

## Appendix I - Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) Template

### SECTION 1 - Defining the activity subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

#### 1A. Name of Public Authority.

Derry City and Strabane District Council

#### 1B. Please provide a short title which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

The development and adoption of a Good Relations Strategy for Derry City and Strabane District Council for the period 2018-2021

#### 1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to.

Developing a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
Adopting a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
Implementing a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
Revising a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
Designing a Public Service	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Delivering a Public Service	<input type="checkbox"/>		

#### 1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above.

Good Relations Strategy 2018-21

#### 1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service.

To ensure the effective participation in the District Council Good Relations Programme and the implementation of a pro-active approach to Good Relations by DCSDC.

**1F. What 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).

Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below).

A definition of 'rural' is not applicable.

*Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used.*

*Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural'.*

*Reasons why a definition of 'rural' is not applicable.*

## SECTION 2 - Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

**2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas?**

Yes  No  If the response is **NO GO TO Section 2E.**

**2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.**

This strategy will cover the whole of the Derry City and Strabane District Council area, which incorporates a large rural area. The strategy involves an action plan which details how the programme will be delivered, who will be targeted, the outcomes to be achieved and costs associated. Initiatives within the action plan can target community organisations, schools, businesses, statutory agencies and individuals throughout the council area.

**2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas, please explain how it is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently.**

The Good Relations Strategy (2018-2021) is not intended to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas

**2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to primarily impact on.**

Rural Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education or Training in Rural Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deprivation in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Crime or Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agri-Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text" value="Good Relations"/>	

**If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A.**

**2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT likely to impact on people in rural areas.**

### SECTION 3 - Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

**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 3E.

**3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources were 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"/>	Published Statistics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consultation with Other Organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Research Papers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Surveys or Questionnaires	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).			<input type="checkbox"/>

**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.**

Consultation events were held in:

Learmount Resource Centre - Tuesday 23rd January 2018 7:00pm-8:00pm

Newbuildings Community Centre - Wednesday 24th January 2018 10:00am to 11:00am

Killeter Heritage Centre Wednesday 24th January 2018 10:00am to 11:00am  
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Newtownstewart 2000 Centre Tuesday 30th January 2018 10:00am to 11:00am

Derg Valley Leisure Centre Tuesday, 16th January 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Lettershandoney Community Centre, Tuesday, 16th January 2018 – 2:00pm

Leckpatrick Hall, Artigarvan, Wednesday, 17th January 2018 – 2:00pm

Members of the rural networking organisations attended some of the consultation events (RAPID, Rural NW). Consultation was also undertaken with local Councillors including those from rural areas. An online survey was also conducted which were targeted at Community Organisations, Council Staff and Young People, responses were anonymous. The Rural Needs Act was considered in the development of the consultation approach for the strategy.

**3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority?**

When developing the strategy and action plan, the following needs were identified:

- Proximity/accessibility to towns/services
- Transport issues/providing transport for programme participants
- Social isolation
- Connectivity issues e.g. Broadband, mobile phone reception
- Possible lack of disposable income
- Many community organisations may operate in a wholly voluntary capacity and not have any paid workers
- Planning of possible delivery venues
- Many rural areas traditionally associate with areas in close proximity and many because of historical issues may not have close working relationships with other areas.

**If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A.**

**3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?**

## **SECTION 4 - Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas**

### **4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.**

When developing the strategy and action plan, the following issues were considered:

- Proximity/accessibility to towns/services
- Transport issues/providing transport for programme participants
- Social isolation
- Connectivity issues e.g. Broadband, mobile phone reception
- Possible lack of disposable income
- Many community organisations may operate in a wholly voluntary capacity and not have any paid workers
- Planning of possible delivery venues
- Many rural areas traditionally associate with areas in close proximity and many because of historical issues may not have close working relationships with other areas.

## SECTION 5 - Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

**5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising 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 5C.

**5B. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified.**

In terms of implementation and delivery of programmes, the following provisions have been in place to ensure that people from the rural areas can participate fully in the programmes:

- Where possible, programmes will be delivered in a range of venues across the council area to increase participation
- When programmes can only be delivered in an urban setting, transport from the rural areas of the district is will be offered (if possible) to ensure participation
- Programmes will generally offered for free or else at a nominal fee in exceptional circumstances
- Our programmes have been designed to ensure that networking and social activity are integral to the initiative
- Many programmes will offered at night or over weekends to facilitate people who work and also volunteer in community organisaitons
- We will try to use venues which are seen as shared spaces and open to everyone in the community. We shall also try to ensure that venues are used throughout the council area
- One initiative in our action plan is about looking to get groups from across the council area to network and engage with people from areas that they traditionally would not connect with.

If the response to Section 5A was YES GO TO Section 6A.



5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revising 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.

## SECTION 6 - Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained by the Public Authority and relevant information on the Section 1 activity compiled in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the guidance.

I confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained and relevant information compiled.

Rural Needs Impact Assessment undertaken by: Angela Askin

Position/Grade:

Good Relations Officer

Division/Branch

Health and Community Directorate

Signature:

Angela Askin

Date:

16/11/18

Rural Needs Impact Assessment approved by: Patrick O'Doherty

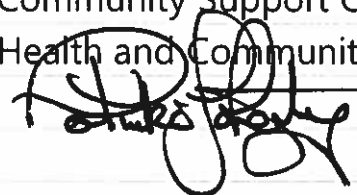
Position/Grade:

Community Support Officer

Division/Branch:

Health and Community Directorate

Signature:

 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Date:

