

## ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL SECTION 75 SCREENING REPORT JANUARY 2018 to MARCH 2018

### OUTCOME OF SCREENED POLICIES

Policy Number	Policy	Description and aim of policy	Screening Outcome
E 137	Naming of New Leisure Facility in Newtownards	<p>The Council made a decision to name the new build replacement leisure facility in Newtownards 'Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing and Leisure Complex'. This facility is to replace the current Ards Leisure Centre. The Council entered into a process to name the new facility, taking into account its Policy on the Naming of Council facilities. Consultants were appointed to assist in this process and to recommend a name and brand that would complement that of Bangor Aurora Aquatic and Leisure Complex.</p> <p>Following stakeholder engagement, Council officers recommended that the new facility be named Ards Apollo Wellbeing and Leisure Complex. However, this recommendation was not accepted by the Council and, at its meeting of 29 November 2017, the Council agreed to name the new facilities 'The Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing and Leisure Complex'.</p> <p>In November 2015, Ards and North Down Borough Council had adopted a policy on naming Council facilities which aimed to ensure a consistent approach to naming Council Facilities.</p> <p>The Naming Policy aims are to ensure such decisions promote equality of opportunity and good relations. It further states that "where a name is selected that meets the criteria of the policy it should not be representative of an event or location associated with conflict but one that identifies with inclusion, is relevant to the location, purpose of the facility and compliant with the corporate plan aim of inclusivity for all who work, live or visit in the Borough."</p>	An EQIA is required due to the potential adverse impact identified
E 138	Ards and North Down Borough	The Donaghadee Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Donaghadee Town Centre	Screened out

	Council Donaghadee Masterplan	over the next 15 years from March 2015. It aims to promote and guide growth and development with the aim of creating a vibrant, high quality and fully integrated town. This will include physical improvements to the town centre including Public Realm, and the Harbour.	
E 139	Ards and North Down Borough Council Comber Masterplan	The Comber Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Comber Town Centre over the next 15 years from March 2015. The Comber Masterplan aims to promote and guide growth and development with the aim of creating a vibrant, high quality and fully integrated town. This includes physical improvements to the town centre Public Realm, and the cycling and pedestrian links.	Screened out
E 140	Ards and North Down Borough Council Holywood Masterplan	The Holywood Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Holywood Town Centre over the next 15 years from September 2014. It aims to help shape open space, landscape and buildings.	Screened out
E 141	Ards and North Down Borough Council Kircubbin Integrated Village Plan	The Kircubbin Integrated Village Plan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Kircubbin Village over the next 15 years from January 2018. The Plan aims to provide a vision and framework for the promotion, implementation and timing of a host of regeneration initiatives including Main Street Public Realm Scheme and Harbour Improvements.	Screened out
E 142	Ards and North Down Borough Council Portaferry Integrated Village Plan	The Portaferry Integrated Village Plan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Portaferry Village over the next 15 years from January 2018. The Plan aims to map out how the community of Portaferry would like their village to sustainably evolve and grow over the next 15 years including public realm and environmental improvement schemes.	Screened out
E 143	Ards and North Down Borough Council Conlig Integrated Village	The Conlig Integrated Village Plan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Conlig Village over the next 15 years from January 2018. The Plan aims to map out how the community of Conlig would like their	Screened out

	Plan	village to sustainably evolve and grow over the next 15 years including Gateway Enhancement projects and Main Street Public Realm Scheme and enhanced sports facilities.	
E 144	ANDBC Greyabbey Integrated Village Plan	The Greyabbey Integrated Village Plan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Greyabbey Village over the next 15 years from January 2018.	Screened out
E 145	ANDBC Ballywalter Integrated Village Plan	The Ballywalter Integrated Village Plan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Ballywalter Village over the next 15 years from January 2018.	Screened out
E 146	ANDBC Ballyhalbert Integrated Village Plan	The Ballyhalbert Integrated Village Plan is an action plan that will facilitate the regeneration of Ballyhalbert Village over the next 15 years from January 2018.	Screened out
E 148	Gun Salutes at the Town Hall, Bangor	<p>In June 2017, the Council agreed to accept a request from the 38th Irish Brigade to host the Royal Salute at Bangor Castle on 14 November 2017 as a Civic Event to mark the 69th birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales. In the request it was stated Hillsborough Castle would be closed for restoration from Autumn 2017 until Summer 2018.</p> <p>The Gun Salute was duly held and the 38th Irish Brigade has since suggested that, given the success of the Salute and the 206 (Ulster) Battery Royal Artillery's ease of operation in firing guns from this venue, the Council may wish to allow further Gun Salutes at Bangor Castle either on an "engagement" or "Firing only" basis.</p> <p>The Council agreed, in principle, to allow three of the 2018 Royal Gun Salutes in Castle Park, Bangor on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a "Firing Only" basis on Tuesday, 6 February 2018 and on Saturday, 9 June 2018, which coincides with "Sea Bangor".</li> <li>• on Wednesday 14 November 2018, potentially on an "engagement" basis which may either benefit the Mayor's Charities, the Council or the wider community.</li> </ul> <p>As two of these are weekdays, the Town Hall will be open for normal</p>	Mitigation required to include employee engagement.

