**PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE**

**EQUALITY / SECTION 75 / RURAL NEEDS**

The EQIA process has considered Section 75 and rural needs issues attaching to the draft Public Memorials Policy Framework.

Pre-consultation and engagement was carried out at an earlier developmental stage of the process and we now present the draft Public Memorials Policy Framework together with an EQIA and a rural needs assessment.

The Council remains of the opinion that there are sufficient safeguards within the proposed framework to ensure that decisions on public memorials will be fair, reasonable, transparent and proportionate, and as a consequence may have the potential to enhance good relations within the Borough.

Overall, the outcome of the draft EQIA suggests that if the policy is implemented in full then it is likely to have a positive effect on the promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations generally within the Borough, and will ensure that any decision is underpinned by overt cross community support. The framework is also likely to complement the aims of the NI Executive’s Together: Building a United Community (T: BUC) strategy by contributing to a society where cultural expression is celebrated and embraced.

In addition, this draft EQIA has identified an opportunity to modify the policy in order to help meet the special circumstances of those who may not be able to submit an application in written English, for example on grounds of ethnicity, age or disability. The Council seeks your views on this matter.

In reaching any decision, the Council commits to remaining open to feedback and is also committed to responding in a positive manner to views expressed through this consultation process.

**Questionnaire**

**Memorials Policy**

1. To what extent do you agree that the draft Public Memorials Policy sets out a clear process for how the Council will make a decision on requests for a memorial?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

2. To what extent do you agree that the draft Public Memorials Policy sets out a consistent, fair, transparent and ethical approach to decision making?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you wish to make any further comments on the policy:

**Equality and Good Relations**

3. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the draft Public Memorials Policy Framework will promote equality of opportunity?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Any further comments:

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the draft Public Memorials Policy Framework will promote good relations?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Any further comments:

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the procedures that the Council has put in place to ensure that the draft Public Memorials Policy Framework will promote good relations?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Any further comments:

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the procedures that the Council has put in place to ensure that the draft Memorial Policy Framework will address rural needs?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Any further comments:

7. Are you aware of any other equality of opportunity, good relations or rural needs issues that should be taken into account in relation to the proposed changes to the draft Public Memorials Policy Framework?

YES / NO

If Yes, please outline below:

**Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)**

The draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) which forms a part of this consultation has considered available data and research and sets out a draft assessment of the impacts in relation to the nine Section 75 grounds.

In keeping with good practice, the Council is open to views as to the need to modify the policy in order to meet the special circumstances of those who may not be able to submit an application in written English, for example on grounds of ethnicity, age or disability.

In reaching any decision, the Council commits to remaining open to feedback and is also committed to responding in a positive manner to views expressed throughout the consultation process.

8. To what extent do you agree or disagree the Council should consider modifying the policy in order to meet the special circumstances of those who may not be able to submit an application in written English, for example on grounds of ethnicity, age or disability.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Any further comments:

9. In addition to the issues identified in the EQIA, are there any other issues that you think should be considered? YES / NO

Please provide further details below:

10. Are you content with the assessment of impact made in the EQIA?

YES / NO

Please provide further details below:

11. Are you content with the conclusions reached in the EQIA?

YES / NO

Please provide further details below:

12. Do you have any further comments on the draft EQIA?

YES / NO

Please provide further details below:

**Rural Needs Assessment**

The draft Rural Needs Assemment which forms part of this consultation indicates that the draft Public Memorials Policy Framework will not impact on the rural community and rural areas per se and that the draft policy will impact on all rural and urban areas equally positively. The safeguards put forward by the draft Public Memorials Policy framework and the Equality Impact Assessment will ensure that this policy is equitably available to all citizens and residents.

13. Are you content with the assessment made in the draft Rural Impact Assessment?

YES / NO

Please provide further details below:

14. Do you have any further comments on the draft Rural Impact Assessment?

YES / NO

Please provide further details below:

15. Are you aware of any other rural needs issues that should be taken into account in relation to the draft Public Memorials Policy Framework?

YES / NO

Please provide further details below:

**Equality Data**

Q1. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us the name of the organisation

Q2. Are you either a resident or a ratepayer in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council Area?

Please circle: Yes / No

If **YES**, what is the first part of your post code BT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If **NO**, what is your primary interest in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough? Is it as a:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **NI resident** |  |
| **Visitor** |  |
| **Worker** |  |
| **Student** |  |
| **Council Staff** |  |
| **Other (please specify):** | |

Q3. Which of the following community backgrounds do you identify with the most?

(Please tick one.)

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| --- | --- |
| **Roman Catholic** |  |
| **Protestant** |  |
| **Other Christian (including Christian related)** |  |
| **Other faith or non-Christian community background** |  |
| **No religion** |  |
| **Prefer not to say** |  |

Q4. What is your national identity?

(Please tick one.)

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| --- | --- |
| **British** |  |
| **Irish** |  |
| **Northern Irish** |  |
| **English** |  |
| **Scottish** |  |
| **Welsh** |  |
| **Other (please specify):** | |

Q5. What is your ethnic group?

(Please tick one.)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **White** |  |
| **Irish Traveller** |  |
| **African / Black** |  |
| **Caribbean** |  |
| **Indian** |  |
| **Pakistani** |  |
| **Bangladeshi** |  |
| **Chinese** |  |
| **Mixed or multiple ethnic groups** |  |
| **Other ethnic group** |  |
| **Prefer not to say** |  |

Q6. What is your age category?

(Please tick one.)

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| --- | --- |
| **Under 18** |  |
| **18 -24** |  |
| **25-34** |  |
| **35-44** |  |
| **44-54** |  |
| **55-64** |  |
| **Over 65** |  |
| **Prefer not to say** |  |

Q 7. What is your gender?

(Please tick one.)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Male** |  |
| **Female** |  |
| **Prefer not to say** |  |
| **I identify as:** | |

Thank you for your cooperation.