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About the Publication Scheme

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC) has formally adopted the Information Commissioner's [Model Publication Scheme](#) and [Definition Document for district councils in Northern Ireland](#). The Publication Scheme is organised into seven classes of information which are set out in the Categories link below. This structure aims to save you time and effort when searching for information.

NMDDC is a Local Government District Council established under the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 to administer a range of social, economic, cultural and environmental services to the local community.

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, all public authorities are required to:

- adopt and maintain a Publication Scheme; and
- publish information in accordance with the Publication Scheme.

The Publication Scheme commits NMDDC:

- to proactively publish, or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information which is held by the Council;
- to specify the information which is held by the Council and falls within the classes listed;
- to provide guidance on how the specified information can be identified and accessed;
- to review and update the specified information; and
- to produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information.

As a public body, NMDDC is committed to the highest standards of accountability and openness and this Publication Scheme enables the Council to fulfil its obligations under the FOIA legislation and to better inform the public of its communication and information systems.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Chief Executive and Directors have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Council complies with the requirements of legislation affecting the management of records with any supporting codes and regulations.

The Assistant Director Corporate Services (Administration) is responsible for keeping the Publication Scheme under review to ensure that all business functions continue to be adequately covered by the Scheme.

The Head of Compliance and Records Manager will work closely with Directorates and Service Areas to ensure that there is consistency in the management of records, and that training is provided to ensure compliance with the Records Management Policy and Procedure and this Publication Scheme.

Information Asset Owners (IAOs) are responsible for:

- liaising with their team to ensure classes of information (see table below) are kept up to date and reviewed at least quarterly to ensure accurate information is published.
- Quality assuring information before submitting communications update requests to the Communications and Marketing section, by emailing final information to: marketing@nmandd.org.

- Emailing the Records Management Team updates to the website to enable the Records Management Team update links in this Publication Scheme.

The Records Management Team are responsible for:

- co-ordinating quarterly reminders to IAO's together with suggested recommendations.
- Updating the links and version control table within this Publication Scheme when provided with information by Marketing.

Using the Publication Scheme

NMDDC aims to actively publish as much information as we can, where this information has a public interest and is not exempt from disclosure. We will monitor our Publication Scheme regularly to ensure it is meeting our obligations and our aims. We therefore encourage you to use our Publication Scheme and website and we hope you will find the information you require.

Information contained within this Publication Scheme (or supplied in response to a request) will be available in the language in which it is held. However, if required we will translate any information on this site (or supplied in response to a request) where the Council is legally required to do so. We will also comply with all disability and discrimination legislation and on request make our information available in other formats as required by law.

Is the information already available?

NMDDC is committed to meeting its statutory requirements under the FOIA and Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004 and aims to make as much information as possible freely available on demand. One of the ways in which this is done is through our corporate website, www.nmandd.org. This Publication Scheme also lists the information that is available on the website and how to access information that is not published.

We strongly encourage you to check this Publication Scheme first before you make a request for information as you may be able to find the information here. Also please bear in mind that we can refuse a request if the information is readily available via our Publication Scheme.

Excluded information

A great deal of the information held by Council is personal and/or private to individuals. The FOIA and EIR does not deal with this and will not make this information public and your private affairs and business with the Council as an individual are not the subject of this Publication Scheme.

Excluded throughout the Publication Scheme is general correspondence sent or received by the Council.

The emphasis of the Publication Scheme is to make current information readily available; as such limitations may apply as to the length of time certain documents are kept by the Council, in accordance with the Retention and Disposal Schedule.

Requesting information

We include as much information in this Publication Scheme as we can and, where information is available on the website, a hypertext link will direct you to the correct page on the website. Where information is available on request, this can be made in writing using the relevant email address provided in [Classes of Information](#) or to [Customer Services](#).

If you cannot find what you are looking for, you can make a request for information that is not published under this Publication Scheme. Contact details for requests for information are as follows:

Head of Compliance
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Downshire Civic Centre
Ardglass Road
Downpatrick
BT30 6GQ

E: info@nmandd.org

T: 0330 137 4009

Feedback and comments on our Publication Scheme

If you would like to provide any feedback or comments on our Publication Scheme, please contact the Head of Compliance at the above address.