		<p>business at these times and must remain publicly accessible. On Saturday 9 June 2018, the Town Hall will be open to facilitate a wedding as well as the Sea Bangor event.</p> <p>All of the above arrangements will be reviewed later in 2018 before a decision is taken in relation to 2019 and beyond. The Council is applying a 'cost recovery' charge to the 38th Irish Brigade for use of the facilities.</p>	
E 149	Community Festivals Fund 2018/2019	<p>The Community Development Unit (CDU) is currently reviewing its objectives and processes to address the findings of the internal evaluation (2016/17), presented to Council in December 2017. The following areas for improvement were consistently highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications forms were too long, wordy and confusing;</li> <li>• It took too long to receive confirmation;</li> <li>• There should be more than one opportunity to apply for funding in each year.</li> </ul> <p>In 2016/2017 the CFF was split into three categories;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Festivals (total grant approx. £36,000);</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Festivals (total grant approx. £10,000);</li> <li>• Large Festivals; (total grant approx. £40,000)</li> </ul> <p>This enabled a range of community led festivals to be supported, with the most popular category being the Local Festivals. The majority of applications received under the Local Festivals category included community led Christmas Switch On's, in towns and villages across the Borough where the Council provides Christmas trees and lights (with the exception of the three towns of Bangor, Newtownards and Holywood where Christmas Switch On celebrations were delivered by the Tourism Unit). Applications were also received under this category for Summer Festivals, Burns Night, St. Patrick celebrations, Halloween Festivals and commemorations.</p> <p>In 2017/2018 it is estimated the total CFF budget will be £80,000. This includes a reduction of £6,000 on the previous year's budget to reflect a reduction of 20% from DfC's contribution, which is likely to be applied. It is recommended that £15,000 is ring fenced within this total budget, to ensure appropriate funding is made available for the provision of</p>	Screened out

		<p>Christmas Festivals, in towns and villages across our Borough, where the Council provides Christmas trees and lights (with the exception of the three main towns).</p> <p>It should be noted ring-fencing will not have a detrimental impact on the overall budget, as approximately £15,000 was normally secured for Christmas Switch On Festivals from previous years CFF budgets from each village/town.</p> <p>It is further recommended that the total budget for the CFF (2018/2019) is allocated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Festivals; (total grant approx.£20,000)</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Festivals; (total grant approx. £10,000)</li> <li>• Large Festivals; (total grant approx. £35,000)</li> </ul>	
E 150	Summer Scheme Review	<p>A number of Council Service Units are involved in delivering summer activities across the Borough. These include Community Development, Leisure and Arts and Heritage Schemes. A Cross Council Working Group has been set up to look at ways of sharing resources and coordinating the planning of the schemes. In addition, there are a myriad of summer schemes run by communities, businesses and local churches across the Borough. The Council's Community Development Summer Schemes are delivered to specifically target areas of social need where a need and demand has been identified.</p> <p>A review of the Council's Community Development Summer Scheme programme (2017) has been carried out. The feedback from officers, parents/guardians and children includes details of "what worked well" and "what could have been delivered better".</p> <p>There has been some preliminary consultation with the three Community Networks and communities with regard to the Council potentially supporting a number of community led summer schemes; similar to the pilot supported in Breezemount. The community led summer schemes will be run as a pilot and will be subject to appropriate evaluation.</p>	Screened out
E 151	Royal Wedding Fund	<p>The Council has received correspondence from the Community requesting funding to celebrate the Royal Wedding in May 2018. A similar fund for Her Majesty the Queens' 90th birthday celebration was</p>	Screened out

		<p>facilitated in 2016. The criteria will include only constituted groups will be eligible to apply to hold celebratory street parties in their local neighbourhoods or villages. The fund has been ring fenced at £10,000 and will be met from the current Community Development budget. The total amount which can be applied for is £250 per eligible group. The Royal Wedding Fund will be publically advertised and awarded on a first come first served basis, until the fund is depleted. Celebration packs will also be available for those constituted groups who do not receive funding. Groups will not be able to apply for both funding and a celebration pack.</p> <p>The aim of the fund is to encourage community participation over the period of the weekend for those constituted groups that wish to facilitate an event that meets the criteria for the funding award and compliance with the criteria will be necessary.</p>	
E 152	Ards and North Down Borough Council Tourism Events 2018 - 2019	<p>The Integrated Strategy for Tourism, Regeneration and Development (ITRDS) is currently being finalised. It is anticipated that the ITRDS will recommend categorisation of events in the Borough according to their potential to attract visitors into the Borough.</p> <p>To ensure Ards and North Down Borough Council has a detailed planned and approved list of events until the ITRDS is agreed and implemented the following events have been planned based on previous year's attendance and significant dates that enable events to be themed. This programme provides the Council with a series of events that intends to promote the Borough as a premier events location. It will also increase bed nights and day visits to the Borough to increase economic return. The events programme is designed to reflect the proposed themes of the ITRDS which are: Family Fun, Culturally Curious or Great.</p>	Screened out

E 153	Ards and North Down Borough Council Customer Care Strategy	<p>Ards and North Down Borough Council are committed to taking customer service seriously and has produced a strategy to enable officers to meet and exceed customer services more of the time. The strategy includes the rollout of positive behaviour training to all employees to help ensure they are equipped to deliver an excellent customer experience. This will continue through our induction process. The significant resource commitment demonstrates the priority we place on customer excellence across the organisation.</p> <p>The strategy will also look at how customers access our services and how we can make this an easier and smarter process. There is renewed focus on customer feedback and communication –listening to our customer and reporting back to them how we have acted upon their comments and ideas.</p> <p>Our strategy will be based on these five key principles of excellent customer care and will ensure steps are taken in order that we achieve our aim of delivering “high quality customer focused services”. Key to this will be the development of a detailed Action Plan with SMART objectives.</p>	Screened out
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