

SECTION 1

Defining the activity subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

1A. Name of Public Authority

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

1B. Please provide a short title which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

Community Event to be held in respect of Armed Forces Day – June 2022

1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to

Developing a	Policy	X	Strategy		Plan	
Adopting a	Policy		Strategy		Plan	
Implementing a	Policy		Strategy		Plan	
Revising a	Policy		Strategy		Plan	
Designing a Public Service						
Delivering a Public Service						

1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above

Community Event to be held in respect of Armed Forces Day – June 2022

1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

In October 2015, following a report to Governance, Policy and Resources Committee, Council agreed that an expression of interest be made to host a future Armed Forces Day within the Borough. Subsequently, at the Council meeting on 29 May 2018, a Notice of Motion was tabled and adopted as follows-

“This Council accepts that Armed Forces Day (AFD) has become a permanent and important date in the calendar for many within our society and across both communities; whilst being sensitive to those who may not wish to celebrate AFD that this Council registers its interest with RFCA NI to bring AFD to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.”

In September 2019, following a meeting of the Economic Development and Regeneration Committee the Council agreed to the request by the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Northern Ireland (RFCA NI) to hold Armed Forces Day in the Borough in June 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the event did not take place. On 9 July 2020, the Economic Development and Regeneration Committee agreed to the request that Armed Forces Day be held in the borough in 2022. Subsequently, in association with RFCA NI, 18 June 2022 was confirmed as the date of the event.

The event, compered by UTV’s Paul Clark took place on 18 June 2022 from 10.30am to 5.15pm and was held in Banbridge Rugby Club. It had a community focus and attracted customers of all ages and the programme included by way of example:

- Drumhead Service
- Military Wife’s Choir
- RAF Falcons Parachute Display
- RLC Silver Stars Parachute Display Team
- RAF Red Arrows Fly Past
- Music and Entertainment – including The Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Ballroom Blitz NI and The Soda Popz
- Military stands and displays
- Food stalls
- Charity stands
- British Forces Broadcasting Service Radio
- Children’s activities
- Rugby 7s competition
- Vintage Aircraft and Vehicles
- Beating of the retreat with the Band of the Royal Irish Regiment

The RFCA NI organised and funded the core of the event, and the Council covered the costs of music, entertainment and family fun elements along with providing the event infrastructure and general marketing.

The RFCA NI suggested that the Council could fly the Armed Forces Day Flag from the Saturday before the event for one week. The former Craigavon Borough Council Flags policy which is still in place permits the Armed Forces Day Flag to be flown at Craigavon Civic Centre on an annual basis on days requested by the Ministry of Defence. This commitment is not in place for Armagh or Banbridge.

The national aim of Armed Forces Day is to boost public support and appreciation of all those who serve and have served in HM Armed Forces. It provides an opportunity for the public to recognise the contribution that the Armed Forces (serving personnel and veterans) make and have made to the nation. It also provides the Armed Forces with an opportunity to showcase the units and personnel based and recruited from here as well as the various cadet organisations who, although individual youth movements and not part of the MoD, are sponsored by the respective single Services.

1F. What definition of 'rural' is the Public Authority using in respect of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition).	
Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below).	
A definition of 'rural' is not applicable.	X

Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used.

Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural'.

Reasons why a definition of 'rural' is not applicable.

The event will be held in Banbridge Rugby club which is situated in the town of Banbridge

SECTION 2

Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas?

Yes		No	X	If the response is NO GO TO Section 2E .
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2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.

2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas *differently* from people in urban areas, please explain how it is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently.

2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to primarily impact on.

Rural Businesses	
Rural Tourism	
Rural Housing	

Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas	
Education or Training in Rural Areas	
Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	
Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas	
Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas	
Poverty in Rural Areas	
Deprivation in Rural Areas	
Rural Crime or Community Safety	
Rural Development	
Agri-Environment	
Other (Please state)	

If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A.

2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT likely to impact on people in rural areas.

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SECTION 3

Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

3A. Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Yes		No	X	If the Response is NO GO TO Section 3E.
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3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources were used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders		Published Statistics	
Consultation with Other Organisations		Research Papers	
Surveys or Questionnaires		Other Publications	
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).			

3C. Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.

3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority?

If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A.

3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

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SECTION 4

Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

N/A

SECTION 5

Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

Yes		No	X	If the response is NO GO TO Section 5C .
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5B. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified.

If the response to Section 5A was YES GO TO Section 6A.

5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has NOT been influenced by the rural needs identified.

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SECTION 6

Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained by the Public Authority and relevant information on the Section 1 activity compiled in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the guidance

I confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained and relevant information compiled.

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