Screening Form

1. Is this a Public Service

2. Name of Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service   Growth Events Fund

3. Reference 314

4. Category of Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service   New

5. Please provide a description of the Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service

The Growth Events Fund is a new multi-annual fund to financially support events that can show growth through a number of areas, showcase the Borough on a national and international stage and bring economic impact to the area.

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

The aim of the Event Growth Fund is to support events that demonstrate growth over a number of areas:
In local economy (local spend, local business partnerships, bednights)
In visitor experience and destination (deliver stand out sustainable events and increase awareness of the Borough and its assets by marketing nationally and internationally)
In the potential of local community and place (support and invest in local people, support and invest in local venues and businesses

7. Who initiated or wrote the Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service?   Tourism

8. Who is responsible for the implementation of the Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service?   Head of Tourism

9. Is this policy affected by timetables established by other relevant Public Authorities?   No

Equality

1. Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?

Yes

1a. If Yes, which Section 75 categories are expected to benefit?

All

1b. How are they expected to benefit?

The Growth Events Fund aims to create a positive and measurable impact on the Borough and economy

and promote of a positive image of the Borough. Events that are supported through the fund will demonstrate either a positive economic impact, as well as promote Section 75 and Good Relations.

2. Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?

Yes

2a. If yes, are they:

Financial - is it dependent on financial support of Council or another named Body or Organisation?

3. Who are the internal/external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy will impact upon?

Service Users, Voluntary/Community/Trade Unions, Potential Visitors

4. Is this policy associated with any other Council Policy (or Policies)?

Yes

4a. If yes, please state the related Policy (or Policies)

E 61 Ards and North Down Borough Council Tourism Event Plan 2016-2017
E 62 ANDBC Grants Policy
E 66 Safeguarding policy for children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable
E 95 ANDBC Tourism Event Plan 2016-2017
E 130 Integrated Tourism, Regeneration and Development Strategy
E 152 Tourism Events 2018 - 2019
E 155 Ards and North Down Borough Council Veterans Event
E 163 Community Development Game Plan
E 174 ANDBC Events Support Review
E 177 Policy for the Provision of Streetscape Christmas Decorations
E 181 Tourism Events 2019 – 2020
E 185 Ards & North Down Age Friendly Action Plan 2019/2022
E 189 ANDBC Borough Events Strategy and Action Plan
E 192 Ards and North Down Borough Council Interpretative Signage Policy
E 194 Ards and North Down Borough Council Tourism Events Grant Guidance Notes
E 196 Ards and North Down Borough Council Corporate Plan 2020-2024
E199 Final Borough Events Strategy
E 203 Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan 2019 – 2022
E 218 ANDBC Car Parking Strategy Borough Events Strategic Direction 2020-2025 Tourism Events Grant Scheme 21/22 2021/22 Arts and Tourism Events Transition Plan 2022/23 Tourism Events Programme

5. Does this policy affect Internal or External users?

External

Evidence to help inform the Section 75 screening process may take many forms. Public authorities should ensure that their screening decision is informed by relevant data.

6. What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy?

Religious belief, Racial group, Age, Men and women generally, Disability, Dependants

Religious belief evidence

As this is a new Fund, we have no direct evidence.

We have benchmarked against the Events and Festivals Fund over the past number of years therefore using this evidence.

Completion of a Section 75 monitoring form is part of the application process for the Events and Festivals Fund.

To address the Religious belief group, the question asked in the monitoring form is Religious Affiliation and on average, over the past number of years, there are 56% protestant and 24% catholic with the remainder wither not determined or unknown.

Racial group evidence

As this is a new Fund, we have no direct evidence.

We have benchmarked against the Events and Festivals Fund over the past number of years therefore using this evidence.

Completion of a Section 75 monitoring form is part of the application process for the Events and Festivals Fund.

On average, over the past number of years, the responses to the monitoring form indicate mainly white with a small number indicating various including Indian and Asian.

Age evidence

As this is a new Fund, we have no direct evidence.

We have benchmarked against the Events and Festivals Fund over the past number of years therefore using this evidence.

Completion of a Section 75 monitoring form is part of the application process for the Events and Festivals Fund.

On average, over the past number of years, respondents indicated 89% of their organisation have an age range from both 40-64 and 64+, 67% from 15-39 and 56% from 0-14

Men and women generally evidence

As this is a new Fund, we have no direct evidence.

We have benchmarked against the Events and Festivals Fund over the past number of years therefore using this evidence.

Completion of a Section 75 monitoring form is part of the application process for the Events and Festivals Fund.

On average, over the past number of years, the gender breakdown on the responses indicates 52% male and 48% female members of their organisations.

Disability evidence

As this is a new Fund, we have no direct evidence.

We have benchmarked against the Events and Festivals Fund over the past number of years therefore using this evidence.

Completion of a Section 75 monitoring form is part of the application process for the Events and Festivals Fund.

