

# ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 249
2.	Policy Name	LET'S GROW TOGETHER: A Sustainable Community Food Growing Strategy 2021 to 2032
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New Policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Community and Wellbeing
5.	Description of policy to be screened	A sustainable community food growing Strategy for the Borough for the period 2021 to 2032
	Aims and Expected Outcomes - what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The Strategic aim is to ensure that: "Our residents have opportunities to improve their health and wellbeing through involvement in food growing activities within their local area." We will achieve this with the following strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating More Spaces - develop new sites where suitable locations are identified and there is recognised local demand.</li> <li>• Awareness Raising - promote the benefits of community food growing to improve quality of life outcomes for local residents.</li> <li>• Environmental Awareness - support sustainability food growing that delivers a resource for improving biodiversity.</li> <li>• Education &amp; Learning - engage the community in the development of food growing as an educational tool.</li> <li>• Economic Driver - encourage the development of the social economy in local areas and provide suitable training and skills development for employability.</li> </ul>
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	Would expect to have a wide variety of interests as we hope to engage the whole community of the borough and work with our community planning partners.
7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	The project is dependent on financial support of Council and it is envisaged that other funding bodies will be used. Factor that could detract if funding is not available or if the policy as described.

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	This is a project that will engage residents and associated Community Groups within the borough. We will work with our community planning partners to ensure a wide variety of stakeholders are contacted and are positively impacted by the project. There are possible commercial opportunities available such as private allotment growing, that already exist within the borough and possible new ventures.
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9.	<p>Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.</p> <p>Ards and North Down Borough Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Corporate Plan - Growing Better Together (2020 - 2024)</li> <li>• The Big Plan (Community Plan)</li> <li>• Roadmap to Sustainability (2021 - 2028)</li> <li>• Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan (2021 - 2031)</li> <li>• Draft Local Development Plan</li> <li>• Proposed Carbon Reduction Strategy</li> </ul> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Marmot Review: Fair Society, Healthy Lives (2010)</li> <li>• Cabinet Office’s 2019 Community Resilience Development Framework</li> <li>• Allotments Act (Northern Ireland) 1932</li> <li>• Regional Development Strategy up to 2025</li> <li>• Statutory Sustainable Development Duty</li> <li>• Statutory Biodiversity Duty</li> <li>• PPS8 - Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation</li> <li>• A Fitter Future for All - Obesity Prevention Framework for NI 2011 to 2021</li> <li>• Social Farms &amp; Gardens Report on the Resilience of the Community Growing Sector in NI (June 2020).</li> </ul>	
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\*\*\* This data is generic to the Borough. You may be required to include geographical area specific data or other relevant data such as more specific groups eg age, depending on the policy and its aim.

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:</b> <b>Religion or Religion Brought up in</b> (Numbers with % in brackets)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="479 1808 1437 1881"> <tr> <td></td> <td>All usual residents</td> <td>Catholic</td> <td>Protestant and Other</td> <td>Other Religions</td> <td>None</td> </tr> </table>						All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant and Other	Other Religions	None
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				Christian (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	<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:</b> <b>Council Election results</b> The most recent local council election (2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019) showed:</p>													
				Elected Candidate										
		Eligible Electorate	Votes Polled (% Turnout)	DUP	Sinn Féin	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Independent	TUV	Green	PUP	Aontu	CCLA
	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			
		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><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  <b>Data:</b>  <b>Ethnic Group (Numbers with % in brackets)</b></p>										
		All usual residents	White	Chinese	Indian	Bangladeshi	Other	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	156,677	154,365 (99%)	406 (0%)	283 (0%)	177	415	139	132	556	199	

			2 (100%)				(0%) ( )	(0%) ( )	(0%) ( )	(0%) ( )	(0%) ( )	(0%) ( )
Ards Peninsula	22,797 (100%)	22,641 (99%)	29 (0%)	17 (0%)	5 (0%)	7 (0%)	6 (0%)	2 (0%)	54 (0%)	26 (0%)		
Bangor Central	23,524 (100%)	24,469 (98%)	105 (0%)	43 (0%)	17 (0%)	3 (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%)	1 (0%)	11 (0%)	2 (0%)	82 (0%)	19 (0%)		
Bangor West	22,946 (100%)	17,763 (98%)	19 (0%)	135	2 (0%)	1 (0%)	3 (0%)	26 (0%)	73 (0%)	15 (0%)		
Comber	18,152 (100%)	18,216 (99%)	30 (0%)	8 (0%)	9 (0%)	5 (0%)	4 (0%)	8 (0%)	55 (0%)	17 (0%)		
Hollywood and Clondeboyne	18,382 (100%)	20,061 (98%)	65 (0%)	31 (0%)	23 (0%)	1 (0%)	81 (0%)	56 (0%)	1 (0%)	61 (0%)		
Newtownards	20,560 (100%)	27,841 (99%)	105 (0%)	20 (0%)	11 (0%)	3 (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: <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%)	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</p>																		

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	Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a 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

		<p>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></p> <p>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).</p> <p>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	All Section 75 categories will receive equal benefits, regardless of any individual Section 75 dimensions.
	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	Beneficial impact: working with local community groups together. Community ownership can improve neighbourhood-based service provision, increasing accessibility for local people, which is particularly important in rural areas. A sense of community identity and pride can be developed, with the potential for increased community cohesion. Successful transfers can lead to additional jobs, training and business opportunities, improving skills and aspirations locally.	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 strategy explains the aims and goals. Where any needs are identified, the implementations will be made with reasonable adjustments and consultation.	
	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	Positive Impact- bring people together to provide a shared facility.	
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		

4.	Are there opportunities to better promote Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?		
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		If "Yes" provide details	If "No" provide details
	Religious Belief	No, the needs of all users will be considered throughout the deliver process.	
	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.	Positive: the project will bring people together to provide a sharded facility.

### **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	All actions will be explained as necessary, any documents will be provided in an alternative format when requested. Accessible grow beds will ensure people with disabilities can participate in the activities of the Let's Grow initiative.

### 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>	Complaints and comments will be monitored during and after this initiative is implemented.
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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

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: Stephen Daye  
 Title: Parks & Cemeteries Officer  
 Date: 01 December 2021  
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Ian O'Neill  
 Title: Head of Leisure and Amenities  
 Date: 1 December 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:
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	Screened by:		
	Approved by:		