



Annex A - 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: June 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.

<i>Description of the activity undertaken by the public authority which is subject to section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016¹.</i>	<i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to².</i>	<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.</i>
Christmas Events Revised Policy	The policy aims to reduce Christmas expenditure to an affordable level so that the Council can deliver a sustainable seasonal programme across the Borough.	Residents in rural areas can attend any of the 4 main events in Antrim, Randalstown, Glengormley and Ballycare. There is no differential impact in relation to equality as all categories are affected equally.

Leisure Strategy	This new strategy aims to increase health and well being of residents.	<p>The urban and rural make-up of the Borough and public transport arrangements present a challenge to the service. This does not necessarily require more facilities to be located in rural areas but does require maximizing the opportunities available within these communities, whatever they may be.</p> <p>It is hoped the Leisure Strategy will increase participation equally at all Leisure Centres throughout the Borough both rural and urban. However the implementation of the 'Everybody Active Grant Programme' aims to increase physical activity in harder to reach areas.</p>
Waste Collection Service – partial outsourcing of waste collection service.	This policy does not distinguish between rural and urban areas. It is a Council wide policy.	The provision of a waste collection service for domestic ratepayers in the Borough.
Equality Action Plan	Good Relations and Disability	<p>Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act) requires public authorities, in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and regard to the desirability of promoting good relations across a range of categories. Public authorities are also required to produce an Equality Scheme which explains how they intend to fulfil these duties. The Equality Scheme Action Plan is the output document of the equality commitments we have made.</p> <p>This policy affects all equally.</p>

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.

