

## 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:**

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

**Reporting Period:**

April 20 22 to March 20 23

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) 2016<sup>1</sup>.</i></p>	<p><i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to<sup>2</sup>.</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 service<sup>3</sup>.</i></p>
<p>Community Planning Capital Grants</p>	<p>Community</p>	<p>Following a review of the Council's Community Facilities Policy it was proposed that a Community Planning Capital Grants programme be developed. These grants will be made available to local Community and Voluntary Organisations for funding to develop new facilities or to provide enhancements to existing facilities that are able to meet evidence based need. This programme is open to all areas of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough.</p> <p>In Summary: Positive impact in relation to rural</p>

		<p>needs with due regard being implemented through rural screening process, consultation with rural stakeholders and through ongoing engagement when delivering the Community Planning Capital Grants.</p>
<p>Corporate Performance and Improvement Plan 2023 -2024</p>	<p>Corporate</p>	<p>The six objectives identified in the Corporate Performance and Improvement Plan are intended to directly or indirectly positively benefit all residents of the Borough, including those living in rural areas. In the context of this Plan, the rural areas of the Borough are defined by existing census data and Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency. The Corporate Performance and Improvement Plan uses evidence compiled as part of the development of the Community Plan. In addition, evidence has been gathered from a range of consultations and surveys carried</p>

		<p>out by Council.</p> <p>In Summary: Positive impact in relation to rural needs with due regard being implemented through rural screening process, consultation with rural stakeholders and through ongoing engagement when delivering the Corporate Performance and Improvement Plan 2023 – 2024.</p>
Entertainment Licensing Policy	Environmental Health	<p>This Policy sets out how Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council (“the Council”) seeks to regulate the provision of live entertainment at venues within the Borough and how the application of legislative provisions will be both proportionate and fair.</p> <p>This Policy will provide in so far as possible, transparent, accountable</p>

		<p>and consistent decision making to develop and therefore maintain public confidence in the Council's performance of its duties.</p> <p>In Summary: Positive impact in relation to rural needs with due regard being implemented through rural screening process, consultation with rural stakeholders and through ongoing engagement when delivering the Entertainment Licensing Policy.</p>
<p>Statement of Community Involvement</p>	<p>Planning</p>	<p>The Statement of Community Involvement sets out the Council's policy/procedures for involving and consulting the community and other interested parties on its planning functions. This includes rural areas also.</p> <p>The requirement to produce a Statement of Community Involvement is contained within the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (the 2011 Act) which introduced a new reformed two-</p>

		<p>tier planning system. The Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 set out how this should be carried out.</p> <p>The Statement of Community Involvement details how the community and other interested parties will be involved in the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The preparation of the Local Development Plan;</li><li>• Development Management;</li><li>• Planning Enforcement;</li><li>• Supplementary Planning Guidance;</li><li>• Conservation Area Designation; and</li><li>• Simplified Planning Zone Designation.</li></ul> <p>In Summary: Positive impact in relation to rural needs with due regard being implemented through rural screening process, consultation with rural stakeholders and through ongoing engagement when delivering planning functions.</p>
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## **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.