

Rural Needs Impact Assessment Template (RNIA)

Section 1 - Defining the activity subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

1A. Name of Public Authority

Belfast City Council

1B. Please provide a short title, which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to the Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021

1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to.

Developing a

Adopting a

Implementing a

Revising a

Designing a Public Service

Delivering a Public Service

Policy

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Policy

Strategy

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Plan

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1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan for Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above.

Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021

1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service.

The Belfast Strategic Partnership leads the age-friendly process supported by the Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP)

The Age-friendly Belfast first delivery cycle (2014-2017 AF Action Plan) has been completed and HASP have evaluated the progress, produced an Age-friendly Belfast progress report, and developed a new 3 year plan 2018 -2021 for public consultation

Currently there are no legislative or procurement implications but The Belfast Agenda commits us to ensure an age-friendly Belfast.

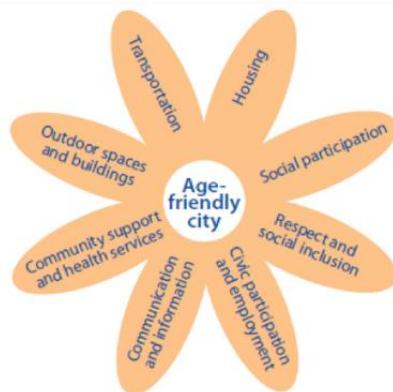
Financial implications relate to the implementation of the Age-friendly Belfast Plan, and Belfast City Council Contribution is covered through existing resources.

Age-friendly Background

In 2012, Belfast City Council All Party Reference Group on Older People provided the initial leadership to explore Belfast becoming an Age-friendly City. Subsequently, in May 2012, the Lord Mayor signed a declaration committing Belfast to this process That commitment was reconfirmed within the Belfast Agenda.

An Age-friendly City must:

1. Establish mechanisms to involve older people throughout the age-friendly process
2. Develop a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the city under eight domains:



3. Develop a 3-year city-wide action plan
4. Identify measurements to monitor progress against this plan.

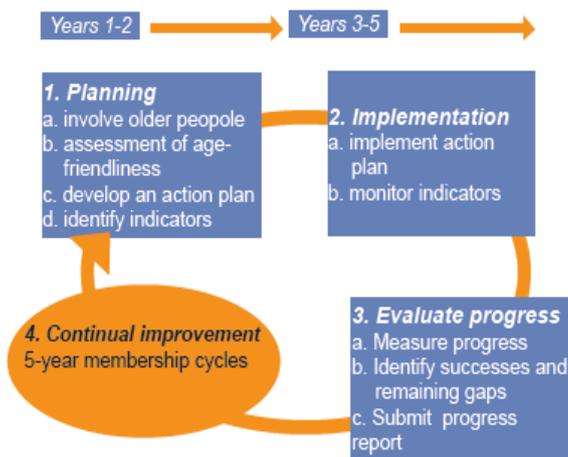
It was clear that in order to consider and develop these domains we would have to work in partnership with a wide range of voluntary, community and public organisations providing services for older people. Many of the organisations were already members of the Belfast Strategic Partnership (BSP) which had identified healthy ageing as a priority within its Framework for Action to reduce life inequalities in Belfast. It was therefore agreed by Council that BSP should lead the age-friendly process supported by the existing Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership. Damian Connolly is the lead Council officer represented on HASP. (Appendix 5 HASP current membership).

It is also clear that a wide range of Council Departments and Services are essential to the features of an Age-friendly city and there is a need to engage senior officers from across the organisation to deliver this project.

HASP have been using a range of mechanisms to engage with older people and key

stakeholders across the city with a view to identifying priority areas for the next 3 years and updating the baseline assessment. These have included working with city stats and partner organisations to utilise existing data sets, consultation events including the annual Age-friendly Belfast Convention and officer attendance at the Greater Belfast Seniors Forum meetings. We have also secured a number of questions in recent Council residence surveys and supplemented these with a specific age-friendly Belfast survey. AgeNI were also commissioned to consult with some of the harder to reach older peoples groups (disabled, carers, LGBT, BME and people living in residential care) using peer facilitators.

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Our Vision remains

Belfast – A City where older people live life to the full

Key strategic themes

Achievement of the outcomes in the Belfast Agenda will need coordination of effort by many individuals and organisations beyond the scope of the Age-friendly Plan. However, a set of key strategic themes for Age-friendly Belfast were identified through our consultations as important areas where action can be taken over the next three years.

Partnership

- Effective partnership working in delivering the Plan

Infrastructure

- Improved physical environment which encourages walking and active ageing,
- more accessible public transport network
- increased provision of suitable housing.

