ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Appendix 1 Equality Screening Form

Policy Scoping

Policy Title: Northern Ireland Centenary Stones

Brief Description of Policy (please attach copy if available). Please state if it is a new, existing or amended policy.

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Intended aims/outcomes. What is the policy trying to achieve?

The Scheme will provide for the installation of a further 12 centenary stones at a range of locations across the Borough to commemorate Northern Ireland's centenary.

The centenary stones are part of the 2021 NI Centenary Programme which was delivered by Council in 2021 and included talks, exhibitions and events to commemorate 100 years of Northern Ireland.

Policy Framework

Has the policy been developed in response to statutory requirements, legal advice or on the basis of any other professional advice? Does this affect the discretion available to The Council to amend the policy?

This policy has been developed by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in relation to the opportunity to commemorate the first 100 years of Northern Ireland's existence. This forms part of Council's overall approach to marking the centenary as expressed in an April 2019 Notice of Motion which stated:

"That this Council recognises Northern Ireland's centenary in 2021 and start a process to work toward a programme of events to celebrate this milestone, a budget is agreed through committee and that a working group is established at the earliest opportunity to oversee and develop the programme.

Any celebration of Northern Ireland's 100th birthday should reflect on its great strengths and on what makes Northern Ireland a great place to live, work, visit and invest in"

The Council has considered the duty to promote equality and good relations in determining where the stones are to be located.

Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the policy? If so, please outline.

As explained in the CRC/HLF document 'Decade of Anniversaries Tool kit: Understanding Our Past, Shaping Our Future' Commemorations can be a mixed bag. On the one hand they can be an enjoyable experience that opens up historical events in a way that makes a personal impact but on the other hand they can be difficult and divisive. The Commemoration of Northern Ireland is more likely to be welcomed by the Protestant/Unionist Community but is less likely to be celebrated by the Catholic/Nationalist Community. However, one of the objectives of the member working group was to develop an accessible and inclusive programme that would reflect the principles of the CRC/HLF document 'Decade of Anniversaries Tool kit: Understanding Our Past, Shaping our Future'.

Who initiated or wrote the policy (if The Council decision, please state). Who is responsible for implementing the policy?

Who initiated or wrote the policy?	The policy was initiated by Armagh City,	
	Banbridge and Craigavon Borough	
	Council's Tourism, Arts and Culture	
	Department	
Who is responsible for implementation?	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	
	Borough Council and a team of professional	
	advisors	

Are there any factors which might contribute to or detract from the implementation of the policy (e.g. financial, legislative, other)?

Legislation – All relevant statutory requirements will be complied with.

Main stakeholders in relation to the policy

Please list main stakeholders affected by the policy (e.g. staff, customers, other statutory bodies, community or voluntary sector, private sector)

The main stakeholders affected by the policy will be the citizens of the Borough and any visitors to the area.

Are there any other policies with a bearing on this policy? If so, please identify them and how they impact on this policy.

Local

Good Relations Strategy

Equality Scheme

Arts, Culture & Heritage: A Framework for the Future 2021-2031

Regional

The Together: Building a United Community Strategy T:BUC

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland Guidance on Good Relations in Local Councils

2015

Available Evidence

The Council should ensure that its screening decisions are informed by relevant data. What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories. For up to date S75 Borough Statistics

Section 75 category	Evidence
Religious belief	Centenary Stones Survey - Consultation Hub-8 January 2024-1
Political opinion	March 2024

<u>Do you support the principle of a Centenary Stone being placed in the settlement chosen?</u>

A total of 1043 responses were received

Settlement	%Yes	%No	%Don't know	Total
Dollingstown	95.45	4.55	0	100
Loughgall	95.24	4.76	0	100
Waringstown	95.12	2.44	2.44	100
Tandragee	95.08	3.28	1.64	100
Richhill	93.08	5.56	0.62	100
Rathfriland	92.82	7.18	0	100
Donaghcloney	92.54	7.46	0	100
Dromore	84.44	11.11	4.45	100
Portadown	79.17	18.28	2.6	100
Magheralin	66.67	26.66	6.67	100
Gilford	61.9	33.33	4.77	100
Lurgan	51.68	47.65	0.67	100

