



## 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: **Derry City and Strabane District Council**

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.

Description of the activity undertaken by the public authority which is subject to section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 <sup>1</sup> .	The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to <sup>2</sup> .	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 service <sup>3</sup> .
<b>Green Infrastructure Plan 2019-2032</b>	Sustainable rural development	<p>Greenways could create a high quality destination for visitors and result in a multiplier effect, with social and economic regeneration in rural areas, which can increase visitor length and spend in the district. This has significant potential to attract a new profile of visitors in the medium to long term.</p> <p>GI includes land in productive use in the countryside. Managing this land provides employment opportunities and investment to reinstate degraded land, which can restore ecosystems and reduce land management costs. Investment can provide new opportunities for agricultural diversification for food and non-food crops, as well as providing the resource to generate renewable sources of energy, including growth of biomass and biofuels.</p> <p>Accredited training will be delivered for development of skills, guided walk leader, employability skills and rural diversification of farming</p>

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<b>Risk Management Strategy</b>	Cross-cutting	The Local Government (Accounts and Audit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 requires all local government bodies to have sound systems of control which includes arrangements for the management of risk. This is a technical policy and therefore has no differential implications for people living in a rural area as compared to people living in urban areas.
<b>Sponsorship, Advertising and Promotions policy</b>	- Rural Business	Organisations across the city and district have the opportunity to raise awareness of their services and campaigns on an equal basis.
<b>Street Trading Policy</b>	- Rural Business	This policy is designed to apply to the processing of applications and is designed to apply equally across the whole district, impacting equally on rural and urban areas. The policy is already designed to facilitate the satisfactory receipt and processing of applications from all persons, irrespective of whether they live in rural or urban areas.
<b>Policy for the purchase of supplies and/or services, or using a panel of contractors</b>	- Rural business	Whilst this policy dictates a procurement process which is driven by legislation and therefore that not been influenced by rural needs. Council have been mindful of the potential of poor broadband in rural areas and therefore raises awareness of tendering opportunities in various media outlets as well as the internet and allows other means of submission outside of online. This policy dictates a procurement process which is driven by legislation and therefore that not been influenced by rural needs
<b>Menopause Policy</b>	- Internal Staff Policy	This policy is for Council staff only and will be applied universally to all regardless of whether staff live in rural or urban areas.
<b>Asset Illumination Policy</b>	- Council Assets	The primary aim of the policy is to help promote awareness of causes/campaigns by lighting up Council assets - this is best served by lighting up buildings where there is maximum footfall e.g. Council Offices, Guildhall. It should be noted that this does not mean that requests for the illumination of facilities in rural areas would not be considered in special circumstances.

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Counter Fraud, Whistleblowing and Anti-Bribery Policy	- Internal	This policy sets out how Council must ensure transparency and accountability in the delivery of its services –this is driven by legislation and therefore there has not been driven by urban or rural needs.

## 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.