



Fermanagh & Omagh  
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## Consultation on the Draft Ulster Scots Policy

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This document will be available in a range of formats upon request.

Please contact us with your requirements, through the above  
contact details.

## Introduction

On 1 April 2015, as a result of Local Government Reform, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council was established to replace the former Fermanagh District and Omagh District Councils.

The Council area is home to 116,289 people (as of the June 2019 population estimates). The District Council area is Northern Ireland's largest region in terms of land mass - approximately 3,000km<sup>2</sup>, or 20% of NI - and the smallest in terms of population. As a result, the population density of approximately 39 people per km<sup>2</sup> is the sparsest in NI. This is a feature of the region which also provides specific challenges in relation to service delivery.

## Purpose of this Consultation

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is currently consulting on the Ulster Scots Policy and is seeking feedback on the current draft.

Sections of the draft policy have been included within this online survey to make your response easier.

A copy of the draft policy is available to download from [www.fermanaghomagh.com/consultations](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com/consultations)

The Ulster Scots Policy aims to protect, promote and enhance Ulster Scots culture and heritage, including its language, arts and literature. This Policy is a local response to various regional, national and international initiatives and programmes as well as the statutory obligations for the Council. It aspires to help promote respect, understanding and good relations within the Council and the District.

This Policy will function within the broader context of the Council's Corporate and Community Plans, Good Relations Strategy, Corporate Brand Identity and Linguistic Diversity Policy all of which can be found at [www.fermanaghomagh.com](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com).

## How to Respond

We are happy to receive feedback by:

You can respond to the consultation as set out below:

Completing an **Online Survey** available at [www.fermanaghomagh.com](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com)

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## Consultation Documents

All documents are available in different formats on request.

You can obtain copies of any, or all, of the documents by:

1. **Downloading** them from the Council's website at: [www.fermanaghomagh.com](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com)
2. **Telephoning** the Council on: 0300 303 1777, **Textphone** 028 8225 6216
3. **Emailing** the Council at: [artsandheritage@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:artsandheritage@fermanaghomagh.com)

For more information, please contact the Arts and Heritage Service via telephone (0300 303 1777) or via email ([artsandheritage@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:artsandheritage@fermanaghomagh.com)).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire and for sharing your views with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

\* Please note, there is a Data Protection Statement at the beginning of this questionnaire \*

## **Data Protection**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (the Data Controller) has a legal duty to protect any information it collects about you.

The is fully committed to complying with the Data Protection Act 2018 as well as the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The information you provide, as part of this consultation response, will be used to provide you with an update on the consultation process and outcomes, when the process has been completed.

Any information provided by you will not be disclosed to any other third party, unless law or regulation compels such a disclosure.

To ensure the Council complies with its statutory duty under the Northern Ireland Act 1998, we are asking all respondents to complete the Equality Monitoring section within this questionnaire, as appropriate. This information will be stored securely and confidentially, and will not be included in any consultation report.

Final reports will contain overall statistics and comments and will not include the names of any individuals. There will also be no ability to match the comments, or statistics, to any individual.

The information provided will be retained in line with the Council's Retention and Disposal Schedule. Further information on how the Council processes your personal data available online at [www.fermanaghomagh.com](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com) within the Privacy section.

## **Confidentiality and Access to Information Legislation**

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with access to information legislation: these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, there is a statutory Code of Practice (section 45) with which public authorities must comply and deals with amongst other things, obligations of confidence. In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the Information Commissioner's Office on 028 9026 9380 or email [ni@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ni@ico.gsi.gov.uk) (or see their website at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)).

## Consultee Information

I am responding as:

Individual: ☐

Organisation: ☐

What is your preferred method of communication?

Postal ☐

Email ☐

My details are as follows:

Name:	
Job title (if appropriate):	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

## Ulster Scots Database

An action from the draft Ulster Scots Plan is to develop a database of organisations and individuals that are interested in Ulster Scots culture, heritage and language.

If you would you like to be added to this database informing you of future events, programmes; funding opportunities, meetings and other consultations relating to the Ulster Scots culture, heritage and language, please check this box ☐

**In which District Electoral Area (DEA) do you live? (Or, if you are respnding as an organisation, in which DEA is your organisation based?)**

Enniskillen ☐

Omagh ☐

Erne East ☐

Erne North ☐

Erne West ☐

Mid Tyrone ☐

West Tyrone ☐

Outside of the District ☐

**I am, or my organisation is, predominantly interested in (you may select more than one option):**

- ☐ **Dance (to include Highland and Scottish Country dancing)**
- ☐ **Heritage (including Plantation & Border Reivers history and legacy)**
- ☐ **Language**
- ☐ **Literature (through Ulster Scots language); and**
- ☐ **Music**
- ☐ **Other (please specify)**

**The 'Consultation Response Questionnaire' is contained overleaf**

## Consultation Response Questionnaire to the Council's Draft Ulster Scots Policy

This public consultation, as well as this response questionnaire, will focus on three key areas, namely:

1. Aims of the Ulster Scots Policy.
2. Objectives of the Ulster Scots Policy.
3. Principles of the Ulster Scots Policy.

### Aims

- The Ulster Scots Policy aims to set out guiding principles that will demonstrate Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's commitment to facilitate and encourage the promotion, protection and enhancement of Ulster Scots culture and heritage including its language, arts and literature.
- The Ulster Scots Policy builds on Council's commitment to enhance the cultural heritage of the District.
- The Policy also sets out Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's legislative obligations.

