



Appendix 2 - Template for Information to be Compiled

Information to be compiled by Public Authorities under Section 3(1)(a) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

(To be completed and included in public authorities' own annual reports and submitted to DAERA for inclusion in the Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report).

Name of Public Authority:

Reporting Period: April 20 to March 20

The following information should be compiled in respect of each policy, strategy and plan which has been developed, adopted, implemented or revised and each public service which has been designed or delivered by the public authority during the reporting period.

<p><i>Description of the activity undertaken by the public authority which is subject to section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016¹. 1B</i></p>	<p><i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to². 2D</i></p>	<p><i>Describe how the public authority has had due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising the policy, strategy or plan or when designing or delivering the public service³. 3D, 4A, 5B</i></p>
<p>Implementation of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Implementation and Enforcement Policy</p>	<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under the themes of: Access to services, Income, Employment and Health.</p> <p>Full details of the social and economic needs identified by the Council along with the issues considered in relation to these needs are documented in Appendix 3.</p> <p>In considering the measures necessary to meet identified rural needs, the Implementation Plan actions will improve environmental conditions within rural areas and also provide volunteering opportunities for rural populations.</p>

<p>Implementation of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Climate Change Resilience and Sustainable Development Strategy.</p>	<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under the themes of: Access to services, Income, Employment and Health.</p> <p>Full details of the social and economic needs identified by the Council along with the issues considered in relation to these needs are documented in Appendix 3.</p> <p>The content and implementation of the Strategy will be subject to a twelve-week consultation period.</p>
<p>Development of the Conflicts of Interest Policy for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Councillors</p>	<p>Internal</p>	<p>The purpose of the Conflicts of Interest Policy is to ensure that actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest are identified and managed in a way that safeguards the integrity of Councillors and maximises public confidence in the Council's ability to deliver public services properly. It therefore applies as a corporate policy that is not influenced specifically by the rural needs of the citizens of the district. The application of the Policy should ensure all citizens are properly represented irrespective of them being rural or urban based.</p>
<p>Development of an Employee Conflicts of Interest Policy for employees of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council</p>	<p>Internal</p>	<p>This Policy is applicable to all employees and is equally applied to those who live in urban or rural areas.</p>
<p>Development of a Corporate Plan 2020-24 to outline the strategic direction and priorities of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for the four-year period.</p>	<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under the themes of: Access to services, Income, Employment and Health.</p> <p>Full details of the social and economic needs identified by the Council along with the issues considered in relation to these needs are documented in Appendix 3.</p> <p>The Council's Corporate Plan recognises all of the issues which impact on our rural residents and is working to identify new and innovative approaches to addressing these issues.</p> <p>The development of the Council's Corporate Plan, which is closely aligned to the Community Plan for the area, has taken account of the needs of people living in rural areas, within the context of the services which the Council has responsibility for. Beyond that, the plan also recognises the representative role of the Council in terms of lobbying others for improved service delivery to rural communities or changes in policy to more fully</p>

		<p>take account of the needs of rural dwellers.</p> <p>The plan commits to working in partnership with other service providers to improve local public service delivery and to working with the community and voluntary sector to address evidence-based need and to build capacity and volunteering levels within communities.</p>
<p>Development of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Equality and Disability Action Plans for the period 2019-2022.</p>	<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under the themes of: Access to services, Income, Employment and Health.</p> <p>Full details of the social and economic needs identified by the Council along with the issues considered in relation to these needs are documented in Appendix 3.</p> <p>The development of the Equality and Disability Action Plans has taken account of the needs of people living in rural areas, within the context of the services which the Council has responsibility for. Both Plans were revised to take account of the feedback received following a twelve-week consultation process.</p> <p>The plans commit to improve local council service delivery and to working with the community and voluntary sector to address evidence-based need, building capacity and volunteering levels within rural communities through opportunities to participate in Access and Inclusion Groups and work placements.</p>
<p>Development of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Events and Festivals Strategy 2020-2025</p>	<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>The Events and Festivals Strategy and Action Plan is applicable to all events in the District. The outputs and objectives will be applied consistently regardless of whether the organisers are rural or urban based.</p>
<p>Review of the Irish Language Policy for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council</p>	<p>Access to Cultural services & opportunities</p>	<p>The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under the themes of: Access to services, Income, Employment and Health.</p> <p>Full details of the social and economic needs identified by the Council along with the issues considered in relation to these needs are documented in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Provision has been made to ensure that those living in rural areas are given opportunities to access the Irish language and will therefore not be negatively impacted due to living outside of urban areas.</p>

<p>Development of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Performance Improvement Plan 2020-21</p>	<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under the themes of: Access to services, Income, Employment and Health.</p> <p>Full details of the social and economic needs identified by the Council along with the issues considered in relation to these needs are documented in Appendix 3.</p> <p>The development of the Improvement Plan 2020-21 has been influenced by the needs of rural communities in that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has made a commitment to invest in a range of environmental programmes, including waste reduction programmes, alongside working to improve levels of recycling; to increase uptake of Council provided leisure and recreation opportunities and improve provision of health promotion information to support citizens in making healthier choices; to deliver initiatives aimed at reducing disadvantage and supporting all of our citizens to achieve their potential through securing sustainable employment; and to invest in tourism products and experiences in order to attract increased visitor numbers and spend to our district.</p>
<p>Development of a Play Park Provision Plan for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council</p>	<p>Cross-cutting</p>	<p>The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under the themes of: Access to services, Income, Employment and Health.</p> <p>Full details of the social and economic needs identified by the Council along with the issues considered in relation to these needs are documented in Appendix 3.</p> <p>The potential benefits of partnership arrangements with local schools and community facilities are highlighted when considering the development of new play spaces, including the opportunity to ensure effective site supervision and appropriate locations within the heart of the community which act as a focal point for families.</p> <p>The development of a Play Park Provision Plan for the District aims to ensure that people living in rural areas have access to open space and play areas for the adequate development, health and wellbeing of children and young people, regardless of their physical or mental abilities. The Plan recognises that play spaces have the potential to increase the opportunity for children and young people to connect with and be part of the community, especially where play facilities are provided in areas which are</p>

		open and accessible to everyone. The Plan has been the subject of widespread consultation and the Council is keen to work with the Community and Voluntary Sector to address evidence-based need.
Revision of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Smoke Free Policy	Internal	This Policy is applicable to all employees and is equally applied to those who live in urban or rural areas.
Development of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Corporate Sponsorship Policy	Cross-cutting	The Policy is applicable to all applicants and will be implemented consistently regardless of whether the applicant is rural or urban based.
Implementation of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Sustainable Development Action Plan 2019/20.	Cross-cutting	<p>The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under the themes of: Access to services, Income, Employment and Health.</p> <p>Full details of the social and economic needs identified by the Council along with the issues considered in relation to these needs are documented in Appendix 3.</p> <p>The Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area is a predominantly rural district with the exception, of the two main towns of Enniskillen and Omagh. Approximately 70% of the population live in rural areas outside the two main towns. As such all projects or initiatives planned for the District are mindful to ensure that the needs of residents in both urban and rural areas are met.</p>
Revision of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Wellbeing Risk Assessment Policy	Internal	This Policy is applicable to all employees and is equally applied to those who live in urban or rural areas.

NOTES

1. This information should normally be contained in section 1B of the RNIA Template completed in respect of the activity.
2. This information should normally be contained in section 2D of the RNIA Template completed in respect of the activity.
3. The information contained in sections 3D, 4A & 5B of the RNIA Template should be considered when completing this section.