**Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council**

**Section 75 Equality and Good Relations Screening**

**Part 1. Information about the activity/policy/project being screened**

We are seeking expressions of interest from sports organisations for the booking of the 3G pitch at Lough Moss Leisure Centre. This will be assessed and awarded through a Criteria process.

**Name of the activity/policy/project**

Booking Criteria for the 3G Pitch at Lough Moss Leisure Centre

# **Is this activity/policy/project – an existing one, a revised one, a new one?**

A new booking criteria for the 3G pitch.

**What are the intended aims/outcomes the activity/policy/project is trying to achieve?**

To provide the opportunity for local sports organisations to book slots of the 3G pitch. This will enable local clubs to develop and grow their club activities by securing pitch space on a regular basis.

**Who is the activity/policy/project targeted at and who will benefit? Are there any expected benefits for specific Section 75 categories/groups from this activity/policy/project? If so, please explain.**

This is targeted at local sports organisations within the LCCC area. The clubs provide the community with access to sports activities and the community includes section 75 categories and groups.

**Who initiated or developed the activity/policy/project?**

Community & Wellbeing Department.

**Who owns and who implements the activity/policy/project?**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council own the project. Sports Services will deliver the project and assess clubs against the criteria.

**Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the activity/policy/project? If yes, give brief details of any significant factors.**

**No.**

**Who are the internal and external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the activity/policy/project will impact upon? Delete if not applicable**

Staff and managers developing the booking criteria.

Members of the sports organisations who are the successful applicants.

Elected Members as decision makers

**Other policies/strategies/plans with a bearing on this activity/policy/project**

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| **Name of policy/strategy/plan** | **Who owns or implements?** |
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| Lisburn & Castlereagh Community Plan | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and Community Planning Partners |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council’s Corporate Plan | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
| Regional Development Strategy | NI Executive |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council’s Connect, Invest, Transform investment Plan | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
| Local Development Plan | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
| LCCC Open space strategy | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |
| Pitches Strategy | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council |

**Available evidence**

**What evidence/information (qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered or considered to inform this activity/policy? Specify details for each Section 75 category.**

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| **Section 75 Category** | **Details of evidence/information** |
| Religious Belief | We do not have information on the Section 75 characteristics of potential members of the successful sports organisation, but they are likely to reflect the wider population.  Detailed analysis of population data by Section 75 category is not considered relevant to this screening as sports organisations attract a wide range of participants from the local community. The successful sports organisation must demonstrate that they operate on the principles of inclusion and participation for all. |
| Political Opinion |
| Racial Group |
| Age |
| Marital Status |
| Sexual Orientation |
| Men & Women Generally |
| Disability |
| People with and without Dependants |

### Needs, experiences and priorities

**Taking into account the information referred to above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the following categories, in relation to the particular activity/policy/decision? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories**

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| **Section 75 Category** | **Details of needs/experiences/priorities** |
| Religious Belief | All successful sports organisations will be trying to attract members and participants from the local community from all backgrounds including those that fall within S.75.  Analysis by Section 75 category is not considered relevant for this exercise. |
| Political Opinion |
| Racial Group |
| Age |
| Marital Status |
| Sexual Orientation |
| Men & Women Generally |
| Disability |
| People with and without Dependants |

**Part 2. Screening questions**

**1 What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this activity/policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories?**

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| **Section 75 Category** | **Details of likely impact – will it be positive or negative? If none anticipated, say none** | **Level of impact -** **major or minor\*** - see guidance below |
| Religious Belief | No specific impact for any group. | None |
| Political Opinion |
| Racial Group |
| Age |
| Marital Status |
| Sexual Orientation |
| Men & Women Generally |
| Disability |
| People with and without Dependants |

\* See Appendix 1 for details.

**2(a) Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?**

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| **Section 75 Category** | **IF Yes, provide details** | **If No, provide details** |
| Religious Belief |  | All clubs or organisations submitting a pitch booking form are required to detail how they provide equal opportunities for their, members and teams. |
| Political Opinion |
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| Age |
| Marital Status |
| Sexual Orientation |
| Men & Women Generally |
| Disability |
| People with and without Dependants |

**2(b) Equality Action Plan 2021-2025**

Does the activity/policy/project being screened relate to an action in the [Equality Action Plan 2021-2025](https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/council/publications/equality-section-75/action-plans-equality-and-disability)? Yes/No If yes, specify which action.

No

**2(c) DDA Disability Duties (see Disability Action Plan 2021-2025)**

Does this policy/activity present opportunities to contribute to the actions in our [Disability Action Plan](https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/council/publications/equality-section-75/action-plans-equality-and-disability):

* to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?
* to encourage the participation of disabled people in public life?

Yes. Any club booking must detail how they are inclusive and target hard to reach groups.

**3 To what extent is the activity/policy/project likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?**

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| **Good Relations Category** | **Details of likely impact. Will it be positive or negative?** [if no specific impact identified, say none] | **Level of impact –** **minor/major\*** |
| Religious Belief | No direct impact identified in this project. | None |
| Political Opinion |
| Racial Group |

\*See Appendix 1 for details.

