



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.

<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>
4C UR Future Live Event	Event held in Council Facility	This was an event organised for schools in the Borough. No rural needs were identified
Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2025	Cross Cutting – Broadband or Mobile Communications, Transport Services or Infrastructure, Health or Social Care	This is the first Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan developed in response to our ageing population to promote physical and social environments that support healthy and active ageing and a good quality of life for older people in the Borough. The Strategy was influenced by the following rural needs:

		<p>Digital Inclusion - Connect older people and prospective volunteers to training and support to improve digital inclusion for older people</p> <p>Transport Issues - Explore partnership initiatives to expose and support older people to access public and community transport</p> <p>Loneliness and isolation - Support and promote the work of the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Loneliness Network, to encourage people to connect with each other</p> <p>Access to services-</p> <p>Map existing activities and services</p> <p>Work to ensure that individuals know where to go to get advice, and information on social activities and training and learning opportunities</p> <p>Connect our older people to services that will enable them to live independently for longer in their own homes</p> <p>Mental health-</p> <p>Action Plan Scope and collaborate to promote good mental health and wellbeing. There will also be actions to promote the uptake of mental health programmes including for those in rural hard to reach areas.</p>
<p>Armagh Palace Demesne Public Park – TJ McElmeel Cross Country Event</p>	<p>Event held in Council Park</p>	<p>This was an event held at the Armagh Palace Demesne Public Park. No rural needs were identified</p>
<p>Armagh Palace Demesne Public Park- Ulster Cyclocross League 9 Race Event</p>	<p>Event held in Council Park</p>	<p>This was an event held at the Armagh Palace Demesne Public Park. No rural needs were identified.</p>

Armagh Palace Demesne Public Park – Ulster Secondary Schools Association District D Cross Country Race Event	Event held in Council Park	This was an event held at the Armagh Palace Demesne Public Park. No rural needs were identified.
Armed Forces Day Community Event	Council Event	Community Event held in respect of Armed Forces Day. No rural needs were identified
Banbridge Baptist Church – Praise in the Park Event	Event held in Council Park	This was an event held in Solitude Park. No rural needs were identified
Banbridge Town Dressing Project	A project designed to enhance the gateways and approaches to the town centre	This is an innovative project which aims to encourage pride in the Banbridge area, even though it is urban based it will have a positive effect on the surrounding rural hinterland.
Brownstown Park Football Tournament	Event held in Council Park	This was an event held at Brownstown Park. No rural needs were identified
Casual Usage Policy	Internal	No rural needs were identified
Corporate Health and Safety Policy	Internal	No rural needs were identified
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Policy	Internal	No rural needs were identified
Financial Regulations	Internal	No rural needs were identified
Loughgall Country Park – Request from the Royal Black Institution to hold an Event	Event held in Council Park	This was an event held at Loughgall Country Park. No rural needs were identified
Lurgan Baptist Church- Praise in the Park Event	Event held in Council Park	This was an event held at Lurgan Park. No rural needs were identified.
Lurgan Park Funfair	Event held in Council Park	This was an event held at Lurgan Park. No rural needs were identified
Lurgan Park – Request from the County Armagh Kennel Club to host their Annual Dog Championships	Event held in Council Park	This was an event held at Lurgan Park. No rural needs were identified.
Park Events 2023 (15) These rural needs impact assessments are available on request.	Events held in Council Parks	These are events held in Council Parks. No rural needs were identified

International Ultra Event Emmanuel Church, Easter Funday Darkness into Light Walk Portadown Canine Association Bells Fun Fair Huhtamaki Staff Fun day Lurgan Show Craigavon Pipe Championship Craigavon Cup Football Festival B Positive 24 hour charity walk St. Peters Half Marathon NI Hyatt Ltd Football Tournament Country Comes to Town TJ McElmeel Cross Country Event Square Wheels Cyclo Cross Event		
Play Strategy 2018-2026 – Non-Fixed Play	Cross Cutting – Rural Tourism, Deprivation in Rural Areas and Rural Development	Residents in rural areas have the right to enjoy a healthy lifestyle so it is important they have access to non-fixed play programmes. Criteria are used to inform non-fixed play programmes across the Borough. This takes into account the needs of residents in rural areas.
Quality Management Policy	Internal Policy	No rural needs were identified
Small Settlement Business Support Grant Scheme	Cross Cutting – Rural Businesses, Rural Tourism and Rural Development	This is an innovative grant scheme which aims to encourage owners and tenants to invest in their buildings. The grant scheme has two tiers aimed at supporting businesses located within small settlements with a population between 1000 and 4999. It will have a positive impact on the following rural settlements – Tandragee, Keady, Richhill, Rathfriland, Dollingstown, Gilford, Donaghcloney, Markethill, Magheralin, Laurelvale/Mullavilly, Aghagallon and Bleary
Work Experience and Placement Procedure	Internal Policy	No rural needs were identified

Link to Council Policies

[Policies - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council \(armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk\)](http://armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk)

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.