Classes of Information

The Publication Scheme contains seven classes of information. Information falling into each of these classes is published on our website:

Class 1:- Who we are and what we do

Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts.

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Council Democratic structure chart	Newry, Mourne and Down has 41 elected members representing 7 district electoral areas. The Council's democratic structure is based on the full council and seven standing committees.	Website About Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Newry, Mourne and Down District Councillors Council Democratic Structure - Committee Appointments
Council Directorate structure chart	<p>The council and the committees to which are delegated various powers and the functions that are the responsibility of the executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the terms of reference of the various committees and other bodies; • the standing orders that regulate the proceedings at meetings; • financial regulations; • the code of practice for the procurement of works, supplies and services; • codes of conduct for members and employees; • the schedule for the payment of member's allowances; and • a description of the management structure of the council's workforce. 	Website Background to the Council District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Terms of Reference for Committees Council Standing Orders Financial Regulations Procurement Policy Code of Conduct for Councillors Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees Councillors' Scheme of Allowances Senior Management Team For further information contact Customer Service
Organisation Chart	A staffing structure of the directorates and departments.	Website Council Management Structure

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<p>Corporate Plan 2024-2027</p> <p>For further information on internal structures of our offices, including an outline of the responsibilities and the names of senior employees, job descriptions, responsibilities and number of staff etc., contact Human Resources</p>
Location and opening times of Council Offices	Information about locations, opening times and contact details of the Council's two civic centres.	<p>Website</p> <p>Our locations</p> <p>Opening hours at the Council's Downshire Civic Centre in Downpatrick and Monaghan Row in Newry are 9.00am – 5.00pm.</p>
Currently elected Councillors' information and contact details	Councillor contact information.	<p>Website</p> <p>Your Councillors</p>
Contacts for customer-facing departments	<p>Where available we have provided the contact details for the principal Council functions.</p> <p>These links will take you to the three main webpages where you can select a service or function for more information:</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Telephone numbers</p> <p>Planning Staff Contact Details</p> <p>Residents</p> <p>Business</p> <p>Council</p>
Election results	Results of most recent election.	<p>Website</p> <p>Elections 2023</p>
Relationships with other authorities	Partnership arrangements with other authorities, relationships with government departments and arms-length bodies.	<p>Website</p> <p>Council's Chief Executive is a member of SOLACE NI, the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives.</p> <p>Our Councillors are members of NILGA, the Northern Ireland Local Government Association.</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
	<p>If you have responsibility for the provision of facilities for office holders who are not themselves part of the local authority, for example the Registrar of births, deaths and marriages, explain your role.</p> <p>Registration Services:</p> <p>Deputy Returning Officers (DROs):</p> <p>Relationships with Northern Irish district councils, government departments, public bodies and European funding bodies:</p>	<p>The Registration Service is responsible for the registration of all births, still births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships that take place in the Newry, Mourne and Down District area. Although part of the local authority, this statutory service is overseen by the General Register Office NI.</p> <p>The Chief Executive Officer of the Electoral Office Northern Ireland is the Returning Officer for all elections in Northern Ireland. Local Council Chief Executives are appointed as DROs at local council elections. The DROs act with the authority of the Returning Officer.</p> <p>Community Plan Statutory Partners Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Animal Welfare Special European Union Programmes Body Projects Atlantic CultureScape Intangible Cultural Heritage Project Belfast Region City Deal Grants and Funding Policing and Community Safety Partnership Port Health / Imported Foods The CANN Project South East Area European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Carlingford Lough Greenway</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<p> National Fraud Initiative Strangford Lough & Lecale Partnership Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Team Corporate Plan 2024-2027 </p> <p> For more information on Council's partnerships visit the following pages: Business Support Emergencies Environmental Health Safer Communities Strategic Programmes Urban and Rural Regeneration </p>

Class 2:- What we spend and how we spend it

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit.