**4 Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?**

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| **Good Relations Category** | **IF Yes, provide details** | **If No, provide details** |
| Religious Belief |  | No opportunities identified |
| Political Opinion |
| Racial Group |

**Multiple identity**

**Provide details of any data on the impact of the activity/policy/project on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.**

Not applicable

**Part 3. Screening decision/outcome**

Equality and good relations screening is used to identify whether there is a need to carry out a **full equality impact assessment** on a proposed policy or project. There are 3 possible outcomes:

1. **Screen out** - no need for a full equality impact assessment and no mitigations required because no relevance to equality, no negative impacts identified or only very minor positive impacts for all groups. This may be the case for a purely technical policy for example.
2. **Screen out with mitigation** - no need for a full equality impact assessment but some minor potential impacts or opportunities to better promote equality and/or good relations identified, so mitigations appropriate. Much of our activity will probably fall into this category.
3. **Screen in for full equality impact assessment** – potential for significant and/or potentially negative impact identified for one or more groups so proposal requires a more detailed impact assessment. [See Equality Commission guidance on justifying a screening decision.]

**Choose only one of these** and provide reasons for your decision and ensure evidence is noted/referenced for any decision reached.

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| **Screening Decision/Outcome** | **Reasons/Evidence** |
| Option 1  **Screen out** – no equality impact assessment and no mitigation required [go to Monitoring section] | It is considered that there is no need to conduct a full equality impact assessment. Equality of opportunity is already built into the booking criteria. The sports organisations/clubs will have to demonstrate that they are an inclusive and participation for all. |
| Option 2  **Screen out with mitigation** – some potential impacts identified but they can be addressed with appropriate mitigation or some opportunities to better promote equality and/or good relations identified [complete mitigation section below] |  |
| Option 3  **Screen in** for a full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)  [If option 3, complete timetabling and prioritising section below] |  |

**Mitigation (Only relevant to Option 2)** - Not applicable

**Can the activity/policy/project plan be amended or an alternative activity/policy introduced to better promote equality of opportunity and/or good relations?**

If so, give the **reasons** to support your decision, together with the proposed changes/amendments or alternative activity/policy and ensure the mitigations are included in a revised/updated policy or plan.

**Timetabling and prioritising for full EQIA (only relevant to Option 3)**

If the activity/policy has been **‘screened in’** for full equality impact assessment, give details of any factors to be considered and the next steps for progressing the EQIA, including a proposed timetable.

Is the activity/policy affected by timetables established by other relevant public authorities? Yes/No. If yes, please provide details.

Not applicable

**Part 4. Monitoring**

Public authorities should consider the guidance contained in the Commission’s Monitoring Guidance for Use by Public Authorities (July 2007).

Effective monitoring will help a public authority identify any future adverse impact arising from the activity/policy which may lead the public authority to conduct an equality impact assessment, as well as help with future planning and activity/policy development.

**What will be monitored and how? What specific equality monitoring will be done? Who will undertake and sign-off the monitoring of this activity/policy and on what frequency?** Please give details:

The application process and criteria will be reviewed on an annual basis by management within Sports Services. Feedback from applicants will be considered, as well as detail from pitch booking forms on how applicants provide equal opportunities for their members and teams.

**Part 5 - Approval and authorisation**

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|  | **Position/Job Title** | **Date** |
| Screened by: Neil Thompson | Area Manager (Local Facilities) | 07/05/24 |
| Reviewed by: Annie Wilson | Equality Officer | 07/05/24 |
| **Approved by:**  Brendan Courtney | Head of Service | 09/05/2024 |

Note: On completion of the screening exercise, a copy of the completed Screening Report should be:

* approved and ‘signed off’ by a senior manager responsible for the activity/policy
* included with Committee reports, as appropriate
* sent to the Equality Officer for the quarterly screening report to consultees, internal reporting and publishing on the LCCC website
* shared with relevant colleagues
* made available to the public on request.

Evidence and documents referenced in the screening report should also be available if requested.

**Appendix 1 – Equality Commission guidance on equality impact**

\*Major impact:

1. The policy/project is significant in terms of its strategic importance;
2. Potential equality matters are unknown, because, for example, there is insufficient data upon which to make an assessment or because they are complex, and it would be appropriate to conduct an equality impact assessment in order to better assess them;
3. Potential equality and/or good relations impacts are likely to be adverse or are likely to be experienced disproportionately by groups of people including those who are marginalised or disadvantaged;
4. Further assessment offers a valuable way to examine the evidence and develop recommendations in respect of a policy about which there are concerns amongst affected individuals and representative groups, for example in respect of multiple identities;
5. The policy is likely to be challenged by way of judicial review;
6. The policy is significant in terms of expenditure.

Minor impact

1. The policy is not unlawfully discriminatory and any residual potential impacts on people are judged to be negligible;
2. The policy, or certain proposals within it, are potentially unlawfully discriminatory, but this possibility can readily and easily be eliminated by making appropriate changes to the policy or by adopting appropriate mitigating measures;
3. Any asymmetrical equality impacts caused by the policy are intentional because they are specifically designed to promote equality of opportunity for particular groups of disadvantaged people;
4. By amending the policy there are better opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity and/or good relations.

No impact (none)

1. The policy has no relevance to equality of opportunity or good relations;
2. The policy is purely technical in nature and will have no bearing in terms of its likely impact on equality of opportunity or good relations for people within the equality and good relations categories.

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