Social inclusion

- Older people are better informed and supported to engage in social, cultural life and civic life,
- older people are more connected and less isolated,
- older people feel more respected and
- improved community safety.

Health and wellbeing

- Older people know how to access services,
- older people make better lifestyle choices and
- older people have improved access to Belfast Health and Social Care services and support.

Financial security

- Improved employment opportunities,
- improved access to benefits and entitlements and
- better protection from financial scams and fraud.

Partnership

Our aim is to have an effective working partnership which delivers the Age-friendly Belfast Plan and enables older people to influence the planning and design of services which meet their needs.

The following agencies have committed to participating in the Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP):

- Age NI
- The Alzheimer's Society
- Belfast City Council
- Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
- Belfast Healthy Cities
- The Department for Infrastructure
- Engage with Age
- Greater Belfast Seniors Forum
- The Health and Social Care Board/Belfast Local Commissioning Group
- Linking Generations Northern Ireland
- North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- The Public Health Agency
- Volunteer Now

These agencies have also committed to:

1. Review the Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP) to make sure that it will be effective in taking forward the agreed actions and commitments in this plan.
2. Review the effective voice and influence of older people in HASP and in planning and designing services which meet their needs.
3. Providing leadership and governance for Age-friendly Belfast through the Belfast Strategic Partnership. The Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership (HASP) will co-ordinate delivery of the 3-Year Age-friendly Belfast Plan. HASP will regularly report against a detailed plan with short and medium term actions to Greater Belfast Senior Forum, Belfast Strategic Partnership, Belfast City Council All Party Reference Group on Older People and the Community Planning Partnership.
4. The HASP Age-friendly team will provide specific support for the development of the Age-friendly Belfast Charter, intergenerational work, Age-friendly Belfast ambassadors, collaboration on isolation and loneliness and Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood development.
5. Lead organisations identified will oversee the delivery and performance management of relevant aspects of the Age-friendly Belfast Plan and report progress to HASP.

Infrastructure

Our aim is that older people live in a safer environment that encourages walkability and active age supports access to services and transport, and provides for their housing needs.

We have secured commitment for:

1. Belfast Healthy Cities and HASP to review and update the walkability assessment tool to include dementia friendly communities and develop guidance on usage.
2. The Department for Infrastructure, Department for Communities, and HASP partners to work together to make sure that key schemes, projects and interventions in the city are developed to support older people to walk, cycle and access public transport services in Belfast. Consultation with older people and people living with dementia will take place on the development of key schemes and, where appropriate, use the Belfast Healthy Cities walkability assessment. Key schemes will include:
 - streets ahead phase 3 and 5,
 - improvements to the Belfast Bicycling Network,
 - improvements of the Comber Greenway, and
 - Urban Villages work in the Collin area of west Belfast.
3. The Department for Infrastructure, Department for Communities and Belfast City Council to collectively consider and address issues raised by older people in the development of public realm schemes in relation to dropping kerbs, resurfacing footways, seating and lighting.
4. The Department for Infrastructure, Translink, The Inclusive Mobility and Transport Advisory Committee (IMTAC) and HASP partners to collaborate to ensure the Belfast Transport Hub is accessible for older people.
5. The Department for Infrastructure and Belfast City Council to make sure footways are accessible and as far as possible free from unnecessary clutter and obstruction. This will include:
 - Belfast City Council, who license pavement cafes will regulate them in accordance with Department for Infrastructure guidance to make sure they are sensitive to the needs of street users and the surrounding area.
 - The Department for Infrastructure will take action (including enforcement action) if appropriate to remove obstructions from footpaths, including parked vehicles on foot paths.
 - The Department for Infrastructure will make sure that construction site operators provide suitable temporary walkways (as much as possible).
6. Carry out research (through Belfast City Council) to identify barriers to accessing city centre shops, entertainment venues, bars, restaurants, accommodation and services with a view to identifying potential improvements, actions or priority areas.
7. Belfast City Council to review and implement it's Toilet Provision Strategy with a view to improving the accessibility of toilets to the public and encourage active ageing.
8. Belfast City Council to implement a programme of improving the quality standards of strategically located parks and open spaces covering all parts of the city to accredited Green Flag status. The Green Flag criteria includes access to toilets, seating, and many aspects that will make them more accessible to older people. Over the next three years the council will increase the number of accredited parks from 17 to 23. Belfast City Council will carry out age-friendly and dementia -friendly walkability assessments of all Green Flag parks and use the findings to prioritise improvements.
9. Belfast City Council to increase use of parks by older people through developing age-friendly and dementia-friendly walking routes in parks, holding events attractive to older people and using community outreach to target older peoples groups and networks.
10. Belfast City Council to assess and plan improvements to Roselawn Cemetery in

consultation with older people to maintain its Green Flag status and achieve Green Flag status for at least one additional cemetery in the next three years.

