

Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E252
2.	Policy Name	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND 2022-2023 Form
3.	Existing / Revised / New Policy	Revised
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Community and Wellbeing
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>The Community Development Fund (CD) is jointly provided by Ards and North Down Borough Council and the Department of Communities, under the Community Support Programme.</p> <p>The purpose of the Council's Community Development Fund is to support local groups who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require running costs for local community bases, and groups (e.g. stationery, printing, insurance etc.), which aim to improve the quality of life in our communities. (Running Costs) • Want to deliver a new local project e.g. a defined piece of work, training or a project which is time bound. (Project Grants)
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The aims and expected outcomes of the Community Development Fund are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) to strengthen local communities; b) to increase community participation; c) to promote social inclusion through the stimulation and support of community groups; and d) to encourage and promote community activity <p>The expected outcomes for the Community Development Fund reflect those of the Community Support Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) an active and organised community (ii) an influential community (iii) an informed community (iv) a sustainable community <p>The aims and objectives which underpin community</p>

		development practice include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organising and working together Identifying community needs and aspirations Influence decisions which affect community life Improve the quality of life in communities and society in general
6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All section 75 categories are expected to benefit as everyone that meets the criteria is eligible to apply. The Community Development Fund is open to all community and voluntary groups / organisations based in the Ards and North Down Borough Council area.
7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	If the plan is not implemented as intended or financial or legislative support is not provided.
8.	The main stakeholders on whom the policy will impact. For example, Employees, Potential Service Users and Community Groups Consider the internal and external impacts (either actual or potential) and comment, or list, information where appropriate	The Council, Council employees, residents, ratepayers and visitors to the Borough, Community and Voluntary groups working within and for the community of Ards and North Down. Statutory bodies working in and providing services to the Borough.
9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	E 15 Ards and North Down Borough Council - Corporate Plan E 16 Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan E 17 CD Grants E 18 CF Funds Grants E 21 Cultural Expressions Policy (2015) E 28 Corporate Complaints policy and procedure E 62 ANDBC Grants Policy E 67 Final Community Development Service Delivery	Ards and North Down Borough Council
10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to:	
	Religious Belief	Summary: The Northern Ireland Census 2011 (NISRA) statistics for the Borough area showed that 75% are or have been brought up in Protestant and Other Christian

(including Christian related) religions. While this varied across the borough from 17% in Portaferry ward to 87% in Carrowdore ward this does not have any relation to this policy. These compared to 48% for Northern Ireland as a whole. See table below

Data:

Religion or Religion Brought up in (Numbers with % in brackets)

	All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)	Other Religions	None
Northern Ireland	1,810,863 (100%)	817,385 (45%)	875,717 (48%)	16,592 (1%)	101,169 (6%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	156,672 (100%)	20,550 (13%)	117,589 (75%)	1,729 (1%)	16,804 (11%)

Source: [Religion or religion brought up in. Census 2011, NISRA](#)

Political Opinion

Summary:

Electoral Office data from recent Local Government elections detail the political representation on Ards and North Down Council, The Stormont Executive for this electoral area and Westminster election. This data is an approximate measure of political opinion of the voting electorate within the Borough. Turnout to vote in North Down and Strangford constituencies tend to be lower than the rest of NI suggesting less strong political opinions. Of those who do turn out, the results show preferences for voting Unionist parties.

