

**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Section 75 Policy Screening Report  
Quarterly Report April - June 2024**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Details of policy</b>	<b>Screening Outcome</b>
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Performance Improvement Plan 2024-25	<p>The Performance Improvement Plan 2024-25 includes the following five objectives, all of which are linked to the Community Plan and Draft Corporate Plan 2024-27.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We will support the health and wellbeing of local people by improving our leisure facilities and services</li> <li>2. We will contribute to growing the economy by supporting local businesses and job creation</li> <li>3. We will improve the cleanliness of our District by continuing to promote recycling and addressing littering, fly tipping and dog fouling incidents</li> <li>4. We will improve our sustainability and reduce our impacts in relation to climate change</li> <li>5. We will improve the processing times of planning applications and enforcement cases by implementing the Planning Service Improvement Programme</li> </ol>	No EQIA considered necessary
Gaming and Amusement Policy	<p>The overall aim of the Gaming and Amusement policy is to serve as a guide for Elected Members, Council officers, applicants and the wider public in consideration of applications for, and the awarding of, amusement permits in the Newry Mourne and Down Council area.</p> <p>The policy outlines matters which may be taken into account in determining the award of an amusement permit. It has been developed to introduce greater clarity, transparency and consistency to the decision making process.</p> <p>The key objectives of this policy can be largely linked to the Council's overarching strategic goal of improving the quality of life for present and</p>	No EQIA considered necessary

	<p>future generations in the Newry Mourne and Down area by making it a better place in which to live, work, visit and invest.</p> <p>Against this background, the interrelated key policy objectives are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. promote the retail vibrancy and regeneration of Newry Mourne and Down;</li> <li>2. enhance the tourism and cultural appeal of Newry Mourne and Down by protecting its image and built heritage;</li> <li>3. support and safeguard residential communities in Newry Mourne and Down;</li> <li>4. protect children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling;</li> <li>5. respect the need to prevent gambling from being a source of crime and disorder</li> </ol>	
<p>Proposed Notice of Motion seeking to direct Council management to prepare a costing for Councillors of a downsized Newry Civic Centre project and give consideration to alternative sites</p>	<p>This relates to the Newry Civic Centre element of the Newry City Centre Regeneration Project. The aim of the proposed notice of motion is seeking Council to reconsider its current proposal related to the location of the Newry Civic Centre and to agree that management prepare a costing for Councillors of a downsized Newry Civic Centre project with suitable office accommodation for Newry-based council staff only, and give consideration to alternative sites such as the former LIDL site at Bagenal's Castle that came on the market in December 2023.</p>	<p>No EQIA considered necessary</p>