Community Background for each settlement

Settlement	% Catholic	% Protestant	% Other	% No Religion
				Not stated
Dollingstown	7.1	69.0	2.1	21.8
Loughgall	38.8	50.8	0.5	9.8
Waringstown	6.6	71.1	0.6	21.6
Tandragee	9.1	70.0	0.7	20.2
Richhill	8.3	75.4	0.8	18.6
Rathfriland	39.8	46.3	1.0	12.8
Donaghcloney	/ 5.9	68.1	0.4	25.6
Dromore	13.7	58.3	8.0	27.1
Portadown	48.6	31.6	1.5	18.3
Magheralin	26.6	49.8	0.6	22.9
Gilford	45.6	35.7	1.2	13.5
Lurgan	48.6	31.6	1.5	18.3
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NB For census purposes, Portadown is not treated as a separate entity by the <u>Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency</u> (NISRA). Instead, it is combined with Craigavon, Lurgan and Bleary to form the "Craigavon Urban Area".

The results of the survey have shown that a significant majority of respondents support the principle of a Centenary Stone being placed in 9 of the proposed settlements. The three remaining settlements of Lurgan, Gilford and Magheralin range from 51.68 to 66.67% in support of the stones in these settlements. However, it is important to note that even where a significant majority of respondents are in support of the stones, strong comments have been received from the respondents who disagree with the placement of the stones. This was particularly the case in the settlements of Portadown and Lurgan. According to the 2021 census 48.6 % of residents are Catholic, the highest proportion of all the settlements surveyed.

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	Additional Positive Comments included a significant milestone that should be commemorated. Many were happy to see the placement of centenary stones in towns that they either live or work in or regularly visit. Additional negative comments included that it was not a good use of public money and they had the potential to be divisive.
	In relation to the location of the stones it was suggested that they are placed in an area that is acceptable to the majority of people. Another comment suggested that they may be at risk of vandalism. Others made specific suggestions about where in the town they should be located.
Racial group	N/A
Age	N/A
Marital status	N/A
Sexual orientation	N/A
Men and women generally	N/A
Disability	N/A
Dependants	N/A

Needs, experiences and priorities

Taking into account the information gathered above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the following categories in relation to this particular policy/decision?

Section 75 category	Needs, experiences and priorities
Religious belief	Although not all Protestants are necessarily Unionist and not all Catholics are Nationalist, those from a Protestant/ Unionist background are more likely to engage in the commemoration of Northern Ireland. However, one of the objectives of the member working group was to develop an accessible and inclusive programme that will reflect the principles of the CRC/HLF document 'Decade of Anniversaries Tool kit: Understanding Our Past, Shaping our Future'.
	This was achieved in the wider programme of centenary events as it had many activities and events which helped participants reflect and deepen their understanding of the period. As outlined in the document Decade of Anniversaries Toolkit "being sensitive to this relationship between culture, society and commemoration creates space for thinking about the ways we can commemorate in a positive way. Marking the importance of certain events, movements, or people allows us to remember those who have gone before, as well as giving us the opportunity to imagine ways to consider the past and shape society for a better future."

	promote equality and good relations as not everyone welcomes the placement of these stones.
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	The Council is mindful of the need to sensitively consider the location of the centenary stones and the duty to promote equality and good relations as not everyone welcomes the placement of these stones.
Racial group	There is no evidence of any different needs, experiences or priorities for this specific section 75 group.
Age	There is no evidence of any different needs, experiences or priorities for this specific section 75 group.
Marital status	There is no evidence of any different needs, experiences or priorities for this specific section 75 group.
Sexual orientation	There is no evidence of any different needs, experiences or priorities for this specific section 75 group.
Men and women generally	There is no evidence of any different needs, experiences or priorities for this specific section 75 group.
Disability	There is no evidence of any different needs, experiences or priorities for this specific section 75 group.
Dependants	There is no evidence of any different needs, experiences or priorities for this specific section 75 group.

Screening Questions

1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy for each of the Section 75 categories?