See table below

Data:

Council Election results

The most recent local council election (2nd May 2019) showed:

	Eligible Electorate	Votes Polled (% Turnout)	Elected Candidate										
			DUP	Sinn Féin	UUP	SDLP	Alliance	Independent	TUV	Green	PUP	Aontu	CCIA
Northern Ireland	1,305,553	687,733 (52.7%)	122	105	75	59	53	24	6	8	3	1	1

	Ards and North Down Borough Council	112,077	47,161 (42.1%)	14	8	1	10	3	1	3				
	Ards Peninsula (DEA)	16,656	7,369 (44.2%)	3	1	1	1							
	Bangor Central (DEA)	17,194	6,678 (38.8%)	2	1		1	1		1				
	Bangor East and Donaghadee (DEA)	16,956	6,915 (40.8%)	2	2			1	1					
	Bangor West (DEA)	13,479	5,448 (40.4%)	1	1			2				1		
	Comber (DEA)	13,681	6,272 (45.8%)	2	1			1			1			
	Holywood and Clondeboy (DEA)	14,158	6,229 (44.0%)	1	1			2				1		
	Newtownards (DEA)	19,953	8,250 (41.4%)	3	1			2	1					

Source: [The Electoral Office, NI](#)

Racial Group	<p>Summary: NISRA, NINIS and Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership data provide up to date data. The 2011 census showed that 32,000 (1.8%) of the usually resident population in Northern Ireland is from a minority ethnic background. Within the borough, the 2011 Census showed that 1.5% (2,300) were from a minority ethnic background. Across the borough this ranged from 5.2% in Loughview ward to 0.3% in Lisbane ward. See table below</p> <p>Data: Ethnic Group (Numbers with % in brackets)</p>
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	All usual residents	White	Chinese	Indian	Bangladeshi	Other	Black African	Black Other	Mixed	Other
Northern Ireland	1,810,863 (100%)	1,778,449 (98%)	6,303 (0%)	6,198 (0%)	540 (0%)	6,089 (0%)	2,345 (0%)	1271 (0%)	6,014 (0%)	3,654 (0%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	156,672 (100%)	154,365 (99%)	406 (0%)	283 (0%)	177 (0%)	415 (0%)	139 (0%)	132 (0%)	556 (0%)	199 (0%)
Ards Peninsula	22,797 (100%)	22,641 (99%)	29 (0%)	17 (0%)	5 (0%)	17 (0%)	6 (0%)	2 (0%)	54 (0%)	26 (0%)
Bangor Central	23,524 (100%)	24,469 (98%)	105 (0%)	43 (0%)	17 (0%)	43 (0%)	26 (0%)	32 (0%)	119 (0%)	38 (0%)
Bangor East and Donaghadee	24,892 (100%)	22,648 (99%)	56 (0%)	27 (0%)	10 (0%)	91 (0%)	11 (0%)	2 (0%)	82 (0%)	19 (0%)
Bangor West	22,946 (100%)	17,763 (98%)	19 (0%)	135 (0%)	2 (0%)	11 (0%)	3 (0%)	26 (0%)	73 (0%)	15 (0%)
Comber	18,152 (100%)	18,216 (99%)	30 (0%)	8 (0%)	9 (0%)	35 (0%)	4 (0%)	8 (0%)	55 (0%)	17 (0%)
Hollywood and Clondeboye	18,382 (100%)	20,061 (98%)	65 (0%)	31 (0%)	23 (0%)	81 (0%)	81 (0%)	56 (0%)	101 (0%)	61 (0%)
Newtownards	20,560 (100%)	27,841 (99%)	105 (0%)	20 (0%)	111 (0%)	30 (0%)	8 (0%)	6 (0%)	75 (0%)	20 (0%)

Source: [Ethnic Group, Census 2011, NISRA](#)

Age	<p>NISRA have published population projections for the Borough which show that the proportion of those aged 85 and over are expected to more than double within the next 25 years.</p> <p>ANDBC has the highest % population of older people in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>See table below</p> <p>Data:</p> <p>Age Groups (Numbers with % in brackets)</p>				
		0-15	16-39	40-64	65+

Northern Ireland	385,200 (21%)	583,116 (31%)	591,481 (32%)	291,824 (16%)	1,851,621 (100%)
Ards and North Down Borough Council	29,801 (19%)	43,239 (27%)	54,094 (34%)	31,663 (20%)	158,797 (100%)