On average, over the past number of years, 44% indicate their organisations have no disabled members. From the remaining 56%, the majority (46%) have physical disabilities with mental health and learning disabilities both resulting in 27% of the respondents

Dependants evidence

As this is a new Fund, we have no direct evidence.

We have benchmarked against the Events and Festivals Fund over the past number of years therefore using this evidence.

Completion of a Section 75 monitoring form is part of the application process for the Events and Festivals Fund.

On average, over the past number of years, 16.7% of answers were unknown and 8.3% had no dependants. Out of those who indicated having dependants, 41.7% were child/children and 33.3% adult.

Taking into account the information referred to above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities for each of the following categories, in relation to the particular policy / decision?

8.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Religious belief?

None

9.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Political opinion?

None

10.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Racial group?

None

11.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Age?

None

12.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Marital status?

None

13.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Sexual orientation?

None

14.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Men and women generally?

None

15.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Disability?

None

16.   What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Dependants?

None

17.   Are there opportunites to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section75 equalities categories? If Yes, provide details. If No, provide reasons.

Religious belief

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Political opinion

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Racial group

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Age

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Marital Status

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Sexual orientation

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Men and women generally

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Disability

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Dependants

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

18.   To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion and/or racial group?

None

19.   Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion and/or racial group?

Yes

19a. Please provide your reasons below

The aim of the fund is to provide grant aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down. Applications are open to and welcome from all.

Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

20.   Is there evidence to suggest that this policy would promote positive attitudes towards people with a disability?

Yes

20a. Provide details of opportunities identified

The Disability Discrimination Act is mentioned throughout the application and guidance notes and is referred to at the end of the Guidance Notes.

Any reasonable Improvements/adjustments to events under the DDA are part of the eligible costs for event funding.

There are questions within the application form asking for measures taken for the safety and welfare of attendees and participants, including accessibility, and additional information on Disability and Inclusion is included within the Annex of the application.

21.   Is there evidence to suggest that this policy would encourage the participation of people with a disability in public life?

No

Additional Considerations

22. Are there any potential impacts of the policy / decision (positive or negative) on people with multiple identities?

No

Monitoring Arrangements

23. Outline what data you could collect in the future to monitor the impact of this policy / decision on equality, good relations and disability duties

Applicants will have to complete a Section 75 monitoring form along with their Letter of Offer. This will provide us with specific monitoring information relating to this Fund for the future.

We will also be advising the successful applicants to include some Section 75 related questions in their market research.

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

Screened Out - No negative impacts

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Screening Panel Comments

Appendix - Religious Belief

Religious belief (Internal)

* Small numbers removed as indiviuals could be identifiable

	Catholic	Protestant & other Christian	Other religions	Total
Males F/T	33	388	34	425
	8%	84%	8%	100%
Males P/T	*	*	*	8
	25%	63%	13%	100%
Females F/T	58	223	6	287
	20%	78%	2%	100%
Females P/T	12	20	5	35
	32%	54%	14%	100%
Total	105	606	46	757
	14%	80%	6%	100%

Religious belief (External)

The Northern Ireland Census 2021 (NISRA) statistics for the Borough area show the religious group the person belongs to or for people with no current religion their religious group of upbringing. People with no current religion and no religion of upbringing are labelled 'None'.

On Census Day 2021 in Northern Ireland just under one person in five (19.0%) either had 'no religion' (17.4%) or 'religion not stated' (1.6%). Nearly one person in three in Ards and North Down (32.1%) had 'no religion' or 'religion not stated' On census day 2021 bringing together information on current religion and religion of upbringing, 45.7% of the population were either Catholic or brought up as a Catholic, while 43.5% were recorded as 'Protestant and other Christian (including Christian related)'. Again, bringing together information on current religion and religion of upbringing, 1.5% of the population are classified as 'other religions' and 9.3% of the population identified that they neither belonged to nor were brought up in a religion. This points to the increasingly secular nature of the population ('None').

	All usual Residents	Catholic	Protestant and other Christian Religions	Other Reglions	None
Ards and North Down	163,659	22,912	111,288	1,636	27,822
Northern Ireland	1,903,178	875,461	818,366	19,031	171,286

	Ards and North Down	Northern Ireland
All Usual residents	163,659	1,903,178

Catholic	18,003	799,334
Presbyterian	47,461	323,540
Church of Ireland	22, 912	228,381
Methodist	6,546	38,063
Other Chrtistian Religions	16,365	133,222
Other Religions	1,636	19,031
No Religion/Not stated	52,370	361,603

Appendix - Political Opinion

Political opinion (External)

Electoral Office data from recent Local Government elections (2023) and Northern Ireland Assembly Elections (2022) detail the political representation on Ards and North Down. Data also shows the turnout to vote. This tends to be lower that the rest of Northern Ireland, suggesting less strong political Opinions, however the results show a preference in Ards and North Down for Unionist Parties.

