

Rural Needs Impact Assessment

Aquatic Framework

The aim is to produce a 5 year Aquatic Framework and Action Plan which identifies the following priorities:

- Harmonization across all Council facilities
- Swim tuition programmes and tuition activities
- Participant pathways, club links & talent development
- Targeting specific groups (women and girls, people with a disability, areas of high social need etc.) and identify the barriers to their participation
- Workforce development (paid and voluntary)
- Recreational activities
- Club development plan(s) for resident swimming clubs (if desired)
- Development of South Lakes Leisure Centre to include both indoor and outdoor water space and activities
- Development of the Armagh Leisure Project
- Viability and sustainability of the strategy



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.

Council appointed a consultant to develop a new five year Aquatic Framework for the Borough for 2019-2024, which will focus on working together with key stakeholders to develop the whole area of aquatics.

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

Developing a	Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adopting a	Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementing a	Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Revising a	Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designing a Public Service		<input type="checkbox"/>				
Delivering a Public Service		<input type="checkbox"/>				

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

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



1F. Which 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

Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used

Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural' used



SECTION 2 – Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

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

YES NO If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **2E**

2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is intended to impact on people in rural areas

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



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

Rural Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education or Training in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deprivation in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Crime or Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 intended to impact on people in rural areas

This proposed policy is intended to benefit all members of the public that use and do not use the Council's aquatic facilities.

This framework will therefore not impact differently on people in rural areas.



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 If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **3E**

3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources we used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	Published Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation with Other Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surveys or Questionnaires	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 14 below)			<input type="checkbox"/>

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??

Consultation has taken place with the following, which includes but is not exclusive to those from rural areas:

- Council Members
- Council staff involved in current operational management
- Resident aquatic clubs and other voluntary sports clubs using local water facilities
- Disability groups including Disability Sport NI and Special Olympics Ulster
- Swim Ulster
- Swim Ireland
- SNI
- Public consultation including potential users/non-users
- Education Authority/Schools

Those who live in Rural Areas are not affected differently by implementation of this Framework.



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 identified by the Public Authority.



SECTION 5 – Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

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

YES NO If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **5C**

5B. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revision 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 **5A** was **YES** GO TO Section **6A**

5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revision 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

The results of the public consultation have been factored into the development of the Framework but these are not exclusive to rural needs and are therefore not deemed relevant.

SECTION 6 – Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the Rural Needs Impact Assessment will be recorded on the Public Authority's Annual Monitoring Return and the RNIA Template retained by the Public Authority

I confirm that details of the Rural Needs Impact Assessment will be recorded and the RNIA Template retained

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