11. Northern Ireland Housing Executive to put in place measures to heighten older people's awareness of housing options, and potential housing solutions available through:
 - promoting the availability of Disabled Facilities Grants for private home owners to make sure households can stay at home for as long as possible.
 - developing a feasibility study to bring forward an appropriate housing scheme to promote city centre living for older persons.
 - developing its programme to promote digital inclusion to support older persons to sustain tenancies and reduce social isolation.
 - raising awareness of housing options available to older persons, through its various community partnerships including the Belfast Regional Forum, and various area based Community foras and community news sheets.
 - working partnerships with supported housing providers such as Home Care to reduce and prevent homelessness among older people.

We will build on extensive work already underway through partnership working and progress reports on:

- The Local Development Plan which will be the planning framework for the city and aim to improve health and wellbeing by design that will promote opportunities for walking, cycling, social interaction and access to services. The Plan will also aim to address current and future residential needs of the growing older population through the provision of sufficient, affordable, life time homes.
- The Belfast Agenda and the councils emerging approach to area working, to deliver our services in a more integrated way that is focused on the needs of people in local areas to make sure better outcomes for older people and their wider communities.
- The Active Belfast Travel Plan-Department for Communities working with Belfast Strategic Partnership
- Work through Belfast Healthy Cities Healthy places group
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive investment in its housing stock to reduce fuel poverty and increase energy efficiency, and promotion of the Department for Communities led Warm Homes scheme
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive provision of housing advisors, appropriate housing solutions for all vulnerable client groups and welfare case officers that liaise directly with the Health and Social Care Trusts.

Social inclusion

Our aim is that older people are more socially, culturally and technologically connected.

We have secured commitment for:

1. the use of Advice NI website Portal for Older People Northern Ireland (POPNI) as the central information platform for information for older people in Belfast. HASP partners will sign up to use this portal and update their information regularly.
2. the citywide group on reducing isolation and loneliness in older people to develop a plan to:
 - increase the availability of befriending and other services to reduce loneliness in older people,
 - carry out a needs analysis and pilot training for key staff and volunteers on reducing isolation and loneliness in older people and
 - develop and test systematic referral pathways to connect older people to the services that they need.
3. Belfast City Council and the Department for Communities and Libraries NI to collaborate

with the citywide technology and isolation group to deliver a comprehensive programme to deliver more digital inclusion sessions and courses with older people to include:

- intergenerational programmes,
 - one-to-one approaches,
 - use of social media,
 - financial security and
 - using the POPNI website.
4. Belfast City Council and Volunteer Now to increase nominations of volunteers from hard to reach groups in Belfast develop for the Age-friendly Volunteer Awards and volunteering programmes.
 5. The Belfast Health Development Unit, Greater Belfast Seniors Forum and Volunteer Now to identify older champions to promote the Take 5 steps to wellbeing messages across the city.
 6. Campaign to End Loneliness to undertake public engagement campaigns to reduce the stigma of loneliness and encourage meaningful connections.
 7. Age-friendly Belfast Team, Greater Belfast Seniors Forum, Alzheimer's Society and Dementia NI to review and update the Age-friendly Charter to:
 - make sure improvements are being made by organisations signed up to the charter,
 - increase the number of organisations signing up to the charter and
 - develops and support customer care assessments.
 8. Alzheimer's Society, Dementia NI, Belfast City Council and HASP age-friendly team to establish a dementia-friendly city task and finish working group to:
 - host an awareness event in Belfast City Hall with city centre businesses and
 - work with Belfast City Centre businesses to improve dementia training and awareness (including awareness of the JAM card).
 9. Alzheimer's Society, Dementia NI and HASP group to work with partners to extend the Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood Initiative to at least two additional neighbourhoods, and work with BME and LGB&T older people

We will build on extensive work already underway through partnership working and progress reports on:

- Belfast Strategic Partnership Emotional Resilience Strategy
- Age-friendly Belfast events, updates and calendar and a seniors page in the City Matters magazine delivered to all household in Belfast
- Positive Ageing Month, including specific programmes for 'hard to reach' groups of older people and linking to the development of Belfast as a Learning City
- Public Health Agency arts and older people programmes through Arts Council NI and Arts Care
- Linking Generations NI Intergenerational Programmes
- Belfast Safer City Plan
- A range of projects to tackle loneliness and isolation working with older people in Belfast
- Co-ordinated planning for extreme weather and emergency preparedness with older people

Health and wellbeing

Our aim is that older people have better access to a range of recreational, health and social care services required to sustain their physical and mental health.

