

# Rural Needs Impact Assessment Template (RNIA)

## Section 1 - Defining the activity subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

### 1A. Name of Public Authority

Belfast City Council

### 1B. Please provide a short title, which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to the Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

Belfast Resilience Strategy

### 1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to.

Developing a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adopting a	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementing a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revising a	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designing a Public Service	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>		
Delivering a Public Service	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### 1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan for Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above.

Belfast Resilience Strategy

### 1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service.

To identify the risks to Belfast and those multiple problem solvers which seek to address these. The high-level focus is on climate change, children and young people, and connectivity.

**Section 2 – Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service**

**2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas?**

Yes  No  If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **2E**.

**2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.**

The Resilience Strategy will include actions to address issues such as climate change, flooding, transport infrastructure, and cyber resilience, all of which may impact on people living in Belfast's rural areas.

**2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas, please explain how it is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently.**

The Resilience Strategy focuses on general risks to the city – some of these may have particular impact on rural areas such as transport and climate risk to Belfast infrastructure such as digital services. As more data is gathered and analysed the nature of the risk and potential impact will be better understood. This process will be undertaken throughout 2020.

**2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to primarily impact on.**

Rural Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education or Training in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Poverty in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deprivation in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Crime or Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agri-Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text"/>	

**If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A**

**2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT likely to impact on people in rural areas.**

**Section 3 – Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas**

**3A. Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy,**

**Plan or Public Service?**

Yes  No  If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **3E**.

**3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources were used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.**

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Published Statistics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consultation with Other Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surveys or Questionnaires	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).			<input type="checkbox"/>

**3C. Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.**

The consultation process is due to commence in January 2020 and will include focused engagement in rural areas of Belfast through targeted neighbourhood sessions and promotion of a city wide online survey through the Council's online consultation hub - Citizen Space.

**3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority**

Access to public transport, access to digital services, understanding the potential impact of climate change on agriculture.

**If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A**

**3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?**

## Section 4 – Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

- Access to services
- Access to transport infrastructure
- Access to digital infrastructure
- Impact of climate change on rural areas

## Section 5 – Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

Yes  No  If the response is **NO** GO TO Section 5C.

5B. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified?

The Strategy will reflect responses received in relation to Rural Areas

If the response to Section 5A was **YES** GO TO Section 6A

5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has **NOT** been influenced by the rural needs identified.

## SECTION 6 – Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the RNIA

Template will be retained by the Public Authority and relevant information on the Section 1 activity compiled in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the guidance.

I confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained and relevant information compiled.



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