Constituency	Registered Voters	Turnout
North Down	70,176	60%
Strangford	70,755	68%
Northern Ireland	1,373,731	63%

District Electrol Area	Eligible Electorate	Votes Polled
Overall Turnout (2023) Ards and North Down Borough Council Area	123,736	57,677
Overall Turnout (2023) Northern Ireland	1,380,372	745,400

Party	Local Government Seats Held ANDBC	Local Government Seats Held Northern Ireland	NI Assembly Elections seats seats held North Down and Strangford	NI Assembly Elections seats held held Northern Ireland
Alliance	12	67	4	17
Aontù	0	0	0	0
DUP	14	122	3	25
Green	2	5	0	0
Independants	3	19	1	2
People before Profit	0	1	0	1
SDLP	1	39	0	8
Sinn Fèin	0	144	0	27
TUV	0	9	0	1
UUP	8	54	2	9
Other	0	1	0	0

Appendix - Racial Group

Racial group (Internal)
* Small numbers removed as indiviuals could be identifiable

Racial Group	Total	Percentage
White	682	78.66%
Black	*	*
Chinese	*	*
Other	*	*
Did not want to answer	*	*
Left Black	176	20.30%

Racial group (External)

On Census Day 2021, 3.4% of the population, or 65,600 people, belonged to minority ethnic groups. This is around double the 2011 figure (1.8% – 32,400 people) and four times the 2001 figure (0.8% – 14,300 people); Taken together the bulletin reports and tables released today show an increasing diversity from 2011 to 2021 in Northern Irelands population across statistics on ethnic group, main language, country of birth and passports held. This increasing diversity is evident to a greater or lesser degree across all 11 Local Government Districts.

All Usual Residents	163,660
White	159,892
Irish Traveller	24
Roma	19
Indian	388
Chinese	500
Filipino	308
Pakistani	87
Arab	28
Other Asian	468
Black African	309
Black Other	135
Mixed	1,236
Other ethnicities	266

Main Language	Ards and North Down	Northern Ireland
English	160,385	1,808,019
Other	3,279	95,158

Passports Held	Ards and North Down	Northern Ireland
All Usual Residents	163,659	1,903,178
UK only	109,651	894,493
Ireland Only	13,092	513,858
Uk and Ireland	13,098	95,158
Other Passport(s)	4,909	95,158
No Passport	21,275	304,508

Appendix - Age

Age (Internal)

Age Profile	Female	Female %	Male	Male %
16 to 29	20	6%	26	65%
30 to 39	75	23%	83	19%
40 to 49	105	33%	121	27%
50 to 59	80	25%	176	39%
65+	42	13%	41	9%
Total	322	100%	447	100%

Age (External)

Age Profile	Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down
0 to 14	361,602	27,822
15 to 39	589,983	44,187
40 to 64	609,015	55,644
65+	323,539	36,226

| Total | 1,903,173 | 163,659 |

On Census Day 2021 Ards and North down had the largest increase in the number of people aged 65 and over. This rose from 27,692 (17.7%) in 2011 to 36,226 (22.1%) in 2021, demonstrating the scale of population change due to ageing.

Appendix - Marital Status

Marital Status (Internal)
* Small numbers removed as indiviuals could be identifiable

Marital Status	Total	Percentage
Single	180	20.76%
Married	405	46.71%
Divorced	35	4.04%
Co Habiting	14	1.61%
Separated	25	2.88%
Civil Partnership	*	*
Left Blank	207	23.88%

Marital Status (External)

Statistics classifies people aged 16 and over according to their legal marital or civil partnership status on Census Day 21 March 2021. The law in relation to marriage and civil partnership changed in the ten years to 2021. A summary of the changes in Northern Ireland is given below:
• civil partnership for opposite-sex couples became legal in late 2019;
• marriage for same-sex couples became legal in 2020; and
• in late 2020 a couple in a civil partnership could convert their status from civil partnership to marriage.

The rise in the 'single' population and the fall in the 'married' population here is in line with results from recent censuses in England and Wales. These figures mirror changes in society and specifically in personal relationships that has been witnessed over the last 50 years. Ards & North Down LGD, which has the oldest demographic profile of all 11 LGDs, has the highest percentage of adults who were widowed, at 8%.

Marital Status	Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down
Single	575,966	41,540
Married or in Civil Partnership	682,065	68,340
Separated, Divorced or Formally in a Civil Partnership	151,570	13,400
Widowed or Surviving partner from a Civil Partnership	97,004	10,720

Appendix - Sexual Orientation

Sexual Orientation

Statistics show that 2.1% (31,600) of NI population aged 16 and over identified as 'lesbian, gay, bisexual or other (LGB+)' and 90.0% (1,363,900) identified as 'straight or heterosexual'. More urban LGDs have a higher percentage of people who identified as LGB+. Almost 8% of our population aged 16 and over (119,300) either ticked 'prefer not to say' or chose not to answer the question. Taken together, these are labelled 'No sexual orientation stated' in these statistics.

