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Integrated Impact Assessment

Equality Screening and Rural Needs, Climate & Privacy Impact Assessment

Newtownstewart Town Centre Regeneration Framework

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Policy Reference: committee/mth/year

Part One: Policy Scoping

1. Please provide a short title which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to Equality Screening under Section 75 Act and Rural Needs Impact Assessment under Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

Development of the Newtown Stewart Town Centre Regeneration Framework by DCSDC.

2. Please tick as appropriate

New Policy

Revised Policy

Corporate Policy

Departmental Policy

If Departmental, please specify which department

Environment & Regeneration Directorate

2b. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Question 1 above relates to.

	Policy	Strategy	Plan
Developing a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adopting a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3a. Please describe the aims of the policy

The Newtownstewart Town Centre Regeneration Framework is an output of a Council mandate in 2021 to prepare a deliverable regeneration vision for Newtownstewart Town Centre. The aim of the document is to identify the keys issues affecting the Town Centre and recommend deliverable actions which will contribute to economic, social and environmental improvements that will improve the well-being of its residents and visitors over the next 5-10 years.

3b. Are there any associated objectives of the policy? If so, what are they?

The purpose of framework is to highlight the key challenges facing Newtownstewart town centre and recommend deliverable actions going forward which contribute to the economic, social and environmental well-being of Newtownstewart over the next 5-10 years. The associated Action Plan has 39 actions which set out short/medium/long term priorities.

4. Are there any Section75 groups which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy? If so, explain how

The Framework is not intended to primarily target any particular Section 75 group - it will potentially benefit all residents, business owners and visitors.

5. Who initiated or wrote the policy?

The Framework is an output of a Council Committee mandate in 2021 and was prepared by Council Officers in the Regeneration Section (Environment & Regeneration Directorate). A co-design process was used to inform the writing of this plan and involved an Internal Council Officer technical group which included representatives from statutory agencies such as DfI Roads and DfC Historic Environment Division. Extensive stakeholder and community engagement was also carried out during the plan preparation process including regular meetings with the Council Officer group, local community, business & heritage stakeholders, Local Councillors and public.

6. Who is responsible for the implementation of the policy?

The Regeneration Team in Environment & Regeneration Directorate.

7. Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?

If yes, are they

- Financial
- Legislative
- Other, please specify

There is no funding secured to deliver the actions recommended in this Framework.

The delivery of some actions will also be subject to policy and legislation from other Council service areas and from Statutory bodies such as DfI Roads and DfC Historic Environment Division.

8. Who are the internal/external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy will impact upon?

- Staff
- Service Users

- Other public sector organisations
- Voluntary/Community/Trade Unions

- Other. Please specify

Elected Members

9. Is this policy associated with any other Council Policy(s)?

Yes No

If yes, please state the related policy(s) below.

This document aligns with the Inclusive Strategic Growth Plan 2017-2032, the emerging Local Development Plan-Plan Strategy and also with Council's Heritage Plan – A Vision For Our Future 2022-2027, Tourism 2018-2025 – A New Level of Ambition, Arts & Culture Strategy 2019-2024, Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2020-2025 and Green Infrastructure Plan 2019-2032.

10. How does the policy contribute towards the achievement of the Council's strategic objectives?

The recommended actions within the Framework are in line with Council's Inclusive Strategic Growth Plan 2017-2032 which identifies priority outcomes which aim to make the Council District a place where there is a "Thriving, prosperous and sustainable city and district with equality of opportunity for all." The actions contained within the Newtownstewart Framework are designed to contribute to this by improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of Newtownstewart over the next 5-10 years.

11. How does the Council interface with other bodies in relation to the implementation of this policy?

During the preparation of the Framework Council Officers undertook extensive stakeholder engagement. Council hosted 2 public engagement events on 16th February 2023. The events were attended by residents, local business owners and other key stakeholders. Council has also undertaken routine consultation with statutory agencies including DfI Roads Service and DfC Historic Environment Division as part of an internal Officers group which contributed to the development of the document. Council Officers meet regularly with local representatives from the local business and heritage group and 2000 Centre and will continue to do so during the implementation of the framework. Council also initiated further public engagement processes when the draft document was produced in February 2024. A period of public consultation on the draft Framework took place during February and March 2024, inviting comments from interested parties and stakeholders, this included consultation with Local Elected Representatives. Relevant feedback from this exercise has been reflected within the final version.

Part Two: Equality Screening

2.1 Available evidence

Evidence to help inform the screening process may take many forms. Public authorities should ensure that their screening decision is informed by relevant data.

