



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.

<p><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></p> <p>https://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/council/policies/</p>	<p><i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to².</i></p>	<p><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></p>
Civic Reception Policy	Internal	No rural needs were identified
Collection of Waste in the Borough	Other, Collection of Waste in the Borough	No rural needs were identified. This service will be provided to the whole Borough but it will not have any negative impact on those in rural areas.
Mid South West Regional Economic Strategy	Cross Cutting, Rural Businesses/ Tourism/Employment/Infrastructure	The aims, objectives, interventions and operational subject policies of the MSW Regional Economic Strategy will encourage sustaining rural communities and 'supercharging' the growth of the collective economy to ensure inclusive

prosperity for all.

In terms of interventions, policy changes and economic development opportunities the strategy sets out opportunity for all businesses, and in particular SME sector to grow and be more productive. The strategy also seeks to protect and consolidate major areas of existing rural industry by enhancing their capabilities in crucial enabling technologies such as data analytics, robotics, automation, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, advanced materials and production techniques, and exploiting the growth opportunities these technologies provide.

The strategy highlights the major utility infrastructure deficits in relation to the prevailing wastewater network capacity and state electricity supply across the region. The deficit in relation to wastewater network capacity is a major constraint on housing development in rural settlements and on the development of serviced industrial land, to enable businesses expand. In addition it highlights the need for research on a policy agenda change in respect of the regeneration of our rural areas.

Actions that we take through the implementation of the RES to improve our infrastructure, enhance innovation and digital activity, building our tourism economy and 'future proofing' the skills base will have an immediate impact on our productivity and potential growth, making our rural areas more attractive

		to higher skilled individuals and for business investment.
The Operation, Management and Control of Exclusive Right to Burial Sales in Council's Municipal Cemeteries	Internal Policy	No rural needs were identified
Performance Improvement Plan 2020-2021	Internal Policy	The Performance Improvement Plan has been developed to support continuous improvement in the delivery of our services across the Borough. This policy is available on the consultation hub as the final plan was not approved due to the Coronavirus pandemic
The Rainbow Flag will be flown at Banbridge Civic Building, Craigavon Civic Centre and Palace Demesne on Belfast Pride Day 2019 (3 rd August 2019) and annually thereafter. On Belfast Pride Day 2019 the Council Civic Buildings will be lit up in the colours of the Pride Rainbow and annually thereafter.	Internal Policy	No rural needs were identified
Review of Toilet Services	Other, Review of Toilet Services	No rural needs identified. The British Toilet Association Standards and Guidance states that at least one block facility (1 male, 1 female & 1 Disabled) should be provided in every settlement with a population of over 5,000.
Financial Assistance Policy	The borough has significant areas classified as rural and so the policy seeks to support community and voluntary sector organisations to address some of the particular issues experienced by rural communities, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural isolation • Lack of access to services • Social exclusion 	The rural needs identified have underpinned the need to continue to ensure that access to financial assistance for groups serving rural areas and meeting rural needs is not adversely affected by any revisions. As a result, while the Rural Linkages Grant is no longer available, groups who would or could have applied to it

		<p>can still apply for the same projects and costs through the Community Development Grant programme.</p> <p>Specific grant programme objectives which may have particular relevance for groups operating in rural areas or seeking to meet rural needs have been retained, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased social inclusion (tackling marginalization) • Reduced social isolation • Better services for those in need • Improved community cohesion • Improve facilities, access or services <p>In respect of eligibility to apply for annual core running costs, rural development associations are specifically named as an eligible group. Similarly, projects that are eligible for funding for capital funding specifically include “capital expenditure to facilitate the provision of mobile services in rural areas”.</p>
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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.