

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL SECTION 75 SCREENING REPORT APRIL 2017 to JUNE 2017

OUTCOME OF SCREENED POLICIES

Policy Number	Policy	Description and aim of policy	Screening Outcome
E 108	Flying of Additional Armed Forces Day Flag on 24 June 2017, Armed Forces Day	<p>The Northern Ireland Armed Forces Day event is to be held in Bangor on the weekend of Saturday 24 June and Sunday 25 June 2017. This weekend will incorporate the existing annual tourism summer festival 'Sea Bangor' and include the participation of all sections of the Armed Forces, Cadets and Veterans, as well as civilians. It will incorporate entertainment and activities to attract a wide audience.</p> <p>The Armed Forces' Co-ordinating Officer has suggested the event be formally opened and closed by the raising and lowering of the Armed Forces Day flag on a temporary flagpole in the McKee Clock Arena at 12.00 noon and 6.00pm respectively on Saturday 24 June, as this area is to be the focal point for the day's activities. Each legacy council had a policy of flying the Armed Forces Day Flag in its main town. In the absence of an alternative policy, this practice continued in 2015 and 2016. This request has been agreed to with the aim of highlighting the role of Armed Forces across the world, and to acknowledge the sacrifice of individuals and families.</p>	Screened out
E 109	Strategy for the provision of public toilets	<p>Ards and North Down Borough Council currently provide 27 public conveniences across the Borough. These vary in age, condition, layout and type of facility offered.</p> <p>The council aims, through this policy to provide suitable, safe and high quality public toilet facilities in appropriate locations across the Borough.</p>	Screened out
E 110	Peace IV Action Plan Projects 2017 award	The PEACE IV Programme is a unique cross-border initiative, financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) of the European Union and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body	Screened out

		<p>(SEUPB). It has been designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland aiming to build upon the experience of previous programmes by tackling the remaining challenges that exist in building positive relationships and developing shared spaces. In 2016 SEUPB announced a closed call for Council applications that focused on three specific objectives: Children and Young People; Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations.</p> <p>Following extensive public engagement from March to July 2016 approximately 650 people from across the Borough were involved in developing the PEACE IV Plan for Ards and North Down.</p> <p>As a result of the information provided from public engagement and co-design workshops, a series of projects were proposed in the Plan submitted to SEUPB for approval. Each of the proposed projects included a strong emphasis on promoting cross community relations and understanding. The Peace IV Partnership will oversee the implementation of the Programme across the Council.</p>	
E 111	Policy for the provision of kerb side household waste collection services	<p>The Council has a statutory duty to provide a household waste collection service as defined in the Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997. This policy sets out how the Council provides its kerbside waste collection services to homes, the conditions of use and defines types of waste the householder is permitted to place in each designated bin. It is applicable to every household in the Borough that requires a regular waste collection service.</p>	Screened out
E 113	Requests to Light Up Buildings - Policy Review	<p>This policy review provides a transparent policy and operating procedure for use across the council at buildings and features where it is possible to use lighting to highlight a significant event or date. In October 2015 the Council adopted criteria and procedures for processing requests to light up Council Buildings.</p> <p>It is appropriate and good practice to review these procedures. In general, the lighting up of Council buildings has been positively received by the public. This policy also gave the opportunity for the Council to mark a range of one off events including sporting</p>	Screened out

		<p>achievements and significant anniversaries of teams and groups. Requests were received from elected members in response to world events or events which fall outside those listed in the original policy. These decisions were, by virtue of the need to react quickly, taken without Council agreement and prompted a wide range of responses (positive and negative) from elected members and the general public. The Council has also come under criticism for lighting up buildings in response to some, but not all, terrorist attacks.</p> <p>In this policy review it is therefore proposed that the Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continues to process requests to light up buildings in line with the existing policy; • does not light up buildings in immediate response to world events and • requests to light up buildings to mark national holidays will be processed via the Corporate Services Committee/Council structure and S75 screened accordingly. 	
E 114	Learning and Development Strategy	The aim of the Learning and Development Strategy is to maximise the investment in people potential to ensure a skilled and adaptable workforce. It reflects and reinforces the approach to learning within the Corporate Plan and Human Resources and Organisational Development Service Plan.	Screened out
E 115	Overtime, Stand By and Call out Payments Policy	Ards and North Down Borough Council realises people are the organisation's most valuable asset. It therefore endeavours to ensure all employees are treated in line with legislation and good practice with regard to approval and payment of additional hours. The policy is to deal with hours worked by employees outside their normal working week and is dependent on their grade as defined in the policy. It aims to ensure additional hours are managed appropriately with due regard to both financial and human resource issues.	Screened out
E 116	Declaration of Interests Policy for Employees	Council employees are expected to give the highest possible standard of service to the public. This policy provides guidance on what interests need to be declared, which employees need to declare them and when, and what action should be taken to avoid conflicts of interest. In accordance with the Code of Conduct for Employees, a Declaration	Screened out

		of Interests policy and procedure ensures the highest levels of probity for public servants within Local Government.	
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