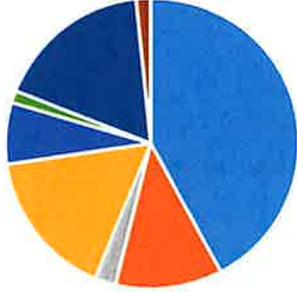
What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories. **Please add policy relevant information.**

In drafting the Newtown Stewart Framework document we undertook research to develop our locational and contextual understanding of this rural town which included a review of all relevant policy (Local Development Plans, Local Growth Plans and relevant local Action Plans) and a review of census information, in addition to undertaking technical surveys. We also undertook extensive community engagement - Council hosted 2 public engagement events on 16th February 2023. The events were attended by residents, local business owners and other key stakeholders. Council has also undertaken routine consultation with statutory agencies including DFI Roads Service and DFC Historic Environment Division as part of an internal Officers group which contributed to the development of the document. Council Officers meet regularly with local representatives from the local Business and Heritage Group and 2000 Centre and will continue to do so during the implementation of the framework. Council also initiated further public engagement processes when the draft document was produced in February 2024. A period of public consultation on the draft Framework took place during February and March 2024, inviting comments from interested parties and stakeholders and included consultation with Local Elected Representatives. Relevant feedback from this exercise has been reflected within this final version.

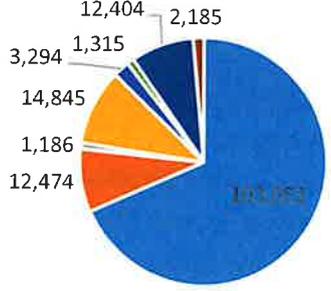
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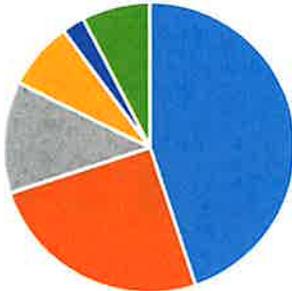
- **Religion:** Catholic 54.10%, Protestant/Other Christian Denomination 41.87% and Other Religions 0.28%
- **5 yr age bands:** highest is 50-54yrs band, followed by 35-39 yrs band
- **Households:** 627
- **General Health:** Majority of residents report very good health (573) with 41 reporting very bad health
- **Sexual Orientation(16 and over):** Straight/Heterosexual 1120, Gay/Lesbian/Other 16 and 101 prefer not to say.

- we have no other detailed information by S75 categories.

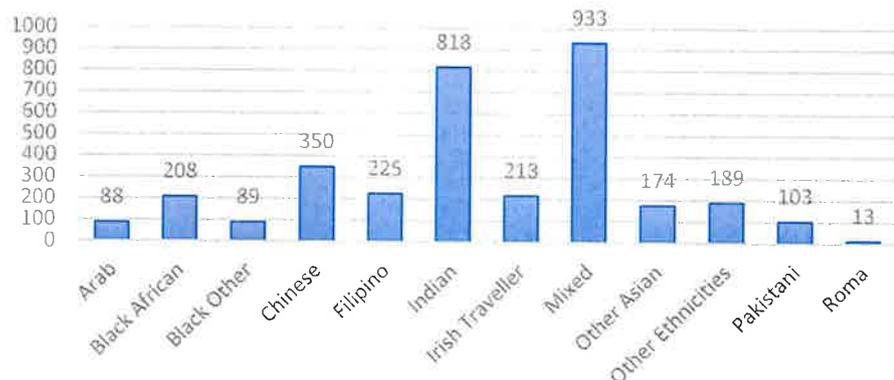
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<p>Racial group</p>	<p>According to the Census 2021 statistics² the total population of the Council area is 150,757. The majority of the population – 147,349 (97.74%) - is White. The ethnic profile of non-White residents of the Council area is as follows:</p>

² <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/census-2021-bulk-download>