**Do you agree that these are appropriate aims for the Council?**  
(Please tick as appropriate)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No View

Do you have any comments or suggestions relating to the aims? (If so, please specify below):

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**Objectives:**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council through this policy wants to further the following:

- Respect understanding, awareness, visibility and community capacity.
- Embrace Ulster Scots in all its forms including the encouragement understanding and enhancement of its culture and heritage, including language, arts and literature.
- Enhance positive attitudes towards, and a positive profile for, Ulster Scots within the District through promotion of its culture and heritage.
- Afford Elected Members and staff the opportunity to use Ulster Scots whenever appropriate, while respecting other's identities and being mindful of the Council's corporate responsibilities.

**Do you agree that these are appropriate objectives for the Council?**  
**(Please tick as appropriate)**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No View</b>

Do you have any comments or suggestions relating to the objectives? (If so, please specify below)

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## Principles

The following principles are detailed within the Ulster Scots Policy:

### Supporting Ulster Scots

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is committed to the protection and promotion of Ulster Scots. The Council recognises that Ulster Scots represents a cultural asset and there is a need for the Council to support it in order to help protect and strengthen it.

### Visibility and Communicating

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will create and maintain opportunities to communicate with the Ulster Scots community and individuals who define as Ulster Scots.

### Staff and Administration

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will support its staff and elected members to deliver this policy and ensure appropriate administrative processes are in place through.

**Are these appropriate principles for the Council? (Please tick as appropriate)**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No View

Do you have any comments or suggestions relating to the principles? (If so, please specify below):

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**Do you have any further comments or suggestions in relation to the Ulster Scots Policy?**

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**Please note, the Equality Monitoring Questionnaire is contained overleaf.**

## Equality Monitoring

### Information About You

To help ensure that our consultations are reflecting the views of the community, please complete the information below.

Although we will use this statistical information in our analysis of the consultation response rate, it will not be linked to your personal details – nor will it be linked to your consultation response.

**Please complete Section 1 if you are responding as an individual or Section 2 if you are responding on behalf of an organisation**

### Section One (Individual Response)

#### 1. Religious Belief

Do you have a religious belief? Yes ☐ No ☐ (If no, please go to Q2)

If yes are you,

Bahai	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Presbyterian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roman Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Methodist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church of Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 2. Political Opinion

How would you describe your political opinion?

Unionist generally ☐ Nationalist generally ☐ Other ☐

#### 3. Racial Group

To which of these Racial Groups do you consider you belong?

Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	White	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>		

#### 4. Age

0-15 ☐ 16-29 ☐ 30-44 ☐ 45-59 ☐ 60-74 ☐ 75+ ☐

## 5. Marital Status

Co-habiting ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐  
Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Civil Partnership ☐

## 6. Sexual Orientation

How would you describe your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual ☐ Homosexual (Gay or Lesbian) ☐ Bi-sexual ☐

## 7. Gender

Female ☐ Male ☐ Trans-gendered ☐

## 8. Disability

**Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, a disabled person is defined as a person with “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities”.**

Do you consider that you meet this definition of disability? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please state the type of disability,

Visual Impairment ☐ Communication Difficulty ☐  
Learning Difficulty ☐ Hearing Impairment ☐  
Multiple Impairment ☐ Mobility Impairment ☐  
Learning Difficulty ☐

## 9. Dependants

We are asking you to tell us something about your caring responsibilities. By that we mean looking after a child, whether as a parent, guardian or foster parent, or helping an adult carry out their daily routine. This might mean providing assistance to an adult relative or friend who is disabled or has a long-term illness.

I look after children ☐ I help an adult with their daily routine ☐

**Please indicate how often you undertake these responsibilities:**

Daily ☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐

## Section Two (Groups / Organisations Only)

### 1. Persons of Differing Religious Belief: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Roman Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presbyterian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church of Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baha'i	<input type="checkbox"/>
Methodist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 2. Persons of Differing Political Opinion: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Nationalist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unionist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 3. Persons of Different Racial Groups: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed ethnic group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Persons of Different Age: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

0-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	16-29	<input type="checkbox"/>	30-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-59	<input type="checkbox"/>	60-74	<input type="checkbox"/>	75+	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 4. Persons of Different Marital Status: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Single (Never married)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Married	<input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Separated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-habiting	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### 5. Persons of Different Sexual Orientation: Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gay or Lesbian (Homosexual)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bi-sexual	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**7. Persons of Different Gender:** Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Male ☐ Female ☐ Transgendered People ☐

**8. Persons with a Disability:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, a disabled person is defined as a person with “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities”.**

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

Visual Impairment ☐ Communication Difficulty ☐ Learning Difficulty ☐

Hearing Impairment ☐ Multiple Impairment ☐ Mobility Impairment ☐

Other ☐

**9. Persons with Dependants:** Yes ☐ No ☐

This is about caring responsibilities. By that we mean looking after a child, whether as a parent, guardian or foster parent, or helping an adult carry out their daily routine. This might mean providing assistance to an adult relative or friend who is disabled or has a long-term illness.

If Yes, will the focus be on all ☐, or any of the following?

People who look after children ☐ People who help an adult  
with their daily routine ☐