

Appendix I - Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) Template

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.

Collection of Waste in the Borough

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

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

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.

Collection of Waste in the Borough

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

A full business case, economic and options appraisal was undertaken for the collection of wastes in the Borough. This work was commissioned as a result of current contracts coming to an end and the desire to harmonise the 3 former Councils waste management practices.

All Local Authorities in Northern Ireland have a statutory duty under the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 to arrange for the collection of household, commercial and industrial waste.

Current and future waste management activities are influenced by the legislative and policy framework in Northern Ireland. This includes EU waste policy which aims to reduce the environmental and health impacts of waste and improve resource efficiency. The majority of waste policy and guidance is based on EU Directives which are then translated into National legislation and policy within certain timescales.

At present, the Council operates three predominant systems for the collection of recyclable materials. The separate waste collection methodologies have arisen from the 3 former Councils.

They include the following;

- Armagh area- A 2 box collection system for dry recyclates and a separate food waste collection. This is a weekly collection.
- Banbridge area – A 240 litre bin collecting co-mingled dry recyclates, with glass pod/insert is provided for collecting glass separately. A 240 litre bin for collecting garden waste and food co-mingled in the same bin. Both bins are collected on a fortnightly basis on one split body vehicle.
- Craigavon area- A 240 litre bin collecting co-mingled dry recyclates. Glass is collected in bottle banks at bring sites. A 240 litre bin for collecting garden waste and food co-mingled in the same bin. Both bins are emptied fortnightly in all areas.
- Residual bins

Following the assessment of a long list of options, seven were taken forward for detailed assessment. Four of these options will be included in the public consultation.

Option 1 3 stack box system on trolley kerbside sort system and co-mingled collection of food waste and green waste in a bin.

Option 2 Co-mingled bin for dry recyclables collection with glass collected by bottle banks at bring sites. Food and garden waste collected co-mingled in a bin.

Option 3 Co-mingled bin for dry recyclables collection with glass collected by separate pod. Food and garden waste collected co-mingled in a bin.

Option 4 A fully co-mingled bin for dry recyclable collection with glass included in the bin.

The Council wants to increase the amount of waste recycled and composted throughout the Borough as well as providing an effective, efficient and harmonised service to all households.

The European Union published the Circular Economy Package into its Official Journal on 14 June 2018. Therefore as the package is now binding member states are subjected to renewed recycling targets, as laid out below:

- 55% of municipal waste by 2025
- 60% of municipal waste by 2030; and
- 65% of municipal waste by 2035

These targets came into force in 2018, to be transposed into national and local legislation within 24 months. The UK Government has signalled that the Circular Economy measures will be adopted within UK legislation at a later date, even if the UK leaves the EU.

The objectives of the Options appraisal were:

- To increase recycling rates and participation, compliance and harmonisation of the collection system;
- The opportunity to reform recyclable collections across the Borough for a long term waste management solution that will serve the needs of the Council.
- Allow a common recycling message across the Borough and therefore increase recycling levels;
- Enable the Council to control and manage costs as increased recycling levels will divert waste from disposal at higher costs.

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.

Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used.

N/A

Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural'.

N/A

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

This service will be provided to the whole Borough but it will not have any negative impact on those in rural areas.

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

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	<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"/>
Agri-Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state)	<input type="text"/>

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

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	<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 3C 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.

Empty response box for question 3C.

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

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

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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