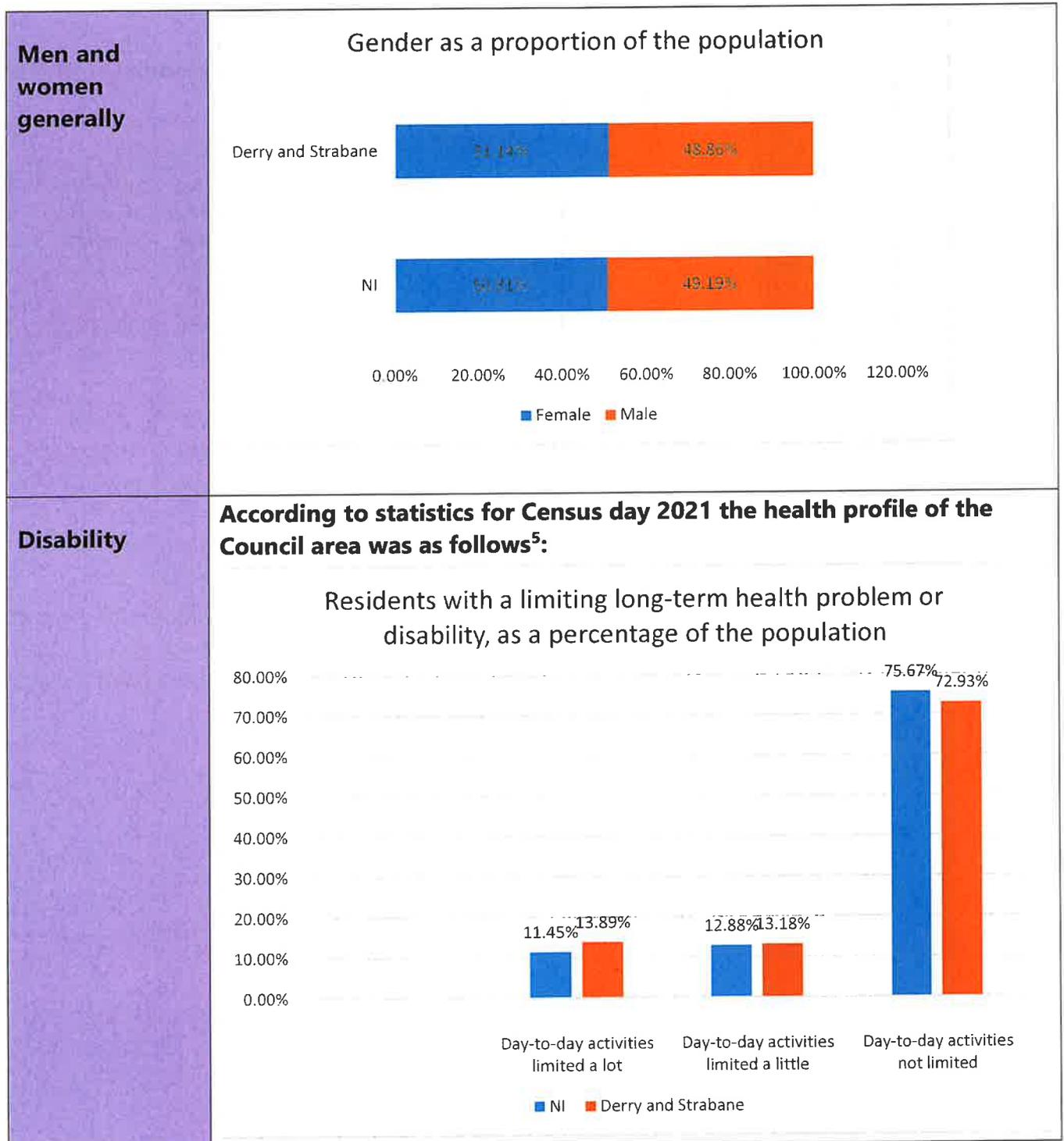
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Dependants

According to statistics for Census day 2021 the caring profile for the Council area was as follows:⁶

All Usual Residents aged 5 and over						
	All usual residents aged 5 and over	Provide no unpaid care	Provide 1-19 hrs unpaid care per week	Provide 20-34 hrs unpaid care per week	Provide 35-49 hrs unpaid care per week	Provide 50+ hrs unpaid care per week
Northern Ireland	1,789,348	1,567,135 87.58%	100,777 5.63%	24,636 1.38%	28,109 1.57%	68,691 3.84%
Derry City & Strabane	141,465	123,487 87.29%	7,135 5.04%	2,178 1.54%	2,608 1.84%	6,057 4.28%

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The proportion of carers in Northern Ireland is similar to the proportion of carers in Derry and Strabane. Carers are counted from age 5+. Results for Census 2021 in Northern Ireland show that 52 children aged 5 years provide 1 or more hours of unpaid care per week.

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2.2 Equality Needs, experiences and priorities

Taking into account the information referred to above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the following categories, in relation to the particular policy/decision?

Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories

Section 75 category	Details of needs/experiences/priorities
Religious belief	Public engagement/consultation did not identify any different needs or priorities according to religious belief, etc.
Political opinion	No different needs in relation to this framework according to Political opinion were identified through public engagement/consultation.
Racial group	No different needs in relation to this framework according to Racial group were identified through public engagement/consultation.
Age	Older people may have mobility issues and an increased need for adjustments to the physical environment to improve pedestrian safety and to accommodate resting points. The actions in the framework recommend the installation of street furniture such as seating, and the introduction of safe crossing points, improved access to parking and lighting which will also likely benefit older age groups and people with dependants. Changes to the physical environment will have to take account of the needs of this group prior to implementation.
Marital status	Public engagement/consultation did not identify any different needs in relation to this framework according to Marital status.
Sexual orientation	No different needs in relation to this framework according to Sexual orientation were identified through public engagement/consultation.
Men and women generally	Public engagement/consultation did not identify different needs in relation to this framework for Men and Women generally.
Disability	People with disabilities may have mobility issues and an increased need for improved pedestrian safety and resting points, the actions in the framework recommend the installation of street furniture such as seating, and the introduction of safe crossing points, improved access to parking and lighting which will likely benefit older age groups, people with

	disabilities and people with dependants. Changes to the physical environment will have to take account of the needs of this group prior to implementation
Dependants	People with dependants have an increased need for improved pedestrian safety and resting points, the actions in the framework recommend the installation of street furniture such as seating, and the introduction of safe crossing points, improved access to parking and lighting which will likely benefit older age groups, people with disabilities and people with dependants. Changes to the physical environment will have to take account of the needs of this group prior to implementation.

2.3 Screening questions

What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories? Minor/major/none?		
Section 75 category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact? minor/major/none
Religious belief	No likely differential impact identified.	none
Political opinion	No likely differential impact identified.	none
Racial group	No likely differential impact identified.	none
Age	Elderly people may experience positive impacts as a result of the recommended improvements to the physical environment such as seating, and the introduction of safe crossing points, improved access to parking and lighting etc. Changes to the physical environment will have to take account of the needs of this group prior to implementation.	Minor - positive
Marital status	No likely differential impact identified.	none
Sexual orientation	No likely differential impact identified.	none

Men & women generally	No likely differential impact identified.	None
Disability	People with disabilities may experience positive impacts as a result of recommended improvements to the physical environment such as seating, and the introduction of safe crossing points, improved access to parking and lighting etc. Changes to the physical environment will have to take account of the needs of this group prior to implementation.	Minor - positive
Dependants	People with dependants may experience positive impacts as a result of recommended improvements to the physical environment such as seating, and the introduction of safe crossing points, improved access to parking and lighting etc. Changes to the physical environment will have to take account of the needs of this group prior to implementation	Minor-positive

2.4 Equality of Opportunity

Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equalities categories?		
Section 75 category	If Yes, provide details	If No, provide reasons
Religious belief		No better opportunities identified
Political opinion		No better opportunities identified
Racial group		No better opportunities identified
Age	Should Council establish an overseeing town centre forum to deliver the actions contained within the Newtown Stewart Framework, the specific needs of this group can be considered through their	

	involvement in this group and through ongoing community consultation.	
Marital status		No better opportunities identified
Sexual orientation		No better opportunities identified
Men & women generally		No better opportunities identified
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2.5 Good Relations

Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between Section 75 equality categories through tackling prejudice and/or promoting understanding?

Yes

No

If Yes, the policy will be considered by a Designated Working Group

Section 75 category	There may be opportunities to better promote good relations in the delivery of some of the actions in the Newtown Stewart Regeneration Framework and through ongoing community consultation etc. However, these are likely to be minor/incidental and non-contentious and therefore there is no need to refer to a working group.
Religious belief	
Political opinion	
Racial group	

2.6 Disability Duties

4. Is there evidence to suggest that this policy would promote positive attitudes towards people with a disability?

Yes No

If Yes, provide details of opportunities identified (including details of consultation with relevant stakeholders)

5. Is there evidence to suggest that this policy would encourage the participation of people with a disability in public life?

Yes No

If Yes, provide details of opportunities identified (including details of consultation with relevant stakeholders)

Potentially, through ongoing/future consultation on plans. Should Council establish an overseeing town centre forum to deliver the actions contained within the Newtownstewart Framework, then this would provide an opportunity to invite/ensure representation of people with disabilities.

