



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.

<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>	<i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to².</i>	<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>
Implementation of a Reviewed Learning & Development Policy	<i>Education or Training in Rural Areas</i> <i>Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas</i> <i>Transport Services or Infrastructure in</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered, identified and accommodated rural needs in the development of the Council's by Learning & Development policy by recognising the needs of staff particularly those living in rural areas by considering equality of opportunity considerations in relation to access to broadband, travel times/costs, the location of the Council's facilities and the overall general rural population makeup of the Mid Ulster District Council area.

	<i>Rural Areas</i>	
Implementation of Mid Ulster Spruce Up Scheme	<i>Rural Business</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered, identified and accommodated rural needs in the development of the Council's Spruce Up Scheme 2023/24 by ensuring that although the Department of Communities funding is currently restricted to urban areas, that rural dwellers who frequent the towns on a daily basis for shopping, socializing, employment (a lot of the rural residents work within the towns) are considered and facilitated. Also, the spruce up programme will not create displacement within the rural areas, it is hoped it would be a positive impact on those rural areas – if our town centres are economically viable, this will have a multiplier effect on nearby rural areas.
Implementation of a Reviewed Pensions Discretions Policy	<i>Internal Policy</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered the needs of staff living in rural areas by identifying equality of opportunity considerations in relation to the overall general rural population makeup of the Mid Ulster District Council area and is aware that the Council area has an aging population.
Implementation of Leasing of Beechland Play Area (Pitch)	<i>Deprivation in Rural Areas</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered, identified and accommodated rural needs in relation to the leasing of this pitch by ensuring that it will positively impact on people in rural areas by improving opportunities for participation in sport through the development of facilities.
Leasing of Boyne Row Pitch and Pavilion, Castledawson	<i>Deprivation in Rural Areas</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered, identified and accommodated rural needs in relation to the leasing of this pitch by ensuring that it will positively impact on people in rural areas by improving opportunities for participation in sport through the development of facilities.

Implementation of Leasing of Glenone Pitch, Portglenone	<i>Deprivation in Rural Areas</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered, identified and accommodated rural needs in relation to the leasing of this pitch by ensuring that it will positively impact on people in rural areas by improving opportunities for participation in sport through the development of facilities.
Implementation of a Reviewed Procurement Policy	<i>Rural Businesses Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to this policy by identifying and recognising the varying levels of connectivity across the District and as such committing to non-digital channel options of contact, while affording the same quality of service.
Implementation of Asset Management Strategy and Action Plan	<i>Other- Council Asset Management</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered identified and accommodated rural needs in relation to the Asset Management Strategy by ensuring the best use of our resources ensuring that our focus is always on excellence; and that our land and property assets are configured through an Asset Management Plan to meet the needs of our urban and rural communities. Mid Ulster District Council seeks to safeguard the needs of rural communities, to promote a fair and inclusive rural society by considering the needs of our rural dwellers when reviewing, managing, and transacting land and property.
Implementation of a Reviewed CCTV Policy	<i>Rural Businesses Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the CCTV Policy by identifying the issues of rural crime and connectivity and considering how this may lead to this policy being implemented in a different way in urban areas than in rural areas. The identification of these issues has led to the Council providing the potential alternative of the use of mobile CCTV equipment that be deployed in areas where there is a due to address sporadic community safety

		issues in rural areas.
Development of Playfields/Pitches in Moy Village		Mid Ulster District Council has considered and identified and accommodated rural needs in relation to Development of Playfields/Pitches in Moy Village by ensuring that the rural hinterland area of the village of Moy is equipped with a wider range of recreation opportunities and services will be on offer to all sections of the community.
Implementation of Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Access	<i>Rural Tourism</i>	Mid Ulster District Council have identified and accommodated rural needs in relation to the implementation of new access arrangement to the Hill of The O'Neill/Ranfurly House by ensuring that the site is accessible for rural dwellers via multiple car parks with some free all-day provision, public transport stops are also located nearby in Market Square. The new access arrangements will connect the 7km "Earls Walking Trail" circuit around the edge of Dungannon town boundary.
Implementation of a Labour Market Partnership	<i>Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas</i>	Mid Ulster District Council have accommodated specific rural needs requirements in relation to the development of the Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership by ensuring that considerations have been built into the programme to ensure no disadvantage is experienced by programme participants who are rural dwellers.
Development of Cookstown Saturday Market	<i>Rural Tourism</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of the Cookstown Saturday Market by reinvigorating and revitalizing the Saturday Market. This process identified that the enhancements proposed with the project will create the prospect of more visitors from the rural areas and protection of employment opportunities for rural

		<p>dwellers.</p>
<p>Implementation of the Coalisland Canal Project</p>	<p><i>Rural Tourism</i></p> <p><i>Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas</i></p>	<p>Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation the development of Coalisland Canal Greenway by identifying the potential for a greater range of opportunities for people living in the rural area via enhanced infrastructure. Within the rural hinterland area from Coalisland to the Loughshore a wider range of recreation opportunities and services will be available.</p>
<p>Implementation of Maghera Public Realm</p>	<p><i>Rural Businesses</i></p> <p><i>Rural Tourism</i></p> <p><i>Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas</i></p> <p><i>Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas</i></p>	<p>Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the implementation of Maghera Public Realm by refreshing the high street environment of this rural settlement via the replacement of existing footpaths, lighting and street furniture. This process identified that the improvements will make Maghera a more welcoming accessible rural environment that will enhance the area for its rural residents and encourage passing trade to shop and enjoy all that the rural settlement has to offer.</p>
<p>Implementation of Accessibility Improvements at Cahore Sports Pavilion</p>	<p><i>Deprivation in Rural Areas</i></p>	<p>Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the implementation of Accessibility Improvements at Cahore Sports Pavilion by ensuring that social need is considered via equality of access to sports pitches as enjoyed by urban dwellers. This process identified that the project's aims will deliver accessibility improvements for everyone, including Cahore Sports Pavilion, Magherafelt who are part of the local rural demographic.</p>
<p>Implementation of IT Hardware Upgrade (at Open Ground and Seamus Heaney HomePlace sites)</p>	<p><i>Rural business</i></p> <p><i>Rural Tourism</i></p>	<p>Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the implementation of this IT Upgrade of this equipment by examining issues in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.</p>

	<i>Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas</i>	This process identified that ensuring that these rural tourism sites have the appropriate connectivity will contribute to building strong, inclusive and sustainable rural communities.
Rationalisation of Recycling Centres	<i>Other: Amenities in Rural Areas</i>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the rationalisation of recycling centres by identifying and documenting the possible negative impacts for rural dwellers. Suitable mitigation measures have been identified and made available, this includes bulky waste collections and additional black bin provision.

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.