



Fermanagh & Omagh  
District Council  
Comhairle Ceantair  
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

# **Illumination Policy for the Strule Arts Centre and Enniskillen Castle**

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## **Introduction**

- 1.1 A significant number of requests from charity and other community organisations are received each year to have Council buildings illuminated in a specific colour to help promote their occasion and/or to increase awareness of campaigns.

## **Aim**

- 2.1 The aim of the policy is to establish and operate a transparent procedure to mark specific days of significance to various groups within the wider community, by illuminating specific Council buildings in a chosen colour.
- 2.2 The policy will also apply to marking events or campaigns organised by the Council, or in partnership with another organisation.

## **Objectives**

- 3.1 By working in accordance with this Policy, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will:
  - 3.1.1 Facilitate requests from registered charities, formally constituted groups or public bodies (including within Council). The request should mark a significant occasion, specific campaign or international day or campaign.
  - 3.1.2 Promote inclusivity and cultural awareness by recognising days of particular significance to groups within the wider community.
  - 3.1.3 Publish details of those dates which will be marked, in order to further communicate the Council's commitment to supporting the charity.

## **Council Buildings to be Illuminated**

- 4.1 In Omagh, The Strule Arts Centre will be illuminated and in Fermanagh, Enniskillen Castle will be illuminated.

## **5. Criteria for Illumination of Buildings**

- 5.1 Applications must meet the following criteria:

### **Charities and Community Groups**

- 5.1.1 Organisations must be constituted and charities must have a registered charity number, compliant with charities legislation.
- 5.1.2 The charity or community organisation's outcomes/outputs must be in accordance with the Council's agreed values and objectives and must not conflict with Council policies.
- 5.1.3 Requests from other public bodies should adhere to the same criteria.

## **Requests from within Council**

- 5.1.4 When the Council itself intends to illuminate for a specific event, occasion or cause, requests will be assessed in line with the policy objectives
- 5.2 In order to ensure the maximum effectiveness of the external lighting policy, no more than 6 days of external lighting per calendar month will be permitted. Illuminations will be limited to one day per occasion or campaign. Requests cannot be submitted more than six months before the occasion.

## **Resourcing**

- 6.1 Provision for the resourcing of this policy will be made through venue budgets.

## **7. Responsibilities**

- 7.1 Requests for external lighting will be administered within the Community and Wellbeing Directorate and reported to the Regeneration and Community Committee.
- 7.2 All illuminations will be reported to Committee for noting, including those that cannot be facilitated. Any applications received that Officers consider to contain risk to the reputation of the Council, or any deemed to be politically sensitive, will be referred to Committee for decision.

## **8. Monitoring**

- 8.1 The Council will monitor the implementation of the Policy at regular intervals.

## **9. Linkages**

- 9.1 This Policy will link into the Council's policies on Charity Support and Civic Recognition.

## **10. Review**

- 10.1 The Illumination Policy will, under normal circumstances, be formally reviewed every three years.
- 10.2 The Policy will also be subject to routine scrutiny and, from time to time, updates and re-issues will be circulated.
- 10.3 The policy will be reviewed sooner in the event of any one or more of the following:
- A failure or weakness in the policy is highlighted.
  - Changes in legislative requirements.
  - Changes in Government/Council or other directives and requirements.