

Rural Needs Impact Assessment Template (RNIA)

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

1A. Name of Public Authority

Belfast City Council

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

Development of a 10 year Cultural Strategy for Belfast

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

Developing a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>		

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

Cultural Strategy 2020-2030: A City Imagining

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

The purpose of the cultural strategy is to present a series of priorities to contribute significantly to the Belfast Agenda and the vision to be a culturally vibrant city. The Cultural Strategy presents a 10 year cultural statement for Belfast and sets out 4 strategic themes and 16 priorities to guide future creative and cultural capacity and place-making in the city. This will provide the framework to develop a new 'fit for purpose' investment model and implementation programmes.

The strategy, *A City Imagining*, opens with a cultural statement for the city shaped by a public engagement programme that commenced in 2017. This is taken forward through four strategic themes with each theme having a particular area of focus as follows:

Theme 1: A City Belonging – focuses on supporting active citizenship and participation in cultural life.

Theme 2: A City Challenging – focuses on diversity through use of public and cultural spaces.

Theme 3: A City Creating – focuses on supporting innovation and creativity across the cultural sectors.

Theme 4: A City Exploring – focuses on Belfast's relationship to the rest of the world including support for cultural tourism

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"/>
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="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 likely to impact on people in rural areas.

The draft strategy for consultation is an overarching strategy, setting out how we will deliver on the Belfast Agenda's vision for Belfast to be a culturally vibrant city. As a high-level, city-wide strategy it sets out the broad direction and strategic priorities that will shape the development of more detailed implementation and investment programmes. It recognises the importance of cultural diversity and inclusion as core elements and therefore, does not differentiate impacts on any specific community. It is therefore considered that the draft strategy will not have any major impact on communities directly. The detailed implementation and investment programmes that will be developed to deliver on the strategy will be screened for Equality and Good Relations and Rural Needs and this process would be more likely to identify any particular impact 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 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.

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?

The draft strategy will be subject to public consultation following Council approval. As part of the public consultation, events will be organised and will take place in various locations across the city, in order to enable people in rural areas participate in the consultation. This will enable any issues that are relevant to

people in rural areas to be identified and this will inform the development of implementation and investment programmes that will deliver on the strategy. The research carried out by Thrive (2018) in the development of the draft Cultural Strategy did not identify any specific issues for people in rural areas in terms of accessing or participating in cultural activities. The development of detailed implementation and investment programmes to deliver on the Cultural Strategy will be subject to equality and rural needs assessment to ensure that relevant issues are considered.

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.

The draft strategy will go out to consultation once the draft is agreed by Council. As part of the public consultation, events will be organised and will take place in various locations across the city, in order to enable people in rural areas participate in the consultation. This will enable any issues that are relevant to people in rural areas to be identified and this will inform the development of implementation and investment programmes that will deliver on the strategy.

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**.

5A. 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?

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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.

The draft strategy is a high level, city-wide strategy, which has been developed with an overall city-wide focus and recognises the diversity and inclusion of all communities. The draft strategy will go out to consultation once the draft is agreed by Council. As part of the public consultation, a number of events will be organised and will take place in various locations across the city in order to enable people in rural areas participate in the consultation. This will enable any issues that are relevant to people in rural areas to be identified and this will inform the development of implementation and investment programmes that will deliver on the strategy.

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.