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8.8% percent of people who identified as LGB+ in Northern Ireland live in the Ards and North Down Borough, Statistics also show that 800 Households in the Borough are living in a same sex couple relationship.

Living in households by relationship	Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down
Living in a Same Sex Couple	9,600	800
Not Living as a Couple	694,600	53,500

	Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down
All usual Residents (over 16)	1,515,700	134,000
Straight or Hetrosexual	1,364,130	121,940
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or other Sexual orientation	30,314	2,680
No sexual orientation stated	121,256	9,380

Appendix - Men and Women Generally

Men and women generally (Internal)

Male	Female	Total
511	356	867
58.94%	41.06%	100%

Men and women generally (External)

The Northern Ireland usually resident population increased by 5.1% (92,300) from 2011 to 2021. The Census 2021 population is recorded at 1,903,175 people up from 1,810,863 people in 2011. Ards & North Down had an increase of population from 2011 of 7,000, which is 4.5%.

The census day population comprised of 967,000 females and 936,100 males. Statistics show that for every 100 females in Ards and North Down Borough there were 94.9 males.

Statistics show that 54% of the Borough are employed 2% are Unemployed and 43% are Economically inactive. Of those employed, 37% were in the Public administration, education and health Industry and 2% were in the Agriculture, energy and water industry.

62% of employed people travelled to work in a car or van and 34% travelled 5km-20km to their place of work.

There were 70,445 households recorded in Ards and North Down 4,400, 5.9% were unoccupied at the time of the survey.

The average household size in sits at 2.30 (2.44 in NI). 31% are single occupancy and 6% had more than 6 people living in the property.

72% of the Borough owns their own property, this has decreased by 2% from 2011 where 13% are Social rented and increase of 2% increase in 2011.

LGD	Male	Female
Northern Ireland	932,554	970,618
Ards and North Down	80,192	83,466

Appendix - Disability

Disability (External)

A self-assessment of whether a person has a long-term health problem or disability that limits daily activities and which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months. It includes problems that are due to old age. The 2021 Census (NIRSA) demonstrates an increase of 15% or more in the percentage of people who reported a long-term health problem or disability which limited day-to-day activities. 41,300 or 25.3% of people in Ards and North Down had a limiting long-term health problem or disability. Ards & North Down experienced an increase of 31.4% from 2011. These changes are in part a reflection of the Boroughs ageing population.

The following statistics show a breakdown in residents in Northern Ireland and Ards and North Down borough with a Disability that is expected to last 12 months or more.

The figures show that 7.2 per cent of the Borough have deafness or partial hearing loss, 68% being over the age of 65. 2% have blindness or partial sight loss, 11% of those people are aged 0-39 years. 1.6 % have mobility or dexterity difficulty that requires the use of a wheelchair, in comparison to Northern Ireland statics this means that 9.3% of all those who have mobility or dexterity difficulty that requires the use of a wheelchair reside in the Borough.

 0.8% have an intellectual or learning disability including dyslexia and Downs Syndrome. 1.6% have Autism or Asperger syndrome, 49% are between 0-14 years whilst 40% are aged 15- 39 year. 8.1 % have an emotional, psychological or mental health condition, includes depression and schizophrenia, this is highest in the age ranges of 40 – 64 years (47%). 2% have frequent periods of confusion or memory loss, including Dementia, this is most prevalent with ages 65+. 10% of residents have another condition, for example Cancer, Heart Disease or Diabetes, again this is most prevalent in age 65+. Taken together these results show that policy making must consider Ards and north Down aging population and health and disability issues as well as recognition for those that provide unpaid care throughout the Borough.

LGD	All usual residents	Activites Not Limited	Limited a little	Limited a lot
Northern Ireland	1,903,178	1,446,415	247,413	209,349
Ards and North Down	163,659	122,744	22,912	18,002
Long term Health Conditions	None	1	2	3 or More
Northern Ireland	1,237,065	342,572	152,254	171,286
Ards and North Down	101,468	32,731	14,729	14,729

Disability Breakdown Age range (0 - 65+)	Ards and North Down		Northern Ireland	
Deafness or Partial Hearing loss	11,802		109,457	
Blindness or Partial Sightloss	3,214		33,961	
Mobility or dexterity difficulty that required the use of a wheelchair	2,641		28,138	
Intellectual or learning disability include dyslexia and Downs Syndrome	1,469		16,923	
Autism or Asperger Syndrome	2,628		35,367	
Emotional, psychological or mental health condition inc depression and schizophrenia	13.275		165,127	

Frequent periods of confusion or memory loss inc Dementia	3,432		37,789	
Other conditions E.g Cancer, Heart Disease or Diabetes	167,752		16,636	

Appendix - Dependants

Dependants (External)

For the Purposes of S75 a dependant can be classed as Persons with personal responsibility for the care of a child; for the care of a person with a disability; or the care of a dependant older person.