Additional considerations

Multiple identity

Generally speaking, people can fall into more than one Section 75 category. Taking this into consideration, are there any potential impacts of the policy/decision on people with multiple identities?

(For example; disabled minority ethnic people; disabled women; young Protestant men; and young lesbians, gay and bisexual people).

Provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.

There is no particular data available at this time, however it is noted that changes to the physical environment may benefit some Section 75 groups on multiple identity grounds, eg, older people with a disability.

2.7 Screening Decision

If the decision is **not to conduct an equality impact assessment**, please provide details of the reasons.

We do not feel we need to conduct a full equality impact assessment as through the screening we have not identified any negative impacts on any category. There may be some opportunities to better promote equality and/or good relations, but these are minor. We carried out extensive public engagement and consultation when developing this framework and we received no requests for an EQIA and no issues have been raised that would merit one.

If the decision is **is not to conduct an equality impact assessment** the public authority should consider if the policy should be mitigated or an alternative policy be introduced. Please provide details

N/A

If the decision is **to subject the policy to an equality impact assessment**, please provide details of the reasons.

N/A

2.8 Mitigation

When the public authority concludes that the likely impact is 'minor' and an equality impact assessment is not to be conducted, the public authority may consider mitigation to lessen the severity of any equality impact, or the introduction of an alternative policy to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations.

Can the policy/decision be amended or changed or an alternative policy introduced to better promote equality of opportunity and/or good relations?

If so, give the reasons to support your decision, together with the proposed changes/amendments or alternative policy.

No mitigations required as no negative impacts identified

2.9 Monitoring Arrangements

Provide details of the monitoring arrangements that will be in place to ensure that there are no adverse impacts as a result of the implementation of this policy.

Delivery of the Actions within the Framework will be reported regularly to the Environment & Regeneration Committee. The regeneration framework will be kept under review so that any impacts that arise can be mitigated and addressed.

Part Three: Rural Needs Impact Assessment

3.1 Which definition of 'rural' is the Public Authority using in respect of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?	
Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A definition of 'rural' is not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used	
Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural'	

3.2 Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service	
3.2a Is the policy, strategy, plan or public service intended to impact upon people in rural areas?	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If the response is No go to Section 3.2e	
3.2b. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is intended to impact on people in rural areas	
This framework applies to the rural town Newtownstewart which has a population of 1,500 (approx.). Newtownstewart is an important service centre catering for its resident population	

and a wide rural area. As a rural town, the primary beneficiaries will be the local rural residents, business owners and visitors to the town.

3.2c. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is intended to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas, please explain how it will impact people in rural areas differently

The proposed improvements will potentially benefit everyone who lives or works in, has a business in or visits Newtownstewart. The Framework is not intended to benefit rural people differently but the primary beneficiaries will be the local rural population.

3.2d. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is intended to impact on

- Rural Businesses
- Rural Tourism
- Rural Housing
- Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas
- Education or Training in Rural Areas
- Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas
- Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas
- Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas
- Poverty in Rural Areas
- Deprivation in Rural Areas
- Rural Crime or Community Safety
- Rural Development

Other (please state)

Cross cutting and will apply to a range of policy areas.

(If the response to Section 3.2a was yes go to 3.3a)

3.2e Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is not intended to impact on people in rural areas

3.3 Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

3.3a Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Yes No

If the response is No Go to Section 3.3e

3.3b. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources we used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consultation with Other Organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Statistics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Research Papers Surveys or Questionnaires	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Public engagement events, public consultations events, Survey, E&R Committee

3.3c Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.

In drafting the Newtownstewart Framework document we undertook research to develop our locational and contextual understanding of this rural town which included a review of all relevant policy (Local Development Plans, Local Growth Plans, relevant local Action Plans) and a review of census information. We also undertook extensive community engagement, Council hosted 2 public engagement events on 16th February 2023. The events were attended by residents, local business owners and other key stakeholders.

Council Officers meet regularly with representatives from the local Business and Heritage Group and 2000 Centre and also receive feedback from Local Elected Representatives.

A period of public consultation on the draft Framework took place during February and March 2024, to get feedback from the public/rural community inviting comment on the Framework and the actions that could affect them.

3.3d. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority?

Arising from the observations of Council and its statutory partners and those made during the public engagement consultation sessions by local stakeholders, the following are the main themes where local stakeholders identified challenges:

1. Streetscape
2. Heritage
3. Access & Parking
4. Connectivity & Wayfinding
5. Business Development
6. Tourism
7. Community
8. Safety & Security

(If the response to Section 3.3a was Yes go to Section 3. 4a)

3.3e. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas??