Category	Policy Impact	Level of impact
Religious belief	As stated earlier the Protestant/Unionist Community is more likely to engage in the commemoration of Northern Ireland.	(Major/minor/none) Minor
	However, the Council is mindful of the need to sensitively consider the location of the centenary stones and the duty to promote equality and good relations as not everyone welcomes the placement of these stones.	
Political opinion	As stated earlier the Protestant/Unionist Community is more likely to engage in the commemoration of Northern Ireland	Minor
	However, the Council is mindful of the need to sensitively consider the location of the centenary stones and the duty to promote equality and good relations as not everyone welcomes the placement of these stones.	
Racial group	It is not felt that the policy will have an adverse impact on people from different racial/ ethnic groups.	None
Age	It is not felt that the policy will have an adverse impact on any age groups.	None
Marital status	It is not felt that the policy will have an adverse impact on people of different marital status	None
Sexual orientation	It is not felt that the policy will have an adverse impact on people of different sexual orientation	None

Men and women generally	It is not felt that the policy will	None
	have an adverse impact on	
	people of different gender	
Disability	It is not felt that the policy will	None
	have an adverse impact on	
	people with disabilities	
Dependants	It is not felt that the policy will	None
	have an adverse impact on	
	people with dependents	

2. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 categories?

Category	If yes, provide details	If no, provide reasons
Religious belief		No. Although those from a
Political opinion		Protestant, Unionist
Racial group		background are more likely
Age		to engage in the
Marital status		commemoration of Northern
Sexual orientation		Ireland, the Council is
Men and women generally		mindful of the need to
Disability		sensitively consider the
Dependants		location of the centenary
		stones and the duty to
		promote equality and good
		relations as not everyone
		welcomes the placement of
		these stones.

3. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion, or racial group?

Category	Details of Policy Impact	Level of impact (major/minor/none)
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Racial group	No impact	None

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Category	If yes, provide details	If no, provide reasons
Religious belief	II yes, ριονίαε details	No. Although those from a Protestant, Unionist background are more likely to engage in the commemoration of Northern Ireland, the Council is mindful of the need to sensitively consider the location of the centenary stones and the duty to promote equality and good relations as not everyone welcomes the placement of these stones.
Political opinion		No. Although those from a Protestant, Unionist background are more likely to engage in the commemoration of Northern Ireland, the Council is mindful of the need to sensitively consider the location of the centenary stones and the duty to promote equality and good relations as not everyone welcomes the placement of these stones.
Racial group		None

Multiple Identity

Generally speaking, people fall into more than one Section 75 category (for example: disabled minority ethnic people; disabled women; young Protestant men; young lesbian, gay and bisexual people). Provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant s75 categories concerned.

N/A

Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006

Is there an opport	tunity for t	the policy i	to promote	positive attitudes	towards (disabled	people?
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N1/A			
N/A			

life?
N/A
Screening Decision
A: NO IMPACT IDENTIFIED ON ANY CATEGORY – EQIA UNNECESSARY Please identify reasons for this below

B: MINOR IMPACT IDENTIFIED - EQIA NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY AS IMPACT CAN BE ELIMINATED OR MITIGATED

Where the impact is likely to be minor, you should consider if the policy can be mitigated, or an alternative policy introduced. If so, an EQIA may not be considered necessary. You must indicate the reasons for this decision below, together with details of measures to mitigate the adverse impact or the alternative policy proposed.

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C: MAJOR IMPACT IDENTIFIED - EQIA REQUIRED

If the decision reasons.	is to conduc	ct an equality	impact a	assessment,	please	provide	details	of the

Timetabling and Prioritising

If the policy has been screened in for equality impact assessment, please answer the following questions to determine its priority for timetabling the equality impact assessment.

On a scale of 1-3 with 1 being the lowest priority and 3 being the highest, assess the policy in terms of its priority for equality impact assessment.

Policy Criterion Rating (1-3)

Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations Social need

Effect on people's daily lives

The total rating score should be used to prioritise the policy in rank order with other policies screened in for equality impact assessment. This list of priorities will assist the Council in timetabling its EQIAs.

