshrines the Council commitment to inclusivity in all of its playgrounds thereby making a commitment to the disabled community that all new and refurbished playgrounds going forward will have a minimum of 30% inclusive play equipment.	
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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	None - No impact on Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group as the policy as the strategy will be implemented equitably across the Borough.	
	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 strategy is to ensure equitable treatment of all.	
	Political Opinion		
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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.	Positive – The play strategy will benefit all S75 groups, including those with multiple identities. Improved access and equipment will remove obstacles and support all users.

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	A commitment to ensuring that 30% of all playground equipment in our new and refurbished playgrounds going forward is inclusive will help ensure our playgrounds are recognised as accessible. Play by its nature is inclusive, allowing disabled people to use the play equipment.
Yes		

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>	Annual user surveys, comments and complaints by users. key priority action points to be reviewed in the next 5 years.
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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)
	Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts)
	Screened In – Necessary to conduct a full EQIA
	Please detail actions to be taken:

Screening assessment completed by:-

Name: Alan Johnson
Title: Leisure Services Manager
Date: 17/11/2021
Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Graeme Bannister
Title: Director of Community and Wellbeing
Date: 17/11/2021
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:		
Approved by:		