The aim of the project is to design and install a window in Coleraine Town Hall to commemorate the centenary of Northern Ireland. The window depicts a number of events, scenes, activities, organisations of historic significance. The window project is part of a wider programme of work to commemorate NI 100.

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

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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.

Developing a Policy Strategy Plan

Adopting a Policy Strategy Plan

Implementing a Policy Strategy Plan

Revising a Policy Strategy Plan Designing a Public Service

Delivering a Public Service

X

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

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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.

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1A. Name of Public Authority.

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N/A

*Reasons why a definition of ‘rural’ is not applicable.*

N/A

*Rationale for using alternative definition of ‘rural’.*

N/A

*Details of alternative definition of ‘rural’ used.*

Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition). Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below).

A definition of ‘rural’ is not applicable.

X

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

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Residents in rural areas may not have connectivity in terms of the internet (Broad band and mobile communications) and therefore this must be considered as part of the Equality Impact consultation process

Using the default position of population (approx. 52%) living in settlements of less than 5,000, a large proportion of the borough of Causeway Coast and Glens is classified as rural. (Towns with a population of 5,000 and over being Coleraine, Ballymoney, Limavady, Ballycastle, Portstewart, Portrush).

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| **Settlement Type** | **No per settlement type** |
| Band C - Large Town (Population 18,000 + ) | 1 |
| Band D - Medium Town (Population 10,000 – 17,999 | 2 |
| Band E – Small Town (Population 5,000 – 9,999) | 3 |
| Band F – Intermediate Settlement (Population 2,500- 4,999) | 1 |
| Band G – Village (Population 1,000 – 2,499) | 10 |
| Band H - Rural settlement of less than 1,000 and open countryside | 44  |

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 NI 100 Stained Glass Window is designed to represent the centenary of Northern Ireland from a Borough Wide perspective. It is important that residents in rural areas have an opportunity to provide feedback on the content of the window. They may have a view regarding what is and what is not represented within the contained images particular to their area or with regard to the wider Borough perspective.

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

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

x

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

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

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

Rural Businesses Rural Tourism Rural Housing

Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas Education or Training in Rural Areas

Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas

Poverty in Rural Areas Deprivation in Rural Areas

Rural Crime or Community Safety Rural Development

Agri-Environment

Other (Please state)

Use of Council Buildings and access to services therein

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

The social and economic needs of people in rural areas have been identified using published statistics from the Northern Ireland Census and the most recent Life and Times Survey.  The needs identified in Council strategies such as the economic and community development strategies were also considered.   Councils NI100 cross party working group made up of Political representatives for both rural and urban citizens was set up to design the stained-glass window.

Impacts will be further supported through consultation with staff representative groups, the local equality forum and consultation with local representatives.

In addition, the final commemoration window will be developed in light of research, good practice guidelines and information from:

•   Other Councils policy and processes.

•   Good Relations Strategy.

•   The “Together building a United Community” Strategy May 2013

•   Consultation with individuals from both rural and urban areas who are colleagues, visitors or customers to the Council buildings.

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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.

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders Published Statistics Consultation with Other Organisations Research Papers Surveys or Questionnaires Other Publications

Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).

x

x

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.

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

x

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?

**SECTION 3 - Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas**

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

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

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

 The town hall provides a social function and changes to rural demographics and the impact of the

 Commemoration window must be determined through consultation.

 It is therefore important that the viewpoints of individuals living in both rural and urban areas are considered as

 part of the overall consultation process.

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

**SECTION 4 - Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas**

 Research by the Economic Development section for its strategy; highlighted that socially individuals in rural areas

 may feel more isolated, therefore individuals may socialize with work colleagues in central locations.

 This may be of relevance to the additional social function provided by Coleraine town hall and the possibility of

 a ‘chill factor’ for rural individuals based on their beliefs.

 The impact of the proposed commemoration window is presently undetermined via direct consultation.

 However, the viewpoints of individuals living in both rural and urban areas will be considered as part of the

 overall consultation process.

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

Local elected representatives have liaised with local constituents to establish needs and interests of both urban and rural communities alike.

The commemoration windows impact on individuals will be further considered via a consultation process.

In addition, the final design will be considered in light of research, good practice guidelines and information from:

•  Other Councils policy and processes.

•  Good Relations Strategy.

•  The “Together building a United Community” Strategy May 2013

•  Consultation with individuals from both rural and urban areas who are colleagues, visitors or customers to the Council buildings.

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.

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

x

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?

**SECTION 5 - Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service**

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Division/Branch

Signature:

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2/5/2022

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Position/Grade:

CEx

Division/Branch:

CEx

Signature:

*David H Jackson*

Date:

4 May 22

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



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.

**SECTION 6 - Documenting and Recording**

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.