



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>CONSULTATION RESPONSE – NORTHERN IRELAND MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION MEASURE 2009</b>
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### Relevant Background Information

#### Purpose

To bring to the attention of Members details of a consultation by NISRA – Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2009.

#### Background

NISRA have commenced work on updating the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005 (also known as the 'Noble' measures). A consultation document proposing the way in which the measures will be updated was published on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The consultation process will end on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The consultation documents are available at

[http://www.nisra.gov.uk/deprivation/update\\_of\\_nimdm\\_2005.htm](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/deprivation/update_of_nimdm_2005.htm)

The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM) 2005 is the current measure of the spatial distribution of deprivation in Northern Ireland. Government and others use spatial deprivation measures to target resources on the most deprived areas in Northern Ireland and to monitor the spatial impact of policy interventions.

The 2005 measures of deprivation provide information on seven types or 'domains' of deprivation (Income; Employment; Health Deprivation and Disability; Education, Skills and Training; Proximity to services; Crime and Disorder and Living Environment) and an overall measure of multiple deprivation comprising a weighted combination of the seven domains.

**Key Issues**

NISRA is recommending that the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005, based mostly on data relating to 2003, is now updated. A fuller methodological review of the measures will follow after publication of the small area results from the 2011 census.

The scope of the update is broadly limited to temporal updating of the indicators and domains used in the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005 research, i.e. using the most recently available data. The intention is to revise statistical indicators only where explicitly recommended in the 2005 report, where indicators are no longer available or where administrative data have been significantly enhanced.

There are a number of changes recommended to each domain which are outlined in full at Appendix 1

The Council's proposed response to the update of Multiple Deprivation Measures for 2009 is attached at Appendix 2. The central premise being that areas of deprivation must be effectively and efficiently identified across Northern Ireland.

It is important to note that this is not a full review of the Measure. A fuller methodological review of the measures will be needed post RPA and the 2011 Census.

**Resource Implications**

N/A

**Recommendations**

The Strategic Policy & Resources Committee is asked to note the content of the report and to approve the response to the consultation document and its submission to NISRA. Members are asked to outline any additional comments that they would wish to make in the response.

**Key to Abbreviations**

NISRA – Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency  
NIMDM – Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure

**Documents Attached**

APPENDIX 1: Changes to Domains as outlined in the consultation document  
APPENDIX 2: Draft copy of response to NISRA