In Census 2021 one person in eight of NI population aged 5 or more (or 222,200 people) noted that they provided unpaid care. One important point to note in Policy making is that 2,600 children aged 5 to 14 in Northern Ireland provide unpaid care.

Ards & North Down LGD had the highest percentage of people who provide unpaid care throughout Northern Ireland , 13.7% estimated at 30,414 residents. 'Unpaid care' covers looking after, giving help or support to anyone because they have long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses, or problems related to old age

A dependent child is a person aged 0 to 15 in a household (whether or not in a family) or aged 16 to 18 in full-time education and living in a family with his or her parent(s) or grandparent(s). 'No dependent children' includes households with no children and households where all children are non-dependent. In Ards and North Down there were 27,822 Children (defined as those aged 0 to 14). Children make up 19.2% of the Northern Ireland population. This percentage varies across the Local Government Districts and is lowest in Ards and North Down where the proportion is 17.0%.

According to Birth statistics on NISRA Ards and North Down recorded 2,854 births between 2020 and 2022 , giving an indication of the numbers using buggies or prams in use.

	Dependent children in household: None	Dependent children in household: one	Dependent children in household: Two	Dependent children in household: Three
Northern Ireland	71%	11%	11%	6%
Ards and North Down	74%	11%	11%	4%

24. Does this policy require an Equality Impact Assessment?   No

1.   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. E.g

The events and festivals grant fund is to provide monetary aid for events and festivals which can demonstrate a positive economic and/or social impact within the Borough of Ards and North Down. We particularly welcome applications from those events and festivals that foster Section 75 and Good Relations.

2.   What definition of 'rural' is the Plan using in respect of Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?   Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition)

Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

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

Yes

3a. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.

The Growth Events Fund aim is to provide monetary aid for events which can demonstrate a positive economic impact within and showcase the assets of the Borough of Ards and North Down.
The aims of the grant fund are :
Create a positive and measurable impact on the local economy
Promote of a positive image of the Borough
Demonstrate either a positive economic impact within the borough

3b. 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 impact will be the same

3c. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public

Rural Business   Rural Tourism

Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas

Service is likely to primarily impact on Education or Training in Rural Areas

Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

4. 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?
Deprivation levels can be found at Home Page | NI Area Statistics | NISRA

No

4d. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

The Growth Events Fund is open to applications from everywhere throughout the Borough. Council do not prioritise applications from rural areas over others, awards of funding are made on the merit of the application form.

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Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

5. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the Social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

The Growth Events Fund is open to applications from everywhere throughout the Borough. Council do not prioritise applications from rural areas over others, awards of funding are made on the merit of the application form.

Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

6. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service been influenced by the rural needs identified?

No

6b. 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

The Growth Events Fund is open to applications from everywhere throughout the Borough. Council do not prioritise applications from rural areas over others, awards of funding are made on the merit of the application form.

Documenting and Recording

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

Sustainability is a holistic approach that considers ecological, social and economic dimensions, recognising that all must be considered together to find lasting prosperity.

Sustainable development is all about meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Depending on your answer your answer may be a 'positive' impact or a 'negative' impact. Specific guidance at each question.
There may be 'no impact'.
If you are not sure complete as 'don't know'
1. What impact will the proposal have on the local community including the ability of people to meet their essential needs?

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	What is the impact of the activity?
Transport - Is the activity accessible to everyone via public transport or active travel, in a safe and sustainable way? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.**	Positive
Public Placemaking, Community & Culture - Is the activity impacting on people's sense of place and community by being included and connected to the area? **Is the activity impacting on our cultural offering, helping citizens, visitors and young people become acquainted with art and culture?** **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.**	Positive

Comments

	Comments
Transport	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser will have in place at the event. Sustainable transport is mentioned within the Guidance Notes and there is a question within the application on Environmental Sustainability.
Public Placemaking, Community & Culture	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organisers plan for their programme but a general principle that applies to the Events and Festivals Fund is that the event is required to demonstrate a positive impact on the local community and promote a positive image of the Borough.

2. What impact will the proposals have on local, sustainable food supply chains?

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	What is the impact of the activity?
Food - If this activity involves either the direct or indirect purchase of food or catering services will there be a negative impact on a sustainable food system? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative.** **Additional information:** **Food systems currently account for 21-37% of total global greenhouse gases and are a primary cause of environmental degradation and significantly contribute to socio-economic and health inequalities. This can be mitigated by specifying sustainable food and catering services, fresh seasonal food of a high nutritional value produced through low environmental impact farming methods and high standards of animal welfare.**	Don't know

Comments

	Comments
Food	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form. Some events do not have a food element but are still eligible to apply.

