

## Screening Form - Equality

1. Is this a Strategy

2. Name of Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 - 2032

3. Reference 282

4. Category of Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service Revised

### 5. Please provide a description of the Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service

The Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (NI) places a statutory duty on all public bodies to “further the conservation of biodiversity in exercising any function.” The production of this Local Biodiversity Action Plan will assist in demonstrating Council’s compliance with the statutory duty. Under the WANE Act, the Council is responsible for considering five key aspects of biodiversity. These are:

- Protection of Biodiversity
- Maintenance of Biodiversity
- Enhancing Biodiversity
- Restoring Biodiversity
- Promoting Biodiversity

The development of this Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) for ANDBC, is an important step in recognising the importance of our local biodiversity. It aims to ensure that international, national, regional and local biodiversity objectives are achieved through a range of partnerships.

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

Ards and North Down Borough Council Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) has been created to initiate a series of actions designed to conserve and enhance habitats and species that are of international, national, and regional importance, but also crucially habitats and species that are of local significance within the Council area. Many of these habitats and species are important to local communities. The objectives of the LBAP are:

Objective 1: Help and conserve habitats and species

Objective 2: Raise awareness of the ecosystem services provided by key species in Ards and North Down Borough Council area.

Objective 3: Involve people in biodiversity projects and develop partnerships

Actions fall into one of four themes:

Theme 1: Education and Awareness

Theme 2: Research and Monitoring  
Theme 3: Land Management  
Theme 4: Building Partnerships

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**8. Who is responsible for the implementation of the Policy/Strategy/Plan/Public Service?**

Stephen Daye, Head of Parks & Cemeteries

**9. Is this policy affected by No timetables established by other relevant Public Authorities?**

# **Equality**

**1. Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy?** No

**2. Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?** No

**3. Who are the internal/external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy will impact upon?**

Staff, Service Users, Other Public Sector organisations, Voluntary/Community/Trade Unions, Potential Visitors

**4. Is this policy associated with any other Council Policy (or Policies)?**

Yes

**4a. If yes, please state the related Policy (or Policies)**

Corporate Plan Big Plan

**5. Does this policy affect Internal or External users?**Both

Evidence to help inform the Section 75 screening process may take many forms. Public authorities should ensure that their screening decision is informed by relevant data.

**6. What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy?**

All

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

**8. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Religious belief?** None

**9. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Political opinion?** None

**10. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Racial group?** None

**11. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Age?**

None

**12. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Marital status?**

None

**13. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Sexual orientation?** None

**14. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Men and women generally?** None

15. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Disability? None

16. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, in relation to Dependants? None

17. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section75 equalities categories? If Yes, provide details. If No, provide reasons.

Religious belief No not relevant

Political opinion No not relevant

Racial group No not relevant

Age No not relevant

Marital Status No not relevant

Sexual orientation No not relevant

Men and women generally No not relevant

Disability No not relevant

Dependants No not relevant

18. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion and/or racial group? None

19. Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion and/or racial group? Yes

19a. Please provide your reasons below

event activities may attract groups from different backgrounds

## Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006

20. Is there evidence to suggest that this policy would promote positive attitudes towards people with a disability?

No

21. Is there evidence to suggest that this policy would encourage the participation of people with a disability in public life?

No

## Additional Considerations

22. Are there any potential impacts of the policy / decision (positive or negative) on people with multiple identities? No

## Monitoring Arrangements

**25. On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy/decision is**

Screened Out - No negative impacts

**Please upload any supporting documents for review**



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**Screening Panel Comments - None**

## Appendix - Religious Belief

### Religious belief (Internal)

\* Small numbers removed as individuals could be identifiable

	Catholic	Protestant & other Christian	Other religions	Total
Males F/T	33	388	34	425
	8%	84%	8%	100%
Males P/T	*	*	*	8
	25%	63%	13%	100%
Females F/T	58	223	6	287
	20%	78%	2%	100%
Females P/T	12	20	5	35
	32%	54%	14%	100%
Total	105	606	46	757
	14%	80%	6%	100%

### Religious belief (External)

The Northern Ireland Census 2011 (NISRA) statistics for the Borough area showed that 75% are or have been brought up in Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related) religions. While this varied across the borough from 17% in Portaferry ward to 87% in Carrowdore ward this does not have any relation to this policy. These compared to 48% for Northern Ireland as a whole.

LGD	All usual residents	Catholic	Protestant & other Christian	Other religions	None
Northern Ireland	1,810,863	817,385	875,717	16,592	101,169
		-45.14%	-48.36%	-0.92%	-5.59%
Ards and North Down	156,672	20,550	117,589	1,729	16,804
		13%	75%	1%	11%

## Appendix - Political Opinion

### Political opinion (External)

Electoral Office data from recent Local Government elections detail the political representation on Ards and North Down Council, The Stormont Executive for this electoral area and Westminster election. This data is an approximate measure of political opinion of the voting electorate within the Borough. Turnout to vote in North Down and Strangford constituencies tend to be lower than the rest of NI suggesting less



strong political opinions. Of those who do turn out, the results show preferences for voting Unionist parties.

