

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 98
2.	Policy Name	Sports Pitch Strategic Review 2014-2020
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	Existing policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Community and Wellbeing
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>This policy was not screened as it was adopted during the period of the shadow Council and the failure to screen was an oversight.</p> <p>The Sports Pitch Strategic Review provides a framework for pitch provision for the period 2014 to 2020. It identifies the stock of pitches in the two legacy councils, their usage and condition to identify a baseline for consideration of future provision.</p>
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The strategy considers the range of sports that need to be accommodated across the Borough as soccer, gaelic football, hurling, camogie, hockey, cricket and rugby union.</p> <p>The assessment also has considered Sport ‘NI’ ‘Bridging the Gap’ report, actual supply, demand for and capacity of playing pitches within the Borough. This has included council pitches as well as private, voluntary sector and education pitches that provide community use.</p> <p>The policy considers travel distance, shortfall of pitches and priorities for future investment. It also looks at the potential to use school facilities and the need requirements of intermediate league clubs and Irish Football Association small sided games.</p>
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 categories have the potential to benefit from this strategy delivery. The strategy considers the full range of playing provision required, the current provision and it’s condition in each area, access to the facilities and future potential needs.
7.	Factors which could contribute to/ detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy	If the strategy recommendations are not implemented as intended due to financial constraints, locations and provision determined outside the remit of the strategy, or

	when being implemented	lack of commitment by stakeholders to engage in the strategy delivery.
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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	The Council, Council employees, residents of the Borough. Local and regional sports clubs, schools and visitors to the area. Local community groups, regional sports groups and advisory groups, neighbouring councils, health and social care providers, Public Health Agency. Relevant government agencies, RYA, Education Sector, Greenway, Sustrans, Irish Football Association, National Governing Bodies, Sport NI and range of sport governing bodies.
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9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	Policies: E 15 Ards and North Down Borough Council - Corporate Plan E 16 Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan E 33 Ards and North Down Borough Council Sports Forum Grants E 34 Sports Development Capital Grants Scheme E 97 Ards and North Down Borough Council Sports Facility Strategy 2016-2026	Owned by : Ards and North Down Borough Council

10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to :	
	Religious Belief	Limited S75 data on the Borough profile from NISRA and NINIS. This data is available per electoral ward for a range of Section 75 dimensions and assists in identifying religious belief, racial group, age, marital status, gender, those with a disability and those with caring responsibilities. Political opinion data is available from the outcome of Local Council elections, Stormont Executive elections and Westminster elections. See Council profile. Data can be compared from 2014 and 2017 from when sports pitch strategy review was written and adopted.
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	
	Age	
	Marital Status	
	Sexual orientation	
	Men & Women generally	
	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	All users and potential users require sports pitches that meet the requirements of their governing body and are accessible by all users and potential users. They also require to be safe and accessible for use by the broad range of users. As some sports may create a chill factor it is important the
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	
	Age	
	Marital Status	

	Sexual orientation	provision is available to accommodate a range of sports where possible. The pitches should be accessible by a range of transport methods and individuals with a disability and available to be used by all those irrespective of their section 75 dimensions or those that the sport may be seen to be represented by.
	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 strategy looks at the current provision and standard of all sports pitches and the needs for current and potential users to access an appropriate playing pitch and facilities within reasonable distances and to the agreed governing body standards.	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 provides recommendations to increase standard of existing pitches and provision of pitches across the Borough and has considered all sports and appropriate provision for each of them through a range of alternatives. It also recommends the provision of sports hubs that will facilitate a range of sports in one location.	
	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 strategy ensures all sports pitch provision is recommended to provide quality approved pitches across the Borough in areas of recognised need and the clubs work together to ensure maximum usage, particularly where sport hubs may be provided.	
	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 strategy ensures all sports pitch provision is recommended to provide quality approved pitches and the range of sports clubs work together for maximum use and promotion of sports. Sport has the potential to improve good relations and the use of sports hubs will facilitate this.	
	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)</p> <p>Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities.</p> <p>Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.</p>	<p>This strategy is to identify and improve the number and quality of sports pitches across the Borough and ensure their location encourages maximum usage.</p> <p>The strategy will ensure location and facilities available will encourage more users including children and young people to have access to suitable pitches and that all facilities have access for those with a disability and those with people who are dependants. The range of pitches and their standard will encourage participation in sports for those that wish to take part in their chosen sport.</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"> - <u>better promote positive attitudes</u> towards disabled people - <u>increase participation</u> by disabled people in public life 	Yes	<p>This strategy will ensure all those with a disability who wish to access a pitch and associated facilities have access within the building regulations.</p> <p>Relevant guidance from the range of groups and sport governing bodies who support individuals with a disability will be used in all decision making processes.</p> <p>Advertisement of these facilities will be made widely available in a range of formats as per the Council procedures.</p>

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>	Complaints and comments from service users and local populations. Current provision and potential improved provision. Usage of agreed provision as delivered by this strategy. Where possible all data will identify Section 75 dimensions of groups or individuals.
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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: Ian O'Neill
 Title: Head of Leisure & Amenities
 Date: 17 January 2017
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Graeme bannister
 Title: Director of Community and Wellbeing
 Date: 17 January 2017
 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	
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	Authorities?	
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	Monitoring Recommendation	
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	Approval and Authorisation		
	Screened by :	Position/Job Title: Head of Leisure & Amenities	Date: 17 January 2017
	Approved by:	Director of Community and Wellbeing	17 January 2017