3.4 – Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

3.4a. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas identified by the Public Authority.

The issues identified through the consultation process include:

1. Streetscape
2. Heritage
3. Access & Parking
4. Connectivity & Wayfinding
5. Business Development
6. Tourism
7. Community
8. Safety & Security

All issues identified through the consultation process were considered and actions have been included in the Regeneration Framework to address.

3.5 – Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

3.5a. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revision of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

Yes

No

If the response is No go to Section 3.5c

3.5b. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revision of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified

Issues raised by the local residents and stakeholders during the plan preparation process have been considered and are built into the plan in the form of the recommended actions.

3.5c. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revision of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has not been influenced by the rural needs identified

Part Four: Climate Change Screening

4.1 What impact will the policy/proposal/plan have on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions?

- Beneficial impact (Reduce emissions)
- A mixed impact (Good & Bad)
- Negative impact (Harmful / increase emissions)
- No impacts / Not applicable
- Don't know

4.2 Does the policy/proposal/plan consider initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, e.g. sustainable transport, zero waste circular economy principles, renewable and efficient energy, and green infrastructure?

Yes (please explain)

Council Climate Manager was consulted as part of the plan preparation process, while the Framework is not designed to specially target Climate, the Regeneration Framework, where possible, will seek to mitigate against climate change by minimising greenhouse gas emissions. All of this will contribute to Council's climate pledge to achieve a net zero and a climate resilient City and District by 2045.

- No
- Not applicable

4.3 Will the policy/proposal/plan be impacted by the effects of climate change e.g. flooding, sea level rise, heat stress, poor air quality, and habitat and biodiversity loss?

- Impacted
- A mixed impact (Good & Bad)

- Not Impacted
- Not applicable
- Don't know

4.4 What impact will the policy/proposal/ plan have on the resilience to the adverse effects of climate change, e.g. flooding, sea level rise, heat stress, poor air quality, and habitat and biodiversity loss?

- Beneficial impact (Improve resilience)
- A mixed impact (Good & Bad)
- Negative impact (Harmful / reduce resilience)
- No impacts / Not applicable
- Don't know

4.5 Does the policy/proposal/ plan consider initiatives to reduce the adverse effects of climate change, e.g. avoid construction in flood risk areas, emergency and resilience planning measures, green infrastructure?

- Yes (please explain)

- No
- Not applicable

4.6 Does the policy/proposal /plan require further detailed assessment e.g. whole life carbon assessment, climate change risk analysis?

Policy Reference: committee/mth/year

Yes (please explain)

No

Not applicable

Part Five: Privacy impact assessment screening questions

These questions are intended to help decide whether a PIA is necessary. Answering 'yes' to any of these questions is an indication that a PIA would be a useful exercise.

- Will the project involve the collection of new information about individuals? **NB. there is the potential for data to be collected in monitoring, Council Officers are aware of our GDPR obligation in collecting, sharing and storing this data.**
- Will the project compel individuals to provide information about themselves?
- Will information about individuals be disclosed to organisations or people who have not previously had routine access to the information?
- Are you using information about individuals for a purpose it is not currently used for, or in a way it is not currently used?
- Does the project involve you using new technology which might be perceived as being privacy intrusive? For example, the use of biometrics or facial recognition.
- Will the project result in you making decisions or taking action against individuals in ways which can have a significant impact on them?
- Is the information about individuals of a kind particularly likely to raise privacy concerns or expectations? For example, health records, criminal records or other information that people would consider to be particularly private
- Will the project require you to contact individuals in ways which they may find intrusive?

Part Six - Approval and authorisation

Conclusions

(Details to be reflected in the relevant committee report.)

- The strategy has been screened out for equality impact assessment.
- The development, adoption, implementation or revision of the strategy or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified in the impact assessment.
- The strategy does not require further detailed assessment in terms of climate change and adaption
- The strategy does not require further assessment in terms of data protection / privacy

Screening / impact assessment completed by:	Position/Job Title	Date
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Counter-Signed by: Tony Monaghan <i>Tony Monaghan</i>	Regeneration Manager	July 2024
Reviewed by Equality Officer Mary McSorley		July 2024
Approved by: <i>[Signature]</i>	E&R Director	July 2024

Policy Reference: committee/mth/year

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Note: A copy of this questionnaire, for each policy screened should be 'signed off' and approved by a senior manager responsible for the policy, made easily accessible on the public authority's website as soon as possible following completion and made available on request.