3. What impact will the proposals have on diversity and equality of opportunity?

	What is the impact of the activity?
Equal opportunity - Does the activity have a positive or negative impact on inclusivity and discrimination?	Positive

Comments

	Comments
Equal opportunity	Organisers applying to the Fund must foster Section 75 and Good Relations. Events that do not promote quality of opportunity and good relations are not eligible to apply.

4. What impact will the proposals have on prosperity, social value and fair trade?

	What is the impact of the activity?
Decent jobs and income - Are local employment opportunities being created removed 'or removed'? Will there be any volunteering opportunities? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.**	Positive
Will the financial benefits help raise local income levels and tackle poverty and derivations of poverty such as food and fuel poverty? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.**	Don't know
Social Value - Will the activity lead to the creation of works or services? Are there opportunities to support apprenticeships or training opportunities to combat social exclusion? Are there any opportunities to work with organisations with an environmental or social mission (e.g., from the VCSE sector)? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.**	Don't know
Human and labour rights - Will there be provisions to ensure workers up the supply chain have their human and labour rights respected? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.** **Additional information:** **Products at high risk of the use of child labour and contravention of human and labour rights include electronic equipment, textiles, agricultural commodities and construction materials.**	Don't know

Comments

	Comments
Decent jobs and income	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form. A number of the larger events that have apply historically to the Events and Festivals Fund may provide short term employment for the duration of the event. All events that have applied historically to the Events and Festivals Fund have numerous volunteering opportunities and some of the groups that deliver the events are entirely made up of volunteers. We have no direct evidence of this as this is a new fund therefore benchmarking against the Events and Festivals Fund.

	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event
Financial benefits	organiser has projected within their application form.
Social value	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form.
Human and labour rights	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form.

5. What impact will the proposals have on greenhouse gas emissions, including energy and transport?

	What is the impact of the activity?
Greenhouse Gas Emmissions - Will this activity have a positive or negative impact on greenhouse gases (most commonly caused by fossil fuel burning or deforestation)? **Additional information:** **Greenhouse gases include CO2, CH4, N2O, HFCs, PFCs or SF6.** **The most common sources include consumption of brown (non-renewable) electricity, burning of coal, oil, petrol, diesel, natural gas, emissions from landfill sites, and the destruction of natural carbon sinks such as peat bogs, woodlands, forests, grasslands, freshwater lakes, and wetlands.**	Positive
Energy - Will the activity reduce energy demand through energy efficiency and low-carbon technologies? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.** **Additional information:** **Will energy come from renewable energy sources e.g., solar, wind etc.?** **Will buildings be designed and constructed to high energy and environmental standards?**	Positive

	What is the impact of the activity?
Transport - Will the activity be accessible to everyone via active travel (Bike/walking) or public transport? Does the proposal help to reduce non-essential travel and individual car use? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.**	Positive
Embodied carbon - Will the activity use materials from 'heavy industries' such as cement, concrete, iron and steel, or require international transportation of materials using aviation or shipping? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative.**	No Impact

Comments

	Comments
Greenhouse Gas Emmissions	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form. Not all of the events may need generators but for those that do, we recommend using diesel.
Energy organiser has projected within their application form.	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event
Transport	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser will have in place at the event. Sustainable transport is mentioned within the Guidance Notes and there is a question within the application on Environmental Sustainability.
Embodied carbon	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form but use
	What is the impact of the activity?
Waste generation - Will this activity lead to the production of waste? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative.** **Additional information:** **Have you considered how to reduce waste through demand management and re-use strategies which support the circular economy?**	Positive

of these sort of materials would more than likely not be relevant for events that apply to this fund.

	What is the impact of the activity?
Waste Management - Is waste going to be managed in a responsible, sustainable way? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive.** **Additional information:** **Will waste be monitored? What recycling provisions are there? Will any waste be sent to landfill?**	Positive

6. What impact will the proposals have on waste generation or how waste is managed?

Comments

	Comments
Waste generation	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form. There is emphasis within the Guidance Notes on environmenal sustainability and what measures the applicant has taken to protect the environment, including generation of waste.
Waste management	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form. There is emphasis within the Guidance Notes on environmenal sustainability and what measures the applicant has taken to protect the environment, including management of waste. There is a question within the application form that refers to recycling and waste disposal.

7. What impact will the proposals have on the direct consumption of natural resources, including materials, minerals and fresh water?

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	What is the impact of the activity?
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Materials - Will this activity lead to the consumption of raw materials? (Raw materials include steel, oil, corn, grain, gasoline, wood / forest resources, plastic, natural gas, and coal). **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative.** **Additional information:** **Can materials be swapped or reduced, to minimize pressure on natural resources and reduce environmental impact?**	No Impact
Will lifecycle costing exercises be used in procurement (e.g., if purchasing vehicles, energy-intensive equipment or major capital projects) in order to minimise the consumption of natural resources and achieve value for money **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive**	No Impact
Fresh water - Will this activity increase pressure on freshwater resources through direct water consumption? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative**	Don't know
Will the activity impact on the public's ability to access a clean and safe water supply? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative** **Additional information:** **Unsustainable water consumption includes use of mains water or other freshwater supplied without water efficiency or recycling measures.**	No Impact

Comments

	Comments
Materials	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form but these materials would not normally be needed to deliver an event of the level applying to this Fund
Lifecycle costing exercises	Capital costs are not eligible for the Growth Events Fund

Fresh water organiser	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event has projected within their application form.
Accessing clean and safe water organiser	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event has projected within their application form.