We have secured commitment for:

10. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to work with other partners to address the communication and other barriers which affect access to health and social care services as identified in the report Black and Minority Ethnic Groups: Health and Wellbeing of Older People in Belfast. Barriers include language, lack of information, staff attitudes, lack of self-confidence and lack of confidence in the service. Progress will be demonstrated on each of these dimensions.
11. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to produce an easy read *Patient, Client and Carers' Guide on Community Care*.
12. Belfast Health and Care Trust to make sure that frontline staff are trained to identify when older people have additional needs and to offer them support for these through the initiative *Every Contact Counts*.
13. The Public Health Agency to monitor participation rates and quit rates among older people within smoking cessation programmes and action taken to increase the rates.
14. The Greater Belfast Seniors Forum to raise awareness about suicide among older people and work with a range of partners to provide suicide awareness training to its forums and older people's groups.
15. The Connected Community Care Hubs in Belfast to help 4,000 older people by connecting them with the services they need to enable them to continue to live at home and manage or reduce their long term health conditions.
16. The Alzheimer's Society and the Public Health Agency (PHA) to include dementia risk reduction messages in PHA contracts with community organisations who provide healthy lifestyles programmes.
17. Active Belfast to ensure the Get Active Belfast action plans for each of the seven pledges will support active ageing and encourage healthy lifestyles among older people.
18. The Health and Social Care Board, Dementia NI and the Alzheimer's Society to work with Integrated Care Partnerships and GP Federations to adapt the Age-friendly Charter for use by GP practices, Community Pharmacies, Dental practices and Ophthalmic practices and make sure that the number of practices adopting the charter is increased year on year.

We will build on extensive work already underway through partnership working and progress reports on:

- Belfast Health and Social Care Trust's Health Sector Framework
- Public Health Agency and Belfast H&SC Trust to work with local partners to provide a range of physical activity programmes and strength and balance training for older people
- AgeNI peer facilitators, Age-friendly Belfast ambassadors and Volunteer Now Volunteering programmes

Financial security

Our aim is that older people have more financial security.

We have secured commitment for:

- Business in the Community and Age NI to work in partnership to support employers and older employees through the Age at Work campaign. Age at Work will support older workers to remain in work or return to work in order to have enough income, stay connected and have a fuller working life. It urges employers to commit to an MOT at 50, to help people with future plans and pension savings.
1. Belfast City Council's Economic Development Unit to work alongside the Department for Communities, Job Centres Online and employer stakeholder's to reduce inactivity rates among the working age population. They will make sure employability and skills interventions appropriately target older people, in particular:

- employment academies; these are employer-led programmes focused on supporting those furthest from the labour market. In addition to the hotel, construction and hospitality employment academies which will continue to grow, new sectors being explored and developed include tourism, transport, public sector, retail, childminding, care, advanced manufacturing, creative and digital industries in line with employer demand.
 - business start-up and business growth programmes.
2. Belfast Strategic Partnership to promote and support an Age-friendly Business Award in the Belfast Business Awards focusing on improved employment opportunities and staying longer in workplace.
 3. Carers NI and Business in the Community to relaunch the Carers Passport and encourage business to use it. This is a record which identifies a carer in some way and leads to provision of support, services or other.
 4. The Greater Belfast Seniors, Age Partnership Belfast and Age-friendly Belfast to identify the advice services in relation to benefits uptake and advice and develop a campaign to raise awareness of these services.
 5. Age-friendly Belfast and Belfast City Council to work with Department for Communities, Scamwise NI, Advice NI and other advice services to focus the Be Prepared information sessions across the city on financial security, benefits uptake and scam awareness.

We will build on extensive work already underway through partnership working and progress reports on:

- Department for Communities work to promote awareness of the Make the Call Campaign
- The Greater Belfast Seniors Forum and the Belfast City Council Youth Forum continue work lobbying for a plan to end poverty, maximum benefits uptake, and promote better wages for workers looking at the living wage.
- Supporting Advice NIs POP NI information, training on Older People's Benefits and Building Resilience in Retirement programme
- The Commissioner for Older People in NI (COPNI) work on tackling financial abuse in older people
- Action on Elder Abuse (AEA) Northern Ireland campaigns to protect old people against financial abuse

Measuring success

We will know we are making a difference by using an Outcomes Based Approach (OBA). This means measuring how much we did, how well we did it and is anyone better off?

We will measure progress against the following outcomes outlined below.

OBA scorecards will be developed to identify performance and population indicators of our progress and a draft outcomes framework

Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved physical environment which encourages walking and active ageing • More accessible transport • Increased provision of suitable housing
Social Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people are better informed and supported to engage in social, cultural life and civic life • Older people are more connected and less isolated • Older people feel more respected • Improved community safety
Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people know how to access services • