

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 46
2.	Policy Name	Graffiti Policy
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	New policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Environment
5.	Description of policy to be screened	The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the council's policy for dealing with graffiti.
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	To define the principles and processes by which the Council will remove undesirable graffiti that appears on buildings and other structures without the owner's consent.
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 categories as the policy is to be introduced across the Council area
7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	<p>If the policy is not applied consistently as agreed by Council.</p> <p>Legislation - Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Anti-social Behaviour (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 Section 116 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 confers an express power on a district council to prosecute and defend proceedings where the council considers it expedient for the promotion or protection of the interest of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the Council;(b) its district or of any part of its district;(c) the inhabitants of its district or of any part of its district.

8.	<p>The main stakeholders on which 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</p>	<p>The Council, Council employees, Elected Members, those who currently provide associated or direct graffiti removal services, residents of Ards and North Down Borough Council, visitors to the Borough, Businesses within the Borough and all potential service users.</p>
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9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
<p>Policies: E 16 Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan E 19 PCSP Strategy E 27 Lands and Property Policy E 28 Corporate Complaints policy and procedure</p>	Owned by : Council	

10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to :	
Religious Belief	Borough profile on residents. Data available from NISRA, NINIS and other relevant sources.	
Political Opinion		
Racial Group	Data of location of graffiti within the Borough previously and details of areas where legacy Councils have removed or made arrangements to remove graffiti.	
Age		
Marital Status		
Sexual orientation		
Men & Women generally	The policy is applied equitably across the Council area as the policy is to ensure the Borough has a consistent approach to the reporting and removal of graffiti.	
Disability		
Dependents		

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	A consistent approach across the Council will not affect any Section 75 category	
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	All forms of graffiti that are defined within the policy will be treated equitably	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	
	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	Removal of offensive or potentially offensive graffiti will assist in demonstrating Good Relations are promoted within 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	
	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)	This policy is to be applied consistently across the Borough and therefore impacts on all residents, businesses and visitors equitably irrespective of the range of Section 75 dimensions
Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.	

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	The policy will ensure that any offensive or potentially offensive graffiti is removed

Monitoring Arrangements

Section 75 places a requirement on the Council to have equality monitoring arrangements in place in order 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 in order to monitor the impact of this policy / decision on <u>equality, good relations and disability duties</u>	Monitoring data in relation to Section 75 on Borough make up. Data that will be retained on location of graffiti, type of graffiti and date identified. Organisation that removed graffiti.
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Consideration of Human Rights

The Human Rights Act 1998 brings the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) into UK and, therefore, Northern Ireland. Indicate below any potential adverse impacts that the policy / decision may have in relation to human rights issues

Right to Life	Article 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prohibition to torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	Article 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prohibition of slavery and forced labour	Article 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to Liberty and Security	Article 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to a Fair and Public Trial	Article 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to no punishment without due legal process	Article 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence	Article 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion	Article 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of Expression	Article 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association	Article 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to marry and found a family	Article 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
The prohibition on discrimination	Article 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of property and enjoyment of possessions	Protocol 1 Article 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to education	Protocol 1 Article 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to free and secret election	Protocol 1 Article 3	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Please explain any adverse impacts on human rights that you have identified?	
	Please indicate any ways in which you consider the policy positively promotes Human Rights	

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; and
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human rights issues

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: Peter McCoy
Title: Property Maintenance Manager
Date: 22 September 2015
Signature:

Director:

Name: David Lindsay
Title: Director of Environment
Date: 22 September 2015
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			
Screened by :	Position/Job Title:	Date:	
	Property Maintenance Manager	22 September 2015	
Approved by:	Director of Environment	22 September 2015	