Is the policy affected by tim	etables established	by other relevant	t public authorities?	If yes,
please give details.				

Monitoring

Effective monitoring will help the authority identify any future adverse impact arising from the policy. It is recommended that where a policy has been amended or an alternative policy introduced to mitigate adverse impact, monitoring be undertaken on a broader basis to identify any impact (positive or adverse).

Further information on monitoring is available in the Equality Commission's guidance on monitoring (<u>www.equalityni.org</u>).

Identify how the impact of the policy is to be monitored

The response to the implementation of this programme will be monitored, Furthermore, there will be a commitment to continue to monitor through each stage of implementation, and to keep a register of any complaints that may attach to section 75 considerations. Where issues attaching to section 75 grounds are identified then they will be remedied accordingly.

Approval and Authorisation

A copy of the screening form for each policy screened should be signed off by the senior manager responsible for that policy. The screening recommendation should be reported to the relevant Committee/The Council when the policy is submitted for approval.

Screened by	Position/Job title	Date
Shane Kelland	Regeneration Manager -	08/04/2024
	Funding & Engagement	!
Approved by	Position/Job Title	Date
	Head of Department -	08/04/2024
Brian Johnston	Tourism, Arts & Culture	

A copy of the completed screening form should be signed off and approved by the senior manager responsible for that policy. The completed screening form should be attached to the relevant Committee paper when the policy is submitted for approval.

Following approval by Council please forward a copy of the completed approved policy and screening form to:

Equality@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

The policy and completed screening form will be made available on the Council's website.

Appendix 2 Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA)

SECTION 1					
Defining the activity subject to S	Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016				
1A. Name of Public Authority: Ar	magh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough The Council				
	which describes the activity being undertaken abject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs				
Northern Ireland Centenary S	tones				
1C Please indicate which categ	ory the activity specified in Section 1B above relates				
to:					
Developing a	Policy				
Adopting a	Choose an item.				
Implementing a	Choose an item.				
Revising a	Choose an item.				
Designing a Public Service					
Delivering a Public Service					
1D. Please provide the official ti	tle (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service				
document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above					
Northern Ireland Centenary Stones					

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

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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	\boxtimes

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Rationale	for using alte	rnative defir	nition of 'ru	ural'.		
Reasons	why a definiti	on of 'rural' i	s not app	licable.		
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policy.						
SECTIO						
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Rural Tou Rural Hou	_					
	nsing mployment i	n Rural Are	as			
	n or Training					
	d or Mobile			Rural Areas		
Transport	Services or	Infrastructu	re in Rur	al Areas		

Poverty in Deprivation Rural Crin Rural Dev Agri-Envir	n Rural Area on in Rural <i>A</i> me or Comm velopment			Areas		
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	e explain v n people in r	•	cy, Str	ategy, Plar	or Public Se	ervice is NOT likely to
The N.I	Centenary S	stones comm	emora	te 100 year	s of Northern	Ireland. The policy will
not have	an impact of	on people livi	ng in r	ural areas.		
SECTION Identifyi		al and Econo	mic N	eeds of Pe	sons in Rura	l Areas
						nd economic needs of n or Public Service?
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		al Stakehold				
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rural pol	licy.			
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SECTION Influence	<u>N 5</u> ing the Policy	, Strategy, Pl	an or Pub	olic Service
	or the desig			ementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy Public Service, been influenced by the rural
Yes		No	\boxtimes	If response is No go to 5C
Policy, S		Plan, or the	design	t, adoption, implementation or revising of the or delivery of the Public Service, has been

If the response to Section 5A was YES go to 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.

The N.I Centenary Stones commemorate 100 y	ears of Northern Ireland. It is not a rural
policy.	
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.
Rural Needs Impact Assessment undertaken by	: Shane Kelland
Position:	Regeneration Manager – Funding
and Engagement	
Department / Directorate:	Tourism, Arts & Culture
Signature:	Shane Kelland
Date:	08/04/2024
Rural Needs Impact Assessment approved by:	Brian Johnston
Position:	Head of Department

Brian Johnston Signature:

08/04/2024 Date:

Department / Directorate:

Tourism, Arts & Culture