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Financial statements, budgets and variance reports	Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit.	Website Annual Accounts Statement of Accounts Quarterly Payment Statistics
Capital Programme	Major plans for capital expenditure are provided for and reported on in Council and Committee meetings: Strategy, plans and updates can be found in:	Website/Social Media Council and Committee Agenda, Minutes and Audio Corporate Publications Facebook - NMD Council X - NMD Council
Spending reviews	Council's Statement of Accounts and relevant Committee Reports.	Website Statement of Accounts Agenda for Audit Committee and Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Minutes for Audit Committee and Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
Financial Audit Reports		Website See NI Auditor's Letter and report below.
Members' allowances scheme and the allowances paid under it to Councillors each year	The total of the allowances and expenses incurred by or paid to councillors by reference to categories.	Website Councillors' Allowances and Expenses
Staff allowances and expenses	Details of the allowances and expenses that can be incurred or claimed.	Website Allowances and expenses paid see: Statement of Accounts

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		For further information contact the Finance Department
Staff pay and grading structure	Information on pay and grading as per Council's organisational structure.	<p>Website Senior employees' salaries see: Statement of Accounts</p> <p>For further information contact Human Resources</p>
Election expenses	Returns or declarations and accompanying documents relating to election expenses sent to the Council.	<p>Email/Telephone The list of election expenses is available for a 12-month period following an election.</p> <p>Election information is available on request to the Deputy Returning Officer at Customer Services</p>
Procurement procedures	Details of procedures for acquiring goods and services. Contracts available for public tender.	<p>Website Procurement Policy and Procedures Terms and Conditions for Services Terms and Conditions for Supplies</p>
Contracts and Tenders	Details of contracts and tenders to businesses and to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector.	<p>Website/Email/Telephone Procurement Portal</p> <p>Further information is available on request to the Procurement Team</p>
Grants to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector	Details of grants and financial assistance programmes offered by Council.	<p>Website Grants and Funding Good Relations Programme Communities Leading Change - Participatory Funding</p>
NI r's Letter and report	Northern Ireland Auditor's annual audit letter of the Statement of Accounts.	<p>Website NIAO Annual Audit Letter 2022-23</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		NIAO Annual Audit Letter 2021-22
Internal financial regulations	Financial Regulations set out the overarching financial responsibilities of the Council and its staff and provide the framework within which the Council's financial affairs are to be managed.	Website Financial Regulations
Financial statements for projects and events	<p>Details on project and event spend:</p> <p>Capital budgets and scrutiny of our capital programme is undertaken at Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee meetings.</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>Statement of Accounts</p> <p>Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Agenda Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Minutes</p> <p>Contact Customer Services to request information on a specific project or event.</p>
Funding for partnership arrangements	<p>Details of the funding arrangements for partnerships that the council leads, e.g.:</p> <p>and</p> <p>Details of the council's funding contributions to a partnership arrangement managed by another authority, e.g.:</p> <p>More information on funding partnerships can be found in the:</p>	<p>Website/Email/Telephone</p> <p>Peace IV Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor The CANN Project Atlantic CultureScape Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Social Investment Fund Digital Transformation Flexible Fund</p> <p>Belfast City Region Deal Warrenpoint Municipal Park Heritage Lottery Fund Regeneration Project Master Plans SeaFlag</p> <p>Annual Report (NMD Connect) Statement of Accounts</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Louth County Council Strategic Alliance</p> <p>Contact Customer Services to request information on a specific partnership arrangement.</p>
Grant Aid Scheme and Payments	Details of grants and financial assistance offered by Council to the business community.	<p>Website</p> <p>Business Grants and Funding</p> <p>Access to Work Initiatives</p> <p>Skills for Work Initiatives</p> <p>Great Place to Work Initiatives</p>

Class 3:- What our priorities are and how we are doing

Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews.

