



Subject:	Equality and Diversity: Quarter 3 Equality Screening and Rural Needs Outcome Report
Date:	19th February, 2021
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to set out the Quarterly Screening Outcome Report of equality screenings and rural needs impact assessments for Quarter 3 2020-21
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is recommended to note the Quarterly Screening Outcome Report which will be published on the Council's website
3.0	Main report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	As Members will be aware, the Council has a duty to have, under section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity in relation to the nine equality categories; and

3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regard to the desirability of promotion good relations <p>In addition, under section 1 of the Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans, and when designing and delivering public services
3.3	<p>To this end, the Council has a process to carry out equality screening and rural needs assessment of new and revised policies. This allows any impacts related to equality of opportunity, good relations or rural needs to be identified and addressed.</p>
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p>
3.4	<p>Quarterly Screening Outcome Report</p> <p>The Quarter 3 Screening Outcome Report for October to December 2020 is attached. As usual, the Quarterly Screening Outcome Report and Rural Needs Impact Assessment is being brought to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee meeting for notation and will be published on the Council website.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This report contributes to the Council's compliance with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Rural Needs Act 2016.</p>
4.0	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Screening Outcome Report for October to December, 2020 - Quarter 3</p>