



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>
Mid Ulster District Council's Digital Transformation Strategy	Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in the development of the Council's Digital Transformation Strategy by recognising that within the District there are areas that do not have quality access to broadband. To address this, the Strategy commits to maintaining non-digital channel options to contact the Council. These options will afford the same quality of service as the service that is provided to customers who choose to use the digital channels.
Development of Drumcairne Forest	Rural Development	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in the development of this forest by gathering

		<p>information via public consultation and informal user group meetings. The feedback from these sessions has influenced the final development of Drumcairne Forest. The overall outcome is that the Drumcairne area has now been provided a wider range of recreation opportunities and services will be on offer to the whole community in the surrounding area.</p>
Development of Derrynoyd Forest	Rural Development	<p>Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of Derrynoyd Forest that the works will have a positive impact on the local rural area as it creates more opportunities for new and improved outdoor recreation facilities, thereby improving the health and well-being of people from all sections of the local rural area and beyond.</p>
Redevelopment of Ballyronan Marina	Rural Tourism Rural Development	<p>Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the redevelopment of Ballyronan Marina by ensuring that people living in this rural area will have greater access to outdoor and indoor recreation opportunities. This project will also provide opportunities for recreational activities within the rural community, improving health and wellbeing, as well as opportunities for employment within this rural community.</p>
Development of Iniscarn Forest	Rural Tourism Rural Development	<p>Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of Iniscarn Forest by gathering information from the local community and ensuring that the needs of the local community were met by the development project. As a result of this development, the Iniscarn area has been provided with a wider range of recreation opportunities that are accessible to the whole community.</p>

Development of Manor Park Moneymore	Rural Tourism Rural Development	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of Manor Park Moneymore ensuring that the final development of this rural settlement offers a greater range of opportunities for people living in this area than what was available previously.
Development of the Beechland Park and Drive	Rural Development	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of Park and Drive by ensuring that people living in this rural area will have greater access to outdoor and indoor recreation opportunities. This project will also provide opportunities for recreational activities within the rural community, improving the health and wellbeing of residents and providing opportunities for employment within this rural community.
Development of Castledawson Pocket Park and Allotments	Rural Tourism Rural Development	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of Castledawson Pocket Park and Allotments by ensuring that the existing facilities and further enhanced with greater community and recreational activities, particularly focusing on children and young people. The development aims to provide an environment that is inclusive and that will aid the health and well-being of all who visit it and provide opportunities for social engagement and interaction with the aim of reducing isolation within this rural area.
Mid Ulster Age Friendly Strategic Plan (2023-2026)	Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas Transport Services	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of Mid Ulster Age Friendly Strategic Plan (2023-2026) by undertaking consultation throughout rural areas in the District. Feedback from this consultation process has been included in the strategy in order to ensure that the

	<p>or Infrastructure in Rural Areas</p> <p>Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas</p>	<p>social and economic needs of the older people in the District are met. Overall the Strategy aims to promote physical and social environments that support healthy and active ageing and a good quality of life for older people in the Mid Ulster District council area.</p>
Pitches Strategy	Deprivation in Rural Areas	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of the Mid Ulster Pitches Strategy by including the provision of sports pitches across the district, including in rural areas.
Equal Opportunities Policy	<p>Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas</p> <p>Education or Training in Rural Areas</p> <p>Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas</p> <p>Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas</p>	Mid Ulster District Council has considered rural needs in relation to the development of the Mid Ulster Equal Opportunities Policy by recognising and addressing the differing experiences that some workers and applicants may face in relation to factors such as increased travel times and fuel costs.

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.