8.   What impact will the proposals have on local resilience to the adverse effects of climate change and severe weather events, including drought, landslips, flooding and sites designated as being at risk of flooding or sea level rise?

	What is the impact of the activity?
Adverse Weather and Climate Impacts - Will buildings, infrastructure, or natural assets be at risk to the adverse effects of climate change and extreme weather? **Note: If the answer is yes select negative** **Additional Information:** **For Northern Ireland, climate change is causing hotter, drier summers and warmer, wetter winters with more extreme weather and rising sea levels.** **A precautionary approach is advised for all planning and construction decisions, taking into account the latest UK Climate Change Projections and making sure that development is not permitted on flood plains and / or land at risk of flooding under future climate scenarios.** **Avoid activities that may be vulnerable to overheating or flood risk.** **New assets (e.g. landscaping, buildings etc.) should be future proofed, ensuring all investments are resilient to current and future climate conditions.**	No Impact

	Comments
Adverse Weather and Climate Impacts	Events do not pose a threat to the adverse effects of climate change

Comments

9.   What impact will the proposals have on the local environment (e.g., air/water/soil pollution, land conversion, visual impacts, traffic, noise, vibration, odour, dust, particulates, smoke), heritage (including designated heritage, archaeology sites or listed buildings) and wildlife (including protected sites and species)?

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	What is the impact of the activity?
Air pollution - Will the activity produce air pollutants? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative** **Additional Information:** **Air pollutants include: Particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5); Ozone (O3) Nitrogen dioxide (NO2); Carbon Monoxide (CO); Sulphur Dioxide (SO2).** **The most common causes of air pollution are:-** **• Fuel combustion from motor vehicles (e.g. cars and heavy-duty vehicles)** **• Heat and power generation (e.g. oil and coal power plants and boilers)** **• Industrial facilities (e.g. manufacturing factories, mines, and oil refineries)** **• Municipal and agricultural waste sites and waste incineration/burning.**	Positive
Ozone layer depletion - Will this activity produce ozone depleting substances (fluorinated gases)? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative** **Additional Information:** **Fluorinated greenhouse gases (F gases) include:** **• hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)** **• perfluorocarbons (PFCs)** **• sulphur hexafluoride (SF6)** **For example through the use of refrigeration and air conditioning units.**	Positive

	What is the impact of the activity?

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Water/soil pollution - Will this activity involve any construction work, street works or road deliveries of construction materials or other goods? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative** **Additional Information:** **Soil and water pollution is caused from damaging rainwater run-off arising from road surface treatments, tyre abrasion, fuels and lubricants.** **Procurement and contractual mechanisms can be used to ensure that building and civil engineering contractors adhere take steps to ensure pollution is prevented from occurring or from dispersing to other areas. Contractors can minimise the use of all substances that could cause pollution and failing that, implement and communicate procedures to ensure the correct disposal (or release) of substances that could cause pollution.**	Positive
Chemical pollution - Will there be any use of toxic chemicals including pesticides, paint or cleaning products? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative**	Don't know
Will there be any excess fertiliser use that could result in nitrogen or phosphorus runoff? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative**	No Impact

Noise pollution - Is the activity likely to create a noise nuisance? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative** **Additional information:** **Noise pollution can have detrimental effects on human health, amenity, productivity and the natural environment.** **Eliminating or reducing excessive noise is a legal responsibility and helps to limit the disturbance of residents and businesses, caused by activities and operations.**	Don't know

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	What is the impact of the activity?
Land conversion - Will this activity result in the reduction in the area of forested land, directly or indirectly? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative** **Additional information:** **Deforestation usually arises from the clearing of land for development, agriculture, or logging for paper, wood, or minerals.**	No Impact
Built Heritage - Will this activity impact on designated heritage sites such as a World Heritage Site, Scheduled Monument, Archaeology Site, Listed Building, Protected Wreck Site or Registered Park and Garden? **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative**	Don't know
Natural Heritage and Biodiversity - Will this activity result in any displacement or loss of biodiversity, overfishing or affect protected or designated sites (e.g. ASSIs, SPAs etc). **Note: If the answer is yes, select negative** **Changes in land use exert the most significant effect on biodiversity. These changes include the conversion of natural ecosystems into agriculture or into urban areas; changes in frequency, duration or magnitude of wildfires and similar disturbances; and the introduction of new species into land and freshwater environments.**	No Impact

Comments

	Comments
Air pollution	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form
Ozone layer depletion	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form
Water/soil pollution	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form
	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event

Chemical pollution	organiser has projected within their application form
Excess fertiliser use	More than likely not but the answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form

	Comments
Noise pollution	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form
Land conversion	More than likely not but the answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form
Built Heritage	The answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form
Natural Heritage and Biodiversity	More than likely not but the answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form

10 What impact will the proposals have on ensuring peace, justice, public participation and partnership working for sustainable development?

