

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: Belfast City Council

Reporting Period: April 20 23 to March 20 24

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.

Description of the activity undertaken by the public authority which is subject to section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 ¹ .	The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to ² .	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 service ³ .
Delivery of Asylum Seeker free of charge concession for leisure centre membership	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Development of the Black Mountain/ Upper Whiterock Greenway: Economic	Rural Development / Agri Environment	Rural landowners have raised issues with people accessing their land informally and parking or walking close to their

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Appraisal		homes to access Divis Mountain.
		The council will take care in developing the project that any impact on landownership is fully explored with owners and gains their approval.
Implementation of works to Cherryvale Playing Fields –Pitch 1	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Development of the Disability Action Plan 2022-25	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Delivery of the Northern Ireland Enterprise Support Service	Jobs or Employment	Issues considered in relation to the socio-economic needs of people in rural areas include promotion, access to support services/training etc, adjustments to delivery to facilitate attendance for young people, older people, women, etc who may live in rural areas and experience travel challenges, childcare challenges, etc.
		Providing support via a variety of means – online, in person, hybrid, different locations, timing etc, have been considered. Consideration of the specific issues that may affect individuals and businesses in rural areas allow adjustments to be made to the modes of delivery to ensure equal access and participation.
Revision of the Safeguarding All Ages Policy	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Delivery of the Summer Community	N/A	No rural needs were identified.

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Diversionary Festivals Programme		
Adoption of The Employee Active Travel Plan 2023-26	Internal	No rural needs were identified.
Adoption of a Change to Security Rotas	Internal	No rural needs were identified.
Revision of the Health & Well Being Strategy 2023-26	Internal	No rural needs were identified.
Revision of the Interim Staff Car Parking Arrangements	Internal	No rural needs were identified.
Development of the Belfast City Council People Strategy	Internal	No rural needs were identified.
Development of the Belfast Business Promise – An Inclusive Growth Charter	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Development of the Belfast City Council Belfast Tree Strategy 2023 -2033	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Delivery of the Marrowbone Park redevelopment (Urban Villages funded project)	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Implementation of the installation of gating at Crescent Park	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Development of Music Matters – A Roadmap of Belfast	N/A	No rural needs were identified.

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Development of the Local Community Peace Action Plan	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Development of the Participatory Budgeting and Active Belfast Pilot	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Implementation of the Vacant to Vibrant Pilot Grant Programme	N/A	No rural needs were identified.
Delivery of the Hardship Programme	N/A	No rural needs were identified.

NOTES

- 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.