

## Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) Template

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

#### 1A. Name of Public Authority.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

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

Antrim and Newtownabbey Draft Corporate Recovery Plan 2021 – 2023, a plan produced for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2023 to assist in the recovery of the Borough from the COVID-19 pandemic and to replace the normal annual Corporate Improvement Plan.

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

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

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

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Draft Corporate Recovery Plan 2021 - 2023

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

Following COVID-19 pandemic, the aims and/or objectives of this plan are to provide an ambitious plan and roadmap for recovery and renewal across the whole Borough, focusing on public safety, maintaining essential service delivery, maximising opportunities for community capacity building and investing in local businesses and the regeneration of our Towns and Villages.

**1F. What definition of 'rural' is the Public Authority using in respect of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?**

Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition).

Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below).

A definition of 'rural' is not applicable.

*Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used.*

This plan does not distinguish between rural and urban areas. It is a Council wide plan for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic for Antrim and Newtownabbey Council as a whole.

*Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural'.*

N/A

*Reasons why a definition of 'rural' is not applicable.*

The plan does not distinguish between rural and urban areas. It is a Council wide plan that applies to the Borough as a whole.

**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 plan outlines key strategic actions that will drive recovery and growth within Antrim and Newtownabbey in order that it continues to be a place to invest, learn, work, visit and live in. The actions will benefit all parts of our Borough and we will continue to engage collectively with other stakeholders to ensure a focussed, sustainable and inclusive recovery for everyone.

We will:

1. Provide civic leadership and work with our partners to improve the quality of life for our residents.
2. Engage with Central Government Departments, the private sector and other stakeholders to accelerate our economic recovery.
3. Attract investment by promoting key employment locations within the Borough and ensure that our infrastructure can attract sustainable investment and create new job opportunities.
4. Support our existing businesses to protect existing jobs and create new employment opportunities.
5. Assist, upskill and reskill our residents to make sure that they can take advantage of the employment opportunities that we will create.
6. Revitalise our Town Centres, Villages, Parks and Open Spaces by ensuring they are welcoming, safe, vibrant and connected places.
7. Continue to deliver high quality essential services and re-open those facilities currently closed due to restrictions safely and in line with government guidance to ensure public safety and confidence.
8. Recover our Leisure, Community and Arts and Culture services to meet customer needs and reintroduce programmes of activities and performances.
9. Continue to improve our Tourism attractions, activities and large scale events to provide entertainment to local residents and attract more visitors to the Borough.
10. Implement an investment programme to improve Council facilities.
11. Communicate clearly with our residents and ensure high standards of customer service.
12. Continue to demonstrate our commitment to improving the environment to secure a sustainable future by reducing our carbon foot print through the implementation of our Climate Change Action Plan.
13. Maximise levels of external funding available to the Borough to support our strategic actions.

**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.**

N/A

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

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Rural Businesses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rural Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rural Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Education or Training in Rural Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas	<input 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 Agri-Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 type="checkbox"/>	Published Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation with Other Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surveys or Questionnaires	<input checked="" 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 Corporate Recovery Plan 2021-2023 will be subject to an 8 week consultation period which will commence in May 2021.

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

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The plan does not distinguish between rural and urban areas. The actions outlined will benefit all parts of our Borough and we will continue to engage collectively with other stakeholders to ensure a focussed, sustainable and inclusive recovery for everyone.

**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?**

The Recovery plan applies to all residents, businesses and communities of the Borough. The actions will benefit all parts of our Borough and we will continue to engage collectively with other stakeholders to ensure a focussed, sustainable and inclusive recovery for everyone.

## **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.**

The plan does not distinguish between rural and urban areas. The actions will benefit all parts of our Borough and we will continue to engage collectively with other stakeholders to ensure a focussed, sustainable and inclusive recovery for everyone.



## 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 plan has been developed to assist recovery across the whole Council area. The actions will benefit all parts of our Borough and we will continue to engage collectively with other stakeholders to ensure a focussed, sustainable and inclusive recovery for everyone.

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.**

The plan does not distinguish between rural and urban areas

**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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