

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL SECTION 75 SCREENING REPORT

JANUARY 2020 to MARCH 2020

OUTCOME OF SCREENED POLICIES

Policy Number	Policy	Description and aim of policy	Screening Outcome
E 196	Ards and North Down Borough Council Corporate Plan 2020-2024	<p>The draft Corporate Plan 2020-24 which sets out the Council's strategic ambitions for the next four years. It provides clarity of focus for the Council, providing a sense of direction which will guide Council decisions and will be underpinned by supporting plans within Council Services.</p> <p>The Plan proposes a greater emphasis on improving economic prosperity in the Borough, creating and sustaining more local job opportunities, growing the rates base (i.e. the number and scale of businesses) to provide for further opportunities for investment without significant increases in future rates to sustain this.</p> <p>It does not envisage any reduction in other services to facilitate the greater emphasis on prosperity and recognises how co-dependent the economic, social and environmental health are on each other, joining priorities together under the acronym PEOPLE – Prosperity, Environment, Opportunity, Pride, Life and Excellence (supporting the other priorities through a high performing Council).</p> <p>High level actions are set out under each of these priorities. Under 'Opportunity', the Plan does envisage greater support, in partnership with others, for our young people but also for being a great place to grow older.</p>	Screened out
E 197	Hamilton Road Community Hub, Bangor, County Down Projectile Range Hire Terms and	<p>This document details the range of hire terms and conditions as well as general terms and information for Hamilton Road Community Hub, Bangor, County Down. The Projectile Range is for use by shooting clubs and organisations as well as archery clubs.</p> <p>The policy provides clarity for all individuals, clubs and groups who wish to arrange to use this facility and details the legislation that underpins the hire</p>	Screened out

	Conditions, and General Terms and Information, for Shooting Clubs and Organisations, and Archery Clubs	and use conditions. It stipulates the conditions for authorisation/regulation is by the PSNI.	
E199	Final Borough Events Strategy	<p>In April 2019, Ards and North Down Borough Council (ANDBC) commissioned Festivals & Events International (FEI) to develop a new Strategic approach to events in the Borough covering the period 2020-2025. The strategy would help to create a more integrated, strategic and outcomes-based approach to planning, funding and delivering events with partners across the Borough.</p> <p>Throughout this process, key principles for how the Council might consider its support and delivery of events have emerged. Significant areas of 'change' have been identified. It is acknowledged that this will require time and resource to research and develop, prior to Council approval. Therefore, this document will set the Strategic Direction for Borough Events, in the recognition that further work is to be completed prior to Strategy adoption. All timelines indicated are therefore indicative and will require extension dependent on the resource allocated to work on developing an Action Plan. The strategic direction will enable the Council to partner, support and deliver events in the Borough which return economic, social and cultural outcomes in line with the Big Plan.</p> <p>It is anticipated that when the Action Plan is developed and implemented events will be delivered by efficient and sustainable models, which will achieve the most effective outcomes including additional revenue from visitors and social and cultural benefits for the residents.</p>	Screened out
E200	Whistle-blowing Policy	<p>This policy provides Council employees and others with a framework within which they can raise concerns concerning Council business and the protections that they have a right to.</p> <p>The purpose of the Whistle-blowing Policy is to encourage workers and</p>	Screened out

		<p>others to feel confident in raising serious concerns about any aspect of service provision, the conduct of officers or others acting on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>The policy details the procedures involved in raising concerns and reassuring those who raise concerns that they will not be victimised if they have a reasonable belief that it is in the interest of the organisation or the public interest to raise the matter.</p> <p>The purpose of the Whistle-blowing policy is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage workers and others to feel confident in raising concerns• Reassure workers, that they will be protected from reprisals or victimisation for raising concerns in good faith in accordance with this policy• Reassure workers and others that their concerns will be taken seriously• Provide information about how to raise concerns and explain how the Council will respond	
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