



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.

<p><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></p>	<p><i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to².</i></p>	<p><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></p>
<p>Corporate & Improvement Plan 2022/23</p>	<p>Other – Improving wellbeing for users of Council Services</p>	<p>Examples of Improvement Objectives inserted following consultation to contribute to economic and social wellbeing:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft Improvement Objectives</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. <p>Sub Objectives related to rural needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create jobs through the Rural Business Investment Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist develop healthy lifestyles through increased participation in high quality leisure and sports activities <p>Sub Objectives related to rural needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To target under-represented groups through inclusive leisure, sport and physical activity participation to lead more active lives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect and enhance the environment through creating and supporting a culture of environmental stewardship. <p>Sub Objectives related to rural needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect and promote our natural and built assets • To protect and enhance our environment

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<p>Hybrid Working Policy</p>	<p>Other – Working arrangements for Council staff</p>	<p>The hybrid working arrangements will be offered to all staff working in suitable service areas regardless of whether they live in rural or urban areas</p>
<p>Council Meeting Arrangements</p>	<p>N/A – Internal Policy</p>	<p>This proposal to hold hybrid Council meetings is about improving participation for all elected members however it is noted that members in rural areas may benefit more from virtual meetings through greater reductions in travel time, better time management where they can attend more meetings and better engagement with their electorate who are more dispersed in the rural areas.</p>
<p>Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Policy</p>	<p>N/A – Internal Policy</p>	<p>This policy is applicable to all staff however staff from rural areas who experience abuse may be more inclined to use the support and help provided by Council due to the lack of support in rural areas in general</p>
<p>Risk Management Strategy</p>	<p>N/A – Internal Policy</p>	<p>This is a technical policy and therefore has no differential implications for any people in the rural areas as compared to people in urban areas.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest Policy</p>	<p>N/A – Internal Policy</p>	<p>This is a technical policy and therefore has no differential implications for any people in the rural areas as compared to people in urban areas</p>
<p>Gifts and Hospitality Policy</p>	<p>N/A – Internal Policy</p>	<p>This is a technical policy and therefore has no differential implications for any people in the rural areas as compared to people in urban areas</p>
<p>Peace Plus Theme 1.1 Funding Bid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty In Rural Areas • Deprivation in Rural Areas • Rural Development 	<p>Through the co-design process which strongly engaged with rural communities in each of the 3 rural DEA’s in our council area, the 16 projects were suggested, scoped and selected for inclusion in the PEACEPLUS Local Co-Designed Action Plan</p>

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Review of Code of Practice on Producing Information	N/A – Internal Policy	This is a technical policy and therefore has no differential implications for any people in the rural areas as compared to people in urban areas
Fuel Poverty	Poverty in Rural Areas Deprivation in Rural areas	Following dedicated meetings with the rural local growth partnerships to design ways to address the challenges of access to broadband and support services in the roll out of this initiative, the following measures have been agreed to reduce any barriers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of more trusted partners who could complete the forms on behalf of rural citizens • Circulation of the criteria and sections of the form in advance of the opening • Agreement to the acceptance of photographs of evidence and the application form which could be emailed from trusted partners as well as individuals
Rates Estimates 2023-24	Other – Providing best services to all within the budget constraints	To set out the budgets for the 2023-24 year Delivery of the Council’s Corporate and Improvement Plan and implementation of the decisions of Council.
Litter/Dog Foul Bin Policy	Other – maintaining a clean environment	Purpose of policy was to set out internal processes for the installation, emptying and maintaining of the litter and dog foul bins
Review of Bulky Lift Policy	Other – maintaining a clean environment	The Bulky Lift Policy is designed to provide a free service to all residents of the Derry City and Strabane Council area to allow them to dispose of unwanted large items in an environmentally friendly way

NOTES

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.