



Introduction

Mid Ulster District Council has a statutory duty to screen its policies, procedures, practices/decisions. This Policy Screening Form and Report assists Council Departments to consider the likely equality and good relations impacts of the aforementioned, if any, placed upon our ratepayers, citizens, service users, staff and visitors to the district.

Section 1 – Policy scoping

This asks the Policy Author to provide details on the policy, procedure, practice and/or decision being screened and what available evidence you have gathered to help make an assessment of the likely impact on equality of opportunity and good relations. Reference to policy within this document refers to either of the aforementioned (policy, procedure, practice, and/ or decision).

Section 2 – Screening questions

This asks about the extent of the likely impact of the policy on groups of people within each of the Section 75 categories. Details of the groups consulted and the level of assessment of the likely impact. This includes consideration of multiple identity and issues.

Section 3 – Screening decision

This guides the Council to reach a screening decision as to whether or not there is a need to carry out an equality impact assessment (EQIA), or introduce measures to mitigate the likely impact, or the introduction of an alternative policy to better promote equality of opportunity.

Section 4 – Monitoring

This provides guidance to the Council on monitoring for adverse impact and broader monitoring.

Section 5 – Approval and authorisation

This verifies the Council's approval of a screening decision by a senior manager responsible for the policy.

Appendix A Screening Process

Section 1 Policy Scoping & Information

The first stage of the screening process involves scoping the policy under consideration which sets the context and confirms the aims and objectives for the policy being screened. Scoping the policy helps to identify constraints as well as opportunities and will help the policy author to work through the screening process on a step by step basis.

1. Policy Name		
Waste Collection Policy		
2. Is this an existing, revised or a new policy?		
This is a revised policy		
3. What is it trying to achieve? (aims/outcomes)		
<p>The aim of the Waste Collection Policy is to provide an effective and efficient waste management service to all households within the Mid Ulster District.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Council, in meeting increasing recycling and landfill diversion targets wishes to ensure that the collection of waste is managed in the most efficient manner possible with householders taking joint responsibility for the management of their waste. This policy sets out the parameters in which the Council and public must share ownership so as to meet National and European legislative targets.</p> <p>The policy details the arrangements for collection of residual and recyclable waste from both domestic and commercial properties.</p>		
4. Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?	Yes	X
	No	
Special provisions are contained within the policy to assist those with a disability and households with a large number of occupants.		
6. Who initiated or wrote the policy?		
Mark McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services		
7. Who owns and who implements the policy?		
Mark McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services		

Implementation factors

		Yes	No
Are there any factors which could contribute to/ detract from intended aim/ outcome of the policy?		Yes	
• If yes, are they financial?			No
• If yes, are they legislative?			Yes
• If yes, Please specify	Financial: Legislative: Existing and proposed statutory targets for recycling and diversion of waste from landfill		
• Other, Please specify			

Stakeholders

The internal and external (actual or potential) that the policy will be impacted upon

	Yes	No
Staff	Yes	
Service Users	Yes	
Other public sector organisations	No	
Voluntary/community/ trade unions	Yes	
Other, please specify	N/A	

Others policies with a bearing on this policy

Policies	Owners
Customer Service and Complaints Policy	

Available evidence

Information and available evidence (qualitative and quantitative) gathered to inform the policy under each of the Section 75 groups as identified within the Northern Ireland Act 1998 included a review of NISRA 2011 Census data, Mid Ulster Community Plan (2017-2020) and Joint Waste Management Plan (2016-2020).

