

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL SECTION 75 SCREENING REPORT

1 APRIL 2020 to 30 JUNE 2020

OUTCOME OF SCREENED POLICIES

| Policy Number | Policy | Description and aim of policy | Screening Outcome |
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| E 201 | Ards and North Down Borough Council Flags Policy 2020 | <p>This policy is to provide clarity for the Council on the arrangements to fly the Union Flag at Council buildings and on Council owned land. The practice is based on the agreed arrangements of both legacy councils that had been previously agreed in Equality Impact Assessments. The arrangements will be monitored and comments and complaints will be addressed and the policy reviewed regularly. The policy addresses the arrangements to fly the Union flag at war memorials and during the remembrance period each November as well as those flags that have received or may receive council approval to commemorate specific days or events at Castle Park, Bangor and Conway Square, Newtownards. The policy also outlines that each flag is to be maintained and serviced at regular intervals by Council staff. The policy recognises the flying of the Union flag is a council decision and it is not to be flown in a manner or at a time that is inappropriate or not identified within the policy. The policy identifies that the agreed practices of each legacy council will be adhered to and describes how ad hoc events and flying at half-mast are to be treated.</p> | Screened in with mitigation as this policy is the adoption of two EQIA's of legacy Councils it will require to be reviewed annually to be cognizant of the comments and complaints received about this practice and any proposed changes to it. |
| E 203 | Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan 2019 – 2022 | <p>The purpose of the Good Relations Strategy is to meet the requirement from The Good Relations Unit, Executive Office for participation in the Borough Council's Good Relations Programme. This is a competitive funding programme which currently funds 75% of the Council's Good Relations Action Plan with the remaining 25% being match funded by Ards and North Down Borough Council. The Strategy and annual</p> | Screened out |

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| | | <p>Action Plans must be agreed by both the Executive Office and Ards and North Down Borough Council.</p> <p>The Good Relations 2019-2022 Strategy is based on an audit on the previous years' strategy and subsequent years Annual Action Plans, related strategies and community consultation. It has been developed to reflect the identified needs throughout the previous 3 year period.</p> <p>There is some flexibility within the Action Plan to address emerging priorities or needs.</p> | |
| E 204 | Project Management Board and Handbook | <p>Ards and North Down Borough Council delivers many capital projects. In order to ensure these capital projects are delivered consistently, efficiently and within governance framework, this Council policy and its supporting Project Management Handbook provide the basic principles for project management to be undertaken within the Council. This policy and its supporting handbook primarily address capital project management, but the model can be applied to any project type, size or nature, by adapting the level of detail, documentation and reporting, relevant to the complexity of a given project as it provides a consistent, process-based approach to the project governance and project management.</p> | Screened out |
| E 205 | Covid-19 Community Support Hub | <p>To establish and set up a support hub that have been deemed the responsibility of local councils for residents of their Borough to enable emotional and practical support to be made available where possible to suit their needs during the Covid-19 lockdown and subsequent transition from this period. This will be provided in partnership with relevant statutory, voluntary and community groups. The service is working across the Directorates for a wrap-around service.</p> <p>The main responsibilities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a daily phone service to isolated and vulnerable individuals across the Borough and to provide support or signposting as required. • To develop at least one depot within the Borough that will facilitate the circulation of food parcels to residents that meet the criteria of receiving a weekly food and essentials box. | Screened out |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To train and support employees from across the Council to provide these services including responding to the myriad of needs identified across the Borough that have affected individuals lives. | |
| E 207 | Ards and North Down Borough Council Rent Rebate Scheme for Covid -19 Due Diligence Scheme | <p>This policy is to provide rent relief for those Council tenants or licensees who initiate a request to Council.</p> <p>The arrangements are to ensure applications are dealt with in a consistent and fair manner and ensure any relief granted is proportionate and appropriate.</p> | Screened out |
| E 208 | Amendment of Standing Orders to enable remote attendance at Council meetings | <p>The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 came into effect on 1 May 2020. The Regulations make provision to enable councils to hold meetings remotely including (but not limited to) telephone conferencing, video conferencing, live webcast and live interactive streaming. The Regulations apply to all councils and all council meetings including committee or sub-committee meetings, executive meetings and meetings of joint committees of two or more councils.</p> <p>Amendment to Standing Orders</p> <p>In order to enable the remote attendance of Elected Members, the press and the public at Council and Committee meetings, the Council's Standing Orders were amended in line with the Regulations. This is due to the restrictions on travel and on social distancing introduced due to the coronavirus pandemic. Enabling this method of access to meetings enables the democratic process to continue despite the current health crisis.</p> | Screened out |