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Annual Reports	<p>As of April 2022, annual financial and performance data previously published together in the Annual Report are available separately:</p> <p>The Annual Report provides information about Council's financial position, changes in financial position, financial performance and cash flows.</p> <p>For Gaeilge editions and more reports go to:</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>For information relating to April 2022 onwards please go to the relevant annual Statement of Accounts and Performance Improvement Plan and Assessment</p> <p>NMD Connect Incorporating Annual Report 2021/22</p> <p>Corporate Publications</p>
Strategies and business plans for services provided by the Council including strategies developed in partnership with other authorities	<p>Strategies and business plans for Council, directorates, departments and services.</p> <p>Partnership strategies are developed to meet community, enterprise and environmental objectives.</p>	<p>Website/Email/Telephone</p> <p>Corporate Plan 2024-2027</p> <p>Community Plan</p> <p>Community Plan - Summary of Progress</p> <p>Local Development Plan</p> <p>Performance Improvement Plan 2024-2025</p> <p>Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy</p> <p>Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy</p> <p>Tourism Experience Development Plan</p> <p>Good Relations Programme</p> <p>Sports Facility Strategy</p> <p>Irish Language Strategy 2024-2027</p> <p>Chief Executive / Corporate Services Business Plan 2024-25</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<p>Active and Healthy Communities Annual Business Plan 2024-25</p> <p>Economy, Regeneration Tourism Annual Business Plan 2024-25</p> <p>Sustainability and Environment Annual Business Plan 2024-25</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down Active Travel Masterplan</p> <p>Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2030</p> <p>Revised Equality Scheme 2020</p> <p>NMDDC Equality Action Plan 2023-2027</p> <p>NMDDC Disability Action Plan 2023-2027</p> <p>Digital Transformation Flexible Fund</p> <p>Downpatrick Town Centre Regeneration</p> <p>Newry Regeneration</p> <p>Belfast Region City Deal</p> <p>Urban and Rural Regeneration</p> <p>Skills and Employability Initiatives</p> <p>Seaflag</p> <p>For further information contact Customer Services</p>
Internal and external organisation performance reviews, including external audits	Information about Council's arrangements for continuous improvement in the exercise of their functions.	<p>Website</p> <p>Performance</p> <p>Agenda for Audit Committee and Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee</p> <p>Minutes for Audit Committee and Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee</p>
Economic Development Action Plan	Details of Council's economic priorities and objectives to regenerate and revitalise the district in line with the Corporate Plan.	<p>Website</p> <p>Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Statistical information produced in accordance with Council and Departmental requirements	Information about population, employment, etc. in the district.	Website Corporate Publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NMD Connect and Corporate Plan
Data protection impact assessments (in full or summary format), or any other impact assessments (e.g. Health and safety impact assessments, equality impact assessments, rural needs) as appropriate and relevant	Assessments carried out to identify the impact of Council's services and strategies are available from the relevant service: Data Protection impact assessments: Equality impact, rural needs assessments: Health and Safety impact assessments:	Website/Email/Telephone Available on request to: Compliance Team Equality and Policy Health and Safety
Service Standards	Defines what a customer can expect from a service and how it should be delivered.	Website Building Control Service Level Agreement
Statutory Returns	Information provided to relevant government departments and agencies on Council's delivery of statutory obligations.	Website/Email/Telephone HR complete and submit employment surveys upon the Equality Commission's request. These are available on request to Human Resources . For Quarterly Equality Screening Reports go to Equality For Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Reports go to Equality Building Regulations Report 01.04.2024-30.09.2024 Building Regulations Report 01.09.2023-29.02.2024 Licensing Report 01.04.2024-30.09.2024 Licensing Report 01.09.2023-31.03.2024 For Planning Monthly Performance Figures click on the relevant Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting Agenda

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<p>For Quarterly Figures on Fixed Penalty Notices issued for Dog Fouling and Litter/Fly Tipping click on the relevant Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda</p> <p>For pre-September 2022 figures please click on the relevant Neighbourhood Services Committee Meeting Agenda</p> <p>Contact Customer Services to request information from a specific service area</p>

Class 4:- How we make decisions

Decision-making processes and records of decisions.