Section 75 category	Details of evidence/information																																								
Religious belief	<p>63.77% of the population in Mid Ulster were brought up in the Catholic religion and 33.46% belong or were brought up in a Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related) religion. Other religions comprised 690 (0.5%) and None 3,153 (2.28%) of the population (Source: 2011 Census).</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="424 786 1418 1061"> <thead> <tr> <th>Religion or Religion brought up in</th> <th>No.</th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Catholic</td> <td>88,375</td> <td>63.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)</td> <td>46,372</td> <td>33.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other religions</td> <td>690</td> <td>0.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>None</td> <td>3,153</td> <td>2.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>138,590</td> <td>100</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Religion or Religion brought up in	No.	%	Catholic	88,375	63.77	Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)	46,372	33.46	Other religions	690	0.5	None	3,153	2.28	Total	138,590	100																						
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Political opinion	<p>Political party representation can be used as an approximate barometer of political opinion of people within Mid Ulster council area. The table below shows the results from the May 2019 local government/council elections - percentage 1st preference vote share for each political party and current representation (seats) on Council. (Source: Electoral Office):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="411 1337 1423 1686"> <thead> <tr> <th>Party</th> <th>Votes</th> <th>Percentage</th> <th>Council Seats</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SF</td> <td>23,553</td> <td>39.8%</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DUP</td> <td>13,700</td> <td>23.2%</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SDLP</td> <td>8,512</td> <td>14.4%</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UUP</td> <td>8,021</td> <td>13.6%</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent</td> <td>3,422</td> <td>5.8%</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aontu*</td> <td>846</td> <td>1.4%</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alliance</td> <td>729</td> <td>1.2%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TUV</td> <td>230</td> <td>0.4%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workers' Party</td> <td>95</td> <td>0.2%</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*A councillor who was elected as a representative of the SDLP resigned from that party and aligned with Aontu shortly after the 2019 local government elections</p>	Party	Votes	Percentage	Council Seats	SF	23,553	39.8%	17	DUP	13,700	23.2%	9	SDLP	8,512	14.4%	5	UUP	8,021	13.6%	6	Independent	3,422	5.8%	2	Aontu*	846	1.4%	1	Alliance	729	1.2%		TUV	230	0.4%		Workers' Party	95	0.2%	
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Racial group	<p>According to the 2011 Census the overwhelming majority of the population 136,485 (98.48%) were classified as 'white'. Within this total will be migrant communities, such as Polish, Lithuanian and so forth. Statistics indicate that the number of people in Mid Ulster Local Government District (LGD) born outside Northern Ireland is:</p>																																								

	Place of Birth	No.	
	Great Britain	4,053	
	Republic of Ireland	2,250	
	EU Countries (Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia)	6,795	
	Other	2,280	
	<p>The minority ethnic language profile within the area can serve as a possible indicator of the Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) community profile within the district. The composition of language groups in Mid Ulster LGD area is also noted from the 2011 census by NISRA as:</p>		
	Main Languages of residents in Mid Ulster Council area	No.	
	English	125,715	
	Polish	2,008	
	Lithuanian	2,039	
	Portuguese	903	
	Irish (Gaelic)	404	
	Slovak	477	
	Russian	297	
	Latvia	261	
Hungarian	117		
Chinese	64		
Tagalog/Filipino	38		
Malaysian	33		
Other	922		
Age	<p>The age profile of Mid Ulster Local Government District area as at 2015 (Source, NISRA)</p>		
		Mid Ulster	Northern Ireland
	Total Population	144,002	1,851,621
	0-15 years	33,123	385,200
	16-39 years	47,646	583,116
	40-64 years	43,621	591,481
	65+ years	19,612	291,824
	Population Change % (2005-2015)	15.3%	7.2%

Marital status

The below table sets out the marital status profile for Mid Ulster District Council area as extracted from results of the 2011 Census

	Mid Ulster		Northern Ireland	
	No.	%	No	%
Single (never married or never registered a same sex civil partnership) (Aged 16+)	38,353	35.97	517,393	36.14
Married (Aged 16+)	54,192	50.82	680,831	47.56
In a registered same sex civil partnership (Aged 16+)	62	0.06	1,243	0.09
Separated (but is still legally married or still legally in a same sex civil partnership) (Aged 16+)	3,369	3.16	56,911	3.98
Divorced or formerly in a same sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved (Aged 16+)	4,139	3.88	78,074	5.45
Widowed or surviving partner from a same sex civil partnership (Aged 16+)	6,523	6.12	97,088	6.78

Sexual orientation

No specific statistics are available from the 2011 government census for this Category and there are therefore no official statistics available in relation to persons of different sexual orientation. However, the Integrated Household Survey would include between 3% and 4% would be either gay, lesbian and/or bisexual. However, due to the nature of 'disclosure' in this area, umbrella organisations often state that the figure may be closer to 10%.

Region	Heterosexual / Straight	Gay/ Lesbian	Bisexual	Gay/ Lesbian/ Bisexual	Other	Don't know /refuse	No response
England	92.54%	1.10%	0.51%	1.61%	0.33%	4.07%	1.45%
Wales	93.93%	1.04%	0.48%	1.52%	0.45%	2.99%	1.11%
Scotland	94.65%	0.82%	0.33%	1.14%	0.26%	2.59%	1.37%
N Ireland	93.00%	0.64%	0.96%	1.60%	0.26%	3.98%	1.17%
Total	92.80%	1.06%	0.51%	1.57%	0.32%	3.89%	1.42%

Research also conducted by the HM Treasury shows that between 5%-7% of the UK population identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual or 'trans' (transsexual, transgendered and transvestite) (LGBT).