Sources: [Demography and Methodology Branch, NISRA](#)
[World Health Organization](#)

Marital Status	<p>The 2011 Northern Ireland Census showed that 48% of adults (those aged over 16 years of age) in Northern Ireland were either married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership. Within the borough, 54% of adults fell into this category. This varies across the borough from 36% in Central (Ards) ward to 64% in Lisbane ward. See table below</p> <p>Data: Marital Status (All aged 16+) (Numbers with % in brackets)</p>							
		All usual residents	Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	Married	In a registered same-sex civil partnership	legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership
	Northern Ireland	1,431,540 (100%)	517,393 (36%)	680,831 (48%)	1,243 (0%)	56,911 (4%)	78,074 (5%)	97,088 (7%)
	Ards and North Down Borough Council	126,945 (100%)	36,730 (29%)	67,866 (53%)	123 (0%)	4,328 (3%)	8,548 (7%)	9,350 (7%)

Source: [Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status](#)

Sexual orientation	<p>Summary: It should be noted that no reliable data is available on sexual orientation-NISRA are currently examining methodology on how to measure this. However, the 2011 census indicates that less than 1% of the Northern Ireland adult population (those aged 16 years and over) were in a registered same-sex civil partnership. This was similar to the borough as a whole. The Continuous Household Survey in Northern Ireland estimated this figure between 0.9% and 1.9% in 2015-2016. The Office for National Statistics estimates a similar range for the United Kingdom (1.7%).</p> <p>Source: Northern Ireland 2011 Census, Marital Status</p>
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		ONS 2015 Sexual Identity																															
Men & Women generally	<p>According to census (NISRA) almost half of the population of Northern Ireland were male (49%) and this was similar throughout Ards and North Down Borough Council (48%). See table below</p> <p>Data:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Males</th> <th>Females</th> <th>All</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>887,323 (49%)</td> <td>923,540 (51%)</td> <td>1,810,863 (100%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>75,920 (48%)</td> <td>80,752 (52%)</td> <td>156,672(100%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source: Age Structure, Census 2011, NISRA Review of statistical classification and delineation of settlements, NISRA</p>		Males	Females	All	Northern Ireland	887,323 (49%)	923,540 (51%)	1,810,863 (100%)	Ards and North Down Borough Council	75,920 (48%)	80,752 (52%)	156,672(100%)																				
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Disability	<p>The 2011 Census (NISRA) showed that 20% of the population in Ards and North Down area had a health issue or disability (including those related to old age) which has lasted or expected to last at least 12 months. (This was similar to the Northern Ireland figure of 21%.)</p> <p>Disability Living Allowances, 2015</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2015 (Disability Living Allowance Recipients)</th> <th>2015 (Multiple Disability Benefits) *MDB is aggregated data from Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance data, and data for Employment and Support allowance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>209,280</td> <td>251,490</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards and North Down Borough Council</td> <td>13,840</td> <td>18,080</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ards Peninsula</td> <td>2,920</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bangor Central</td> <td>2,250</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bangor East and Donaghadee</td> <td>1,740</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bangor West</td> <td>1,650</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comber</td> <td>1,270</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holywood and Clandeboye</td> <td>1,180</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newtownards</td> <td>2,840</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Northern Ireland Census 2011 Long-term health problem or disability by long-</p>		2015 (Disability Living Allowance Recipients)	2015 (Multiple Disability Benefits) *MDB is aggregated data from Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance data, and data for Employment and Support allowance	Northern Ireland	209,280	251,490	Ards and North Down Borough Council	13,840	18,080	Ards Peninsula	2,920	n/a	Bangor Central	2,250	n/a	Bangor East and Donaghadee	1,740	n/a	Bangor West	1,650	n/a	Comber	1,270	n/a	Holywood and Clandeboye	1,180	n/a	Newtownards	2,840	n/a		
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11.	Based on data previously provided what are the needs, experiences, and priorities for each of the following categories, in relation to this policy/decision?	
	Religious Belief	The Community development grant scheme has been updated to ensure that there is equity of access to the grants and to encourage as many people to apply as possible, a question has been added to the form requesting how the group promote equality and good relations this will ensure that the Council can in no way be seen to be supporting one particular religious belief, political opinion, racial group over another.
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	
	Age	
	Marital Status	
	Sexual orientation	
	Men & Women generally	
	Disability	
	Dependents	The questions and scoring for the Scheme have been updated to ensure a range of groups can apply. Applications will be considered on core criteria. Applicants must clearly demonstrate in the application form how they meet these criteria.