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Timetable of Council Meetings	List of current meetings.	Website Schedule of Meetings
Agendas, officers' reports, background papers and minutes of Council committee and sub-committee meetings	Information that is required to be publicly available under local authority access to information rules.	Website Newry, Mourne and Down Meeting Agenda Newry, Mourne and Down Meeting Minutes Newry, Mourne and Down Meeting Audio
Major policy proposals and decisions	Information on partnerships, capital spend, resources, impact, etc on Council's major policy proposals and decisions.	Website Newry, Mourne and Down Meeting Agenda Newry, Mourne and Down Meeting Minutes Newry, Mourne and Down Meeting Audio
Background information relating to major policy proposal and decisions	Facts and analyses of facts relevant and important to the framing of major policy proposals and decisions.	Website For particular analyses, see the report on the matter or decision in question (listed by meeting where the decision was made) in Council & Committee Minutes and Agenda
Public Consultations	Details of consultation exercises undertaken by Council with the community and other stakeholders.	Website Consultations
Internal Communications guidance, criteria used for decision making, internal instructions, manuals and guidelines	Council has adopted a written Constitution which sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed.	Website Council Constitution Council Decision Making Process

Class 5:- Our policies and procedures

Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities.

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Policy and procedures for the conduct of Council business	Information on the policies which govern the administration of the Council, its Committees and Officers.	Website Council Constitution
Policies and procedures for the provision of services	Council's written protocol's, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities.	Website/Email/Telephone Corporate Policies
Policies and procedures about the recruitment and employment of staff	Information on Council's current vacancies and recruitment process.	Website/Email/Telephone Newry, Mourne and Down Jobs Newry, Mourne and Down Current Vacancies Section 75 Statutory Duties For further information contact Human Resources
Customer Service	Complaints procedure: Complaints covering requests for information: To make a complaint about the conduct of a Councillor:	Website Complaints to the Council Access to Information - Complaints and Appeals NI Local Government Commissioner for Standards
Records management and personal data policies	Records retention and disposal schedule, security and data protection (including data sharing and CCTV usage) policies.	Website/Email/Telephone Records Management Policy and Procedure Access to Information Policy and Procedure Retention and Disposal Schedule available on request to Head of Compliance
File Plans (high level, for current records management systems)	A file plan is a tool used to manage Council records.	Email/Telephone

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		For information on file plans contact Head of Compliance
Charging regimes and policies	Charges for documents, requests and Council services.	<p>Website</p> <p>Charging for Information</p> <p>Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships</p> <p>Business Licensing</p> <p>Bulky Waste Collection Service</p> <p>Buy a Bin</p> <p>Building Control Fees and Charges</p> <p>Car Parking Charges</p> <p>Dog Licensing</p> <p>Contact Department for Infrastructure for Planning Fees</p>

Class 6:- Lists and registers

Information that Council holds in registers required by law or relating to Council functions

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Public registers and registers held as public records	<p>Information held in registers that is available for public inspection in compliance with UK GDPR. Public registers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality • Food businesses • Licensing • Planning applications • Public rights of ways • Public Health Funerals 	<p>Email / Telephone</p> <p>Contact Customer Services to request information from a specific service area</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Asset Registers	Council holds registers on its capital assets, an annual analysis of these assets is provided.	Website/Email/Telephone Annual Statement of Accounts For more information contact Customer Services
CCTV	The locations of any overt CCTV surveillance cameras operated by, or on Council's behalf.	Email/Telephone Information is available on request to Facilities Department
Disclosure Log	Information in relation to requests for information under FOIA and EIR legislation.	Website / Email / Telephone 2023/24 statistics presented to the Committee on 15 August 2024 2022/23 statistics presented to the Committee on 15 June 2023 2021/22 statistics presented to the Committee on 12 May 2022 2020/21 statistics presented to the Committee on 13 May 2021 Information also available on request to Head of Compliance
Register of Councillors' financial and other interests	Register of Member's interests in accordance with the Local Government Act (NI) 2014.	Website Councillors' Interests
Senior Officers' Declaration of Interests	The names, departments, sections and job titles of all officers who have made entries. In relation to Chief Officers, information recorded in the 'professional' element of the register should also be disclosed subject to consideration of the UK GDPR.	Email/Telephone Senior Officers' Declarations of Interest
Register of Gifts and Hospitality	Details of gifts, given or received, hospitality and from which organisation and travel.	Email/Telephone