Men & women generally	<p>The gender profile of Mid Ulster LGD is detailed as;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="411 286 1461 432"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2">Mid Ulster</th> <th colspan="2">Northern Ireland</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>No.</th> <th>%</th> <th>No.</th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td>69,362</td> <td>50.05</td> <td>887,323</td> <td>49.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td>69,228</td> <td>49.95</td> <td>923,540</td> <td>51.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Mid Ulster		Northern Ireland			No.	%	No.	%	Male	69,362	50.05	887,323	49.00	Female	69,228	49.95	923,540	51.00					
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Needs, experiences and priorities

Taking into account the information referred to above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the following categories, in relation to the particular policy/decision? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories

Section 75 category	Details of needs/experiences/priorities
Religious belief	None
Political opinion	None
Racial group	Residents who do not speak English will require some assistance in understanding how the service operates
Age	Some older people may need assistance to understand policy/changes to policy or with collection arrangements
Marital status	None
Sexual orientation	None
Men and women generally	None
Disability	People with disabilities may require assistance with the collection of their wheeled bins and/or may generate additional waste due to certain medical conditions
Dependants	Households with a large number of dependants will generate additional household waste for collection

Section 2 – Screening Questions

In making a decision as to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA), the Council should consider its answers to the questions 1- 3 detailed below.

If the Council's conclusion is **none** in respect of all of the Section 75 equality of opportunity categories, then the Council may decide to screen the policy out. If a

policy is 'screened out' as having no relevance to equality of opportunity, the Council should give details of the reasons for the decision taken.

If the Council's conclusion is **major** in respect of one or more of the Section 75 equality of opportunity, then consideration should be given to subjecting the policy to the equality impact assessment procedure.

If the Council's conclusion is **minor** in respect of one or more of the Section 75 equality categories, then consideration should still be given to proceeding with an equality impact assessment, or to:

- measures to mitigate the adverse impact; or
- the introduction of an alternative policy to better promote equality of opportunity.

In favour of a 'major' impact

- a) The policy is significant in terms of its strategic importance;
- b) Potential equality impacts are unknown, because, for example, there is insufficient data upon which to make an assessment or because they are complex, and it would be appropriate to conduct an equality impact assessment in order to better assess them;
- c) Potential equality impacts are likely to be adverse or are likely to be experienced disproportionately by groups of people including those who are marginalised or disadvantaged;
- d) Further assessment offers a valuable way to examine the evidence and develop recommendations in respect of a policy about which there are concerns amongst affected individuals and representative groups, for example in respect of multiple identities;
- e) The policy is likely to be challenged by way of judicial review;
- f) The policy is significant in terms of expenditure.

In favour of 'minor' impact

- a) The policy is not unlawfully discriminatory and any residual potential impacts on people are judged to be negligible;
- b) The policy, or certain proposals within it, are potentially unlawfully discriminatory, but this possibility can readily and easily be eliminated by making appropriate changes to the policy or by adopting appropriate mitigating measures;
- c) Any asymmetrical equality impacts caused by the policy are intentional because they are specifically designed to promote equality of opportunity for particular groups of disadvantaged people;
- d) By amending the policy there are better opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity.

In favour of none

- a) The policy has no relevance to equality of opportunity.
- b) The policy is purely technical in nature and will have no bearing in terms of its likely impact on equality of opportunity for people within the equality categories.

Screening questions

1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories (minor/ major/ none)		
Section 75 category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact? minor/major/none
Religious belief	None	None
Political opinion	None	None
Racial group	Residents who do not have English as a first language will require some assistance in understanding how the service operates	Minor
Age	Some older people may require additional assistance to help them understand the policy/changes to policy or with collection	Minor
Marital status	None	None
Sexual orientation	None	None

Men and women generally	None	None
Disability	<p>People with disabilities may require assistance with the collection of their wheeled bins and/or may generate additional waste due to medical conditions.</p> <p>People with certain disabilities may need information in other formats.</p>	Minor
Dependants	Households with a large number of dependants will generate additional household waste for collection	Minor

2. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories? (Yes/ No)		
Section 75 category	If Yes, provide details	If No, provide reasons
Religious belief		Policy is not relevant
Political opinion		Policy is not relevant
Racial group	Service guide communication materials translated into seven languages: Lithuanian, Russian, Bulgarian, Polish, Slovak, Tetum and Portuguese. Information can be provided in other languages or on request if necessary.	
Age	Additional assistance can be provided on request	