1.	What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for each of the Section 75 categories?		
		Detail of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
	Religious Belief	The Scheme is implemented to ensure that no one Section 75 Group is promoted over another and that anyone can apply where they meet the criteria.	NONE
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
	Marital Status		
	Sexual orientation		
	Men & Women generally		
	Disability		
	Dependents		

2.	Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?		
		If "Yes", provide details	If "No", provide details
	Religious Belief	Applications are open to everyone within the specified criteria in order to engage as many groups as possible from any of the Section 75 categories.	
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
	Marital Status	Applications will be made available in other than English formats or assistance provided where this need is	
	Sexual orientation		

Men & Women generally	identified.
Disability	
Dependents	

3.	To what extent is the Policy likely to impact on Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?	
	Details of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
Religious Belief	Major in a positive impact. Applications are open to everyone in order to engage as many people as possible	
Political Opinion		
Racial Group		

4.	Are there opportunities to better promote Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?	
	If "Yes" provide details	If "No" provide details
Religious Belief	No as the application process is open to everyone who meets the criteria in order to engage as many people as possible. Applications will be made available in languages other than English where this need is identified.	
Political Opinion		
Racial Group		

Additional Considerations

Multiple Identity Considerations	Details of Impact or potential impact (Positive/Negative)
Are there any potential impacts of the policy decision on people with multiple identities? (e.g. disabled minority ethnic persons). Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.	Applications are open to everyone in order to engage as many people as possible from any Section 75 groups.

Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

Does this proposed policy provide an opportunity to?	Yes	Explain your reasoning:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>better promote positive attitudes</u> towards disabled people - <u>increase participation</u> by disabled people in public life 		<p>The application form asks in what way will your group encourage people to attend and ensure that it is available to everyone? This ensures arrangements are considered to encourage the participation of individuals with a disability including those with hidden disabilities.</p>
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Monitoring Arrangements

Section 75 places a requirement on the Council to have equality monitoring arrangements in place to assess the impact of policies and services, help identify barriers to fair participation and to better promote equality of opportunity.

	<p>Outline what data you could collect in the future to monitor the impact of this policy / decision on <u>equality, good relations, and disability duties</u></p>	<p>Monitoring returns from participants in all programmes. Monitoring returns from evaluation of events and programmes. Complaints and comments in relation to programmes</p>
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I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision has been screened for: -

X	Equality of opportunity and good relations
X	Disabilities duties

On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy / decision is: -

X	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Screened In – Necessary to conduct a full EQIA</p> <p>Please detail actions to be taken:</p>

Screening assessment completed by: -

Name: Anne Lendrum
Title: Community Development Officer

Date: 01/02/2022
Signature: Via email

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Jonathon Blakely
Title: Community Development manager
Date: 01/02/2022
Signature: Via Email

If an Equality Impact Assessment is required

Priority Rating for Timetabling an Equality Impact Assessment. (1-3)	Priority Criterion	Rating
	Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	
	Social need	
	Effect on people's daily lives	
	Relevance to a public authority's functions	

Is this Policy Affected by Timetables established by other relevant Public Authorities?	
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Monitoring Recommendation	
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Approval and Authorisation	Position/Job Title:	Date:
Screened by:		
Approved by:		