	What is the impact of the activity?
Peace - Will this activity have a negative or positive impact on community safety, crime or anti-social behaviour?	Positive
Justice - Are there safeguards in place to prevent against bribery and corruption? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive** **Decision making should be open and transparent with clear governance and accountability arrangements.**	Positive
Political voice - Are citizens involved and do they have a role in deciding what happens and how it gets implemented? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive**	Don't know
Partnerships - Will this activity involve working with others either locally or at a national level to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development? **Note: If the answer is yes, select positive**	Don't know

Comments

	Comments
Peace	A general principle of the fund, which all groups sign up to by submitting an application form, states Events/Festivals should contribute to the promotion of a positive image of the Borough and organisers but take steps to avert anti-social behaviour
Justice	Any group applying to the Fund must be appropriately constituted.

	Comments
Political voice	the answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form
Partnerships	the answer is dependent on the event and what the event organiser has projected within their application form

On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy / decision is   Screened Out - No negative impacts

1. Is Data Protection relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?   Yes

2. Is the introduction or change of this policy or processing activity likely to result in a high risk to individuals' interests, including physical, material or non-material damage?   No

3. Explain broadly what the policy/strategy/plan or public service aims to achieve and what type of processing it involves.

The Growth Events Fund aims to provide financial support to events held within the Borough. Personal information will be used to:
- measure the event organisers financial viability to protect Council against fraud or misuse of public money
- keep in contact with the event organisers throughout the duration of their letter of offer

4. Describe the nature of the processing

The Council will collect the names, contact details of event organisers applying for financial support. Applicants will also supply bank statements and most recent accounts.
The information is hand delivered to 2 specific Council officers or emailed to a shared inbox with access limited to relevant officers. Advice to applicants is to encrypt documents sent via email and guidance on how to do this is sent with the application pack.

The information will be collected with an appropriate privacy notice in place to ensure transparency. This will be a data protection statement at the end of the application form that all applicants must sign that they have read and understood.

The information will be stored electronically on Council systems, with access limited to relevant officers. It will be held for the duration of the event and for 7 years from the date of the close of the fund (27th November 2023) when it will be destroyed.

The information will be used to assist in the administration, management and audit of the Growth Events Fund.

5. Describe the context of the processing

The Council will collect the names, contact details of event organisers applying for financial support. Applicants will also supply bank statements and most recent accounts.

Applicants to the Growth Events Fund are made aware that, for audit purposes, the Council will be legally required to retain the information for the appropriate retention period. They also sign up to a Data Protection Statement - the statement at the end of the application form reads:

Ards and North Down Borough Council values your right to personal privacy. We collect this information solely for the purposes of this application and do not share it with anyone. We comply with the DPA (Data Protection Act) 2018 and UK GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), ensuring that information is collected fairly and lawfully, is accurate, adequate, secure, up to date and not held any longer than necessary.

Advice is given to all applicants on how to encrypt their documents for added security

6. Describe the purposes of the processing.

The purpose of processing the information is to enable Council to financially assist events within the Borough to increase the development and growth of the events sector and of the economic benefit to the Borough.

Having the bank statements/accounts from the event organisers shows their financial viability therefore reduces the risk of fraud for Council.

7. Consultation

No consultation necessary as individuals will be advised, at the point of collection, how their information will be used.

8. Necessity and Proportionality

The lawful basis for processing will be article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR 2018, and the DPA (Data Protection Act) 2018 as the information is required to be collected for the administration of the Growth Events Fund. There is no other way to achieve this outcome.

There will be no function creep as the information will only be saved on Council computer systems in a secured folder with minimal officer access and will not be shared with anyone. **9. Identify and assess risk**

	Risk	Options to reduce to eliminate risk	Effect on risk	Residual risk	Measure approved
Details	risk of personal data being sent to the wrong person and Council email hack	applicants can hand deliver applications into the hands of relevant officer. Applicants are also advised to encrypt emails that contain financial information and contact relevant officer vis telephone with the password	Reduced	Low	Yes

	Describe the source of risk and nature of potential impact on individuals. Include associated compliance and corporate risks as necessary.	Likelihood of harm	Severity of harm	Overall risk
Details	risk of personal data being sent to the wrong person and Council email hack	Possible	Significant	Medium

10. Identify measures to reduce risk

Data Protection Officer Comments