Marital status		Policy is not relevant
Sexual orientation		Policy is not relevant
Men and women generally		Policy is not relevant
Disability	<p>An assisted lift (back door) refuse collection service is available for householders who are deemed unfit to bring their wheeled bins to the kerbside for collection.</p> <p>A second or larger residual waste bin will be collected from households with particular requirements having an impact on the production of waste, i.e. people with disabilities or medical conditions (an additional or larger bin will be provided on a loan basis for an initial period of 24 months).</p> <p>Information can be provided in other formats on request.</p>	
Dependants	<p>A second or larger residual waste bin will be collected from a household size of more than eight, permanently residing at the property (in which circumstances payment must be made for the purchase of the additional or larger bin).</p>	

3. Are there opportunities without prejudice, to the equality of opportunity duty, to better promote good relations between Section 75 equality categories, through tackling prejudice and/ or promoting understanding? (Yes/ No)

	No	X
	Yes	

If yes, please detail the opportunities below:

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If yes is concluded to Question 3, then the policy will be referred to the Council's Good Relations Working Group for consideration. The Group will consider the potential opportunities and assess if and how the overall impact of a decision/policy can better promote good relations.

Additional Considerations - Multiple identity

Generally speaking, people can fall into more than one Section 75 category. Taking this into consideration, are there any potential impacts of the policy/decision on people with multiple identities? (*For example; disabled minority ethnic people; disabled women; young Protestant men; and young lesbians, gay and bisexual people*).

Older people with disabilities are a group who may be most impacted and require assistance.

Provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.

Older people with disabilities would make up the sizeable proportion of the total number of households in the district (currently 325 No.) which are in receipt of an assisted (back door) refuse collection service.

Section 3 – Screening Decision

In light of answers provided to the questions within Section 3 select one of the following with regards the policy:

		Select One
1	Shall not be subject to an EQIA - <i>with no mitigating measures required</i>	
2	Shall not be subject to an EQIA - <i>mitigating measures/ alternative policies introduced</i>	X
3	Shall be subject to an EQIA	

If 1 or 2 above (i.e. not to be subject to an EQIA) please provide details of reasons why.

This policy has only minor impact on equality of opportunity.

If 2 above (i.e. not to subject to an EQIA) in what ways can adverse impacts attaching to the policy be mitigated or an alternative policy be introduced.

Suitable mitigation measures in the form of additional service provision are contained within the policy. Special provision is made for people with disabilities, older people, those who do not have a good understanding of English and for households with a large number of dependants. The policy will be monitored and adjustments considered if other issues arise.

If 3 above (i.e. shall be subject to an EQIA), please provide details of the reasons.

Mitigation

When it is concluded that the likely impact is 'minor' and an equality impact assessment is not to be conducted, you may consider mitigation to lessen the severity of any equality impact, or the introduction of an alternative policy to better promote equality of opportunity.

Can the policy/decision be amended or changed or an alternative policy introduced to better promote equality of opportunity?

If so, give the **reasons** to support your decision, together with the proposed changes/amendments or alternative policy:

See above – mitigation measures already implemented and in place

Timetabling and prioritising N/A

If the policy has been screened in for equality impact assessment, please answer the below to determine its priority for timetabling the equality impact assessment.

- **On a scale of 1-3 (1 being lowest priority and 3 being highest), assess the policy in terms of its priority for equality impact assessment.**

Priority criterion	Rating (1-3)
Effect on equality of opportunity	
Social need	
Effect on people's daily lives	
Relevance to a Council's functions	

Note: The Total Rating Score should be used to prioritise the policy in rank order with other policies screened in for equality impact assessment. This list of priorities will assist the Council in timetabling. Details of the Council's Equality Impact Assessment Timetable should be included in the Screening Reports.

- **Is the policy affected by timetables established by other relevant public authorities?**

Yes	
No	

Section 5 – Monitoring

Effective monitoring will help identify any future adverse impact arising from the policy which may lead the Council to conduct an equality impact assessment, as well as help with future planning and policy development. Please detail proposed monitoring arrangements below:

The policy will be reviewed again within 24 months of the effective adoption date. Complaints/feedback will be analysed and uptake of mitigation measures monitored to inform the future review of policy.

Section 6 – Approval and authorisation

Screened by:	Position/ Job Title	Date
Mark McAdoo	Head of Environmental Services	01/11/19
Approved by:	Position/ Job Title	Date
<i>Andrew Cassells</i>	<i>Director of E & P</i>	<i>13/12/19</i>

Note: A copy of the Screening Template, for each policy screened should be 'signed off' and approved by a senior manager responsible for the policy; made easily accessible on the council website as soon as possible following completion and be available on request.

Appendix A Mid Ulster District Council Screening Process