<b>Political Party</b>	<b>Seats Held</b>
Alliance	10
DUP	14
Green	3
Independants	3
SDLP	1
Sinn Féin	0
TUV	1
UUP	8

## Appendix - Racial Group

### Racial group (Internal)

\* Small numbers removed as individuals could be identifiable

Racial Group	Total	Percentage
White	682	78.66%
Black	*	*
Chinese	*	*
Other	*	*
Did not want to answer	*	*
Left Black	176	20.30%

### Racial group (External)

NISRA, NINIS and Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership data provide up to date data. The 2011 census showed that 32,000 (1.8%) of the usually resident population in Northern Ireland is from a minority ethnic background. Within the borough, the 2011 Census showed that 1.5% (2,300) were from a minority ethnic background. Across the borough this ranged from 5.2% in Loughview ward to 0.3% in Lisbane ward.

Total Usual Residents	156,672
White	154,365
Chinese	406
Irish Traveller	0
Indian	283
Pakistani	0
Bangladeshi	177
Other Asian	415
Black Caribbean	0
Black African	139
Black Other	132
Mixed	556
Other	199

## Appendix - Age

### Age (Internal)

Age Profile	Female	Female %	Male	Male %
16 to 29	20	6%	26	65%
30 to 39	75	23%	83	19%
40 to 49	105	33%	121	27%
50 to 59	80	25%	176	39%
65+	42	13%	41	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Age (External)

NISRA have published population projections for the Borough which show that the proportion of those aged 85 and over are expected to more than double within the next 25 years. ANDBC has the highest % population of older people in Northern Ireland.

Age Profile	Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down
0 to 15	385,200	29,801
16 to 39	583,116	43,239
40 to 64	591,481	54,094
65+	291,824	31,663

<b>Total</b>	1,851,621	158,797
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# Appendix - Marital Status

## Marital Status (Internal)

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Marital Status	Total	Percentage
Single	180	20.76%
Married	405	46.71%
Divorced	35	4.04%
Co Habiting	14	1.61%
Separated	25	2.88%
Civil Partnership	*	*
Left Blank	207	23.88%

## Marital Status (External)

The 2011 Northern Ireland Census showed that 48% of adults (those aged over 16 years of age) in Northern Ireland were either married or in a registered same-sex civil partnership. Within the borough, 54% of adults fell into this category. This varies across the borough from 36% in Central (Ards) ward to 64% in Lisbane ward. See

Marital Status	Northern Ireland	Ards and North Down
All usual residents: Aged 16+ years	<b>1,431,540</b>	<b>126,945</b>
Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership): Aged 16+ years	<b>517,393</b>	<b>36,730</b>
	36.14%	29%
Married: Aged 16+ years	<b>680,831</b>	<b>67,866</b>
	47.56%	53%
In a registered same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years	<b>1243</b>	<b>123</b>
	0.09%	0.09%
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership): Aged 16+ years	<b>56,911</b>	<b>4,328</b>
	3.98%	3%
Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved:	<b>78,074</b>	<b>8,548</b>
	5.45%	7%
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership: Aged 16+ years	<b>97,088</b>	<b>9,350</b>
	6.78%	7%

## Appendix - Sexual Orientation

### Sexual Orientation

It should be noted that no reliable data is available on sexual orientation-NISRA are currently examining methodology on how to measure this. However, the 2011 census indicates that less than 1% of the Northern Ireland adult population (those aged 16 years and over) were in a registered same-sex civil partnership. This was similar to the borough as a whole. The Continuous Household Survey in Northern Ireland estimated this figure between 0.9% and 1.9% in 2015-2016. The Office for National Statistics estimates a similar range for the United Kingdom (1.7%).

## Appendix - Men and Women Generally

### Men and women generally (Internal)

Male	Female	Total
511	356	867
58.94%	41.06%	100%

### Men and women generally (External)

According to census (NISRA) almost half of the population of Northern Ireland were male (49%) and this was similar throughout Ards and North Down Borough Council (48%).

LGD	Male	Female	Total
Northern Ireland	887,323	923,540	1,810,863
Ards and North Down	75,920	80,752	156,672

## Appendix - Disability

### Disability (External)

The 2011 Census (NISRA) showed that 20% of the population in Ards and North Down area had a health issue or disability (including those related to old age) which has lasted or expected to last at least 12 months. (This was similar to the Northern Ireland figure of 21%.)

<b>LGD</b>	<b>All usual residents</b>	<b>Long-term health problems or disability: Day-to-day activities limited a lot</b>	<b>Long-term health problems or disability: Day-to-day activities limited a little</b>	<b>Long-term health problems or disability: Day-to-day activities not limited</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	1,810,863	215,232	159,414	1,436,217
<b>Ards and North Down</b>	156,672	16,696	14,808	187,141



## Appendix - Dependants

### Dependants (External)

In considering this dimension the following have been included: persons with responsibility for the care of a child, children, a person with a disability and or an older person. According to the Continuous Household Survey, 2013-2016, 37% of Ards and North Down claimed to have a dependent (This did not differentiate on the type of dependent).

According to the 2011 Census, 7,474 households in Ards and North Down had a dependent child under the age of 4 (This might give an indication on the numbers who would have buggies or prams).

	<b>All households</b>	<b>Dependent children in household: All ages</b>	<b>Dependent children in household: Aged 0-4 years</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	703,275	238,904	96,030
<b>Ards and North Down</b>	156,672	19,520	7,474