



Appendix 2 - Template for Information to be Compiled

Information to be compiled by Public Authorities under Section 3(1)(a) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

(To be completed and included in public authorities' own annual reports and submitted to DAERA for inclusion in the Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report).

Name of Public Authority:

Reporting Period: April 20 to March 20

The following information should be compiled in respect of each policy, strategy and plan which has been developed, adopted, implemented or revised and each public service which has been designed or delivered by the public authority during the reporting period.

<i>Description of the activity undertaken by the public authority which is subject to section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016¹.</i>	<i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to².</i>	<i>Describe how the public authority has had due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising the policy, strategy or plan or when designing or delivering the public service³.</i>
Internal Audit Strategy	Other – Governance of Council services	Strategy is an internal document designed to provide an independent assurance and advisory service, which will help the Council achieve its objectives and improve the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes – All Council services within the rural areas will be subject to same level of governance.

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<p>Cemeteries Management Policy</p>	<p>Other – operational management of a council service</p>	<p>The cemeteries guidance is an operational handbook on how Council cemeteries will be run. This will be applied universally across all cemeteries within Council control without exception regardless of its location.</p>
<p>Play Plan</p>	<p>Rural community development</p>	<p>After predevelopment consultation and audit of provision Council, in seeking to ensure that the play needs of children and young people living in more dispersed rural locations are met, has included a number of approaches In the Play Plan to meeting play need. These are:-</p> <p>Approach 1: Dual Fixed Development in Primary School Grounds</p> <p>Within rural areas, primary schools provide a focal point within rural areas and often have land associated which could facilitate fixed play development.</p> <p>Under approach 1, Council would seek to establish a partnership with an identified primary school with a view to developing a dual access fixed play area on school grounds. Using a dual gate system, the play area would be accessible to the school and the community during the week, with community access also facilitated during evening and weekends when the school is closed. Within such play areas a focus would be placed on incorporating play-based educational components which could be used as part of outdoor learning by the school.</p> <p>From the perspective of capital investment in play and levels of facility use, the development of fixed play within a school location means that levels of usage are likely to be high with the facility open to pupils and wider community members.</p>

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<p>Play Plan (contd)</p>	<p>Rural community development</p>	<p>Approach 2: Dual Fixed Play Development with Sport Clubs Similar to primary schools, sports clubs often provide a focal point for the community within rural areas and have land associated which could facilitate fixed play development.</p> <p>Under approach 2, Council would seek to establish a partnership with an identified sports club with a view to developing dual access fixed play within the club’s grounds. As with approach 1, a dual gate system would ensure that the play area was accessible to those using the sports club and the wider community.</p> <p>From an investment perspective, the location of fixed play at a sports club is likely to result in high levels of usage with the play equipment accessible to children attending coaching etc. as well as the wider community.</p> <p>Approach 3: Dual Fixed Play Development with Statutory Partners utilising Landbanks Under approach 3, Council will work in partnership with other statutory organisations to complete a review of accessible, publicly owned land which could facilitate fixed play development.</p> <p>Should land be identified, Council will work with the statutory landowner to negotiate access and development of the site for community play purposes.</p> <p>Approach 4: Private Land Purchase In the absence of an alternative approach, where a need for fixed play has been identified within a rural area, Council will review potential land purchase options within a location.</p>

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Mayoral Gifts and Hospitality Policy	N/A	This policy sets out the circumstances in which Mayoral / civic hospitality and/or civic or corporate gifts are provided and sets down guidance on the nature of such hospitality/gifts – The guidance refers to all decisions around the allocation of gifts and hospitality regardless of location of recipient.
Rainbow Crossing	N/A	This policy proposal is related to increasing the visibility and displaying support for the LGBTQI+ community - it is also intended to be a visitor attraction and tourist landmark which may increase economic activity in the chosen location. However, as the majority of the LGBTQI+ community are in the urban area of the Council district so it could be determined that there will be no adverse impact on the economic or social needs of this community in rural areas.
Corporate & Improvement Plan 2021/22	Other – Improving wellbeing for users of Council Services	<p>Examples of Improvement Objectives inserted following consultation to contribute to economic and social wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase employment opportunities and economic growth through a range of measures including creating new business start-ups, supporting existing business and delivering visitor growth as a destination of choice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Create jobs through the Rural Business Investment Scheme • To assist develop healthy lifestyles through increased participation in high quality leisure and sports activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To improve health and wellbeing in targeted and underrepresented groups through leisure and sport opportunities that enables everyone in DCSDC to lead full and active lives.

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Code of Practice on Producing Information	Other – Communicating with Council	The Code of Practice on Producing Information aims to make all information emanating from Council accessible. The new video Relay System which has been introduced will contribute to the making Council more accessible to members of our d/Deaf community regardless of their location
Review of Safeguarding (Children and Adults At Risk)	Other – Protection of children and adults at risk who use Council facilities	This policy has not been influenced by assessing rural need as this policy does not distinguish between rural and urban areas. It is a council wide policy that’s purpose is to promote safe experiences for all within the City and District.
Review of Street Trading Policy		This policy deals with applications for street trading - Every decision will be made on a case by case basis and when considering applications Licensing Officers will assess all relevant positive and negative impacts of allowing street trading to take place and take all factors into account. This will be implemented in the same way regardless of where the location of the street trading is.
Local Development Plan - drat Plan Strategy Schedule of Proposed Changes		The assessment which has informed this Addendum has determined, that the proposed changes do not materially alter the aims or influence of the policies or strategies to which the proposed changes relate; nor have any of the proposed changes impacted on the overall ‘Vision’ for Derry City and Strabane District Council as set out in the LDP draft Plan Strategy. The majority of the proposed changes have been screened out as having no differential impact on the rural community and are not considered further in this Addendum. The assessment did identify that proposed changes to ODC 1 and ED 4 could have a differential impact on rural needs as the proposed changes would address an

		<p>omission in the previous policies to clarify what types of development are allowed in the countryside. The change of impact would be overall beneficial, providing clarity for developers and ensuring sustainable development in the countryside.</p> <p>In reassessing the outcomes of the original Rural Needs Impact Assessment with regard to the proposed changes, it is considered that those outcomes are unchanged from the original assessment. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed changes do not alter the likely impact of the LDP draft Plan Strategy policies and strategies on the rural community</p>
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1. This information should normally be contained in section 1B of the RNIA Template completed in respect of the activity.
2. This information should normally be contained in section 2D of the RNIA Template completed in respect of the activity.
3. The information contained in sections 3D, 4A & 5B of the RNIA Template should be considered when completing this section.