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		Information is available on request to Customer Services
Licensing and Planning Highways, Commons, Footpaths	<p>Lists and registers about licensing, planning, highways, commons and footpaths. Access information on licensing:</p> <p>Access all Planning applications via the portal link on the Planning page:</p> <p>Highways, Commons and Footpaths are not managed by NI Councils and further information can be found in the links provided.</p>	<p>Website/Email/Telephone Available on request to:</p> <p>Licensing Environmental Health</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>NI Direct - Travel, Transport and Roads NI Direct - Environment and Outdoors</p>
Register of Electors	The Register of Electors and information about the Register and where it can be inspected.	<p>Email/Telephone Available on request to Electoral Office for Northern Ireland</p> <p>Or go to Inspecting the Electoral Register</p>

Class 7:- The services we offer

Information about services the Council provides, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters.

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
Regulatory and Licensing Responsibilities	<p>The regulatory and licensing functions of Council including compliance and enforcement:</p> <p>Building Regulations:</p> <p>Planning:</p> <p>Licensing, Registration and Certification:</p>	<p>Website/Email/Telephone</p> <p>Building Control</p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Local Development Plan</p> <p>Amusement Permits</p> <p>Cinema Licensing</p> <p>Dog Licensing including Breeding Establishment Licensing</p> <p>Entertainment Licence</p> <p>Food Premises Registration and Change of Registration</p> <p>Petroleum Licensing</p> <p>Pavement Café Licensing</p> <p>Postal Numbering and Street Nameplates</p> <p>Civil Marriages and Partnerships</p> <p>Street Trading</p> <p>Special Events on Public Roads</p> <p>Society Lottery</p> <p>Contact Environmental Health for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hairdresser Licensing • Tattoos, Piercing and Acupuncture Registration

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooling Towers Registration • Caravan Park and Camping Site Licensing • Environmental Protection • Food Safety • High Hedges • Home Safety • Housing • Pest Control • Public Health Complaints • Health and Wellbeing • Abandoned and Nuisance Vehicles <p>Contact Leisure and Sport for Sports Ground Safety Licensing</p> <p>Contact Legal Administration for information on district bye-laws.</p> <p>Contact the General Register Office for Life Event Certificates</p>
Services for local businesses	Business services and advice in respect of financial support, property advice, business opportunities, recruitment of staff, etc.	<p>Website</p> <p>Information about Brexit</p> <p>Business Support</p> <p>Go Succeed</p> <p>Make It Local Programme</p> <p>Dog Breeding Establishments</p> <p>Environmental Health</p> <p>Business Grants and Funding</p> <p>Markets and Fairs</p> <p>Procurement and Tenders</p> <p>Newry City Centre Regeneration</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<p>Planning Guides</p> <p>For more information visit NMD Business</p>
Services for other organisations	Information on services and assistance Council provides, e.g. school groups and youth groups.	<p>Website/Email/Telephone</p> <p>Environmental Education - Help and Assistance for Schools and Groups</p> <p>Active Travel</p> <p>Museums School Tours – contact Museums</p> <p>Tourist signage – contact Visitor Services and Attraction Information</p>
Services for members of the public	The services provided by Council touch the lives of everyone who lives, works or visits the district.	<p>Website/Email/Telephone</p> <p>Register a Birth</p> <p>Register a Death</p> <p>Civil Marriage Ceremonies</p> <p>Weekly Bin Collection and Calendar</p> <p>Bin Collection Information</p> <p>Black Bin Information</p> <p>Missed Bin Information</p> <p>Assisted Bin Lift - Special Circumstances</p> <p>Blue/Green Bin Recycling</p> <p>Brown Bin Recycling</p> <p>Food Waste Caddy and Liners</p> <p>Household Recycling Centres</p> <p>Enforcing Laws on Littering and Flytipping</p> <p>Dog Warden Services</p> <p>Public Toilets</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<p>Public Toilet Facilities for People with Disabilities</p> <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Environmental Health - Residential</p> <p>Gaeilge - Irish Language Unit</p> <p>Breastfeeding Welcome Here Scheme</p> <p>Communities Leading Change - Participatory Funding</p> <p>Multiply</p> <p>For information on approved civil marriage/civil partnership venues contact Registration</p> <p>For information on Planning Enforcement, Tree Preservations Orders, Conservation Areas contact the Planning Department</p> <p>For information on Town Centre CCTV contact Facilities Department</p> <p>To report an abandoned vehicle contact Environmental Health</p> <p>For information on the NI Housing Executive Affordable Warmth Scheme contact Environmental Health</p>
Services for which Council is entitled to recover a fee together with those fees	Services for which Council is entitled to recover a fee include Building Control, Births, Deaths and Marriages and Licensing.	<p>Website/Email/Telephone</p> <p>Marriages</p> <p>Civil Partnerships</p> <p>Leisure and Sport</p> <p>Building Control</p> <p>Municipal Cemeteries</p>

Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<p>Planning</p> <p>Community Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Facilities - Hire Charges • Community Facilities - Block Booking Form • Community Facilities - Casual Booking Form • Community Facilities - Conditions of Hire • Community Facilities - Insurance Guidelines • Community Facilities - Sample Risk Assessment <p>Business Licensing</p> <p>Dog Licensing</p> <p>Car Parking</p> <p>Bulky Waste Collection Service</p> <p>Buy a Bin</p> <p>Contact Department for Infrastructure for Planning Fees and Forms</p>
Information for visitors to the area, leisure information, events, museum and archive collections	Information about what's on in the local district including activities, historical sites, events, etc.	<p>Website/Email/Telephone</p> <p>What's on and Events</p> <p>Museums and Culture</p> <p>NMD Museums</p> <p>Leisure and Sport</p> <p>Amenity areas</p> <p>Municipal Parks and Open Spaces</p> <p>Play parks</p> <p>Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in the District</p> <p>Castlewellan Forest Park</p> <p>The Carlingford Lough Greenway</p> <p>The Mourne Mountains</p>

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		<p>Ring of Gullion Castlewellan Forest Park Mountain Biking Trails Rostrevor Mountain Bike Trails</p> <p>Places to stay</p> <p>Go to Visit Mourne Mountains for Council's dedicated tourism website</p> <p>Beach Equipment Loan Scheme - Cranfield, for more information visit Mae Murray Foundation</p> <p>For more information contact Visitor Services</p>
Leaflets, Booklets and Newsletters	Information on services provided by Council and its partners on specific matters, e.g. food waste recycling, business news and home safety.	<p>Website</p> <p>District Electoral Areas Complaints, Comments and Compliments Form Safeguarding - Advice for Customers Using Newry, Mourne and Down Council Facilities Blue/Green Recycling Bin Food Waste Recycling Pest Control Pest-control-services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedbugs • Cockroaches • Fleas • Garden Ants • Mice • Pigeons • Rats • Slugs

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiders • Wasps <p>Food Allergy Advice</p> <p>Home Safety - Window Blind Safety</p> <p>NMD Business Ezine</p> <p>NMD Housing Conference Booklet</p> <p>Visit Mourne Mountains ENewsletter - Sign Up</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Leaflet</p> <p>Your First Steps to Running a Catering Business</p> <p>NI Local Government Commissioner for Standards - Complain about a Councillor's Conduct</p> <p>Emergency Flooding Leaflet</p>
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Class of Information	Description	How it can be accessed
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Safety • Food safety • Health and Safety • Housing Information for Landlords • Pollution, Prevention and Control • Port Health / Imported Foods <p>Emergencies</p> <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Safer Communities</p> <p>Building Control</p> <p>Diversity & Ethnic Minorities - Support Centre</p> <p>Community Support Programme</p> <p>Community Services, Facilities and Events</p> <p>Active Travel</p> <p>Road Safety</p>
Media Releases	Press statements and releases.	<p>Website</p> <p>Press Office</p> <p>News - Residents</p> <p>News - Business</p> <p>News - Council</p>
Election Information	Information on election results, forthcoming elections and voting procedures.	<p>Website</p> <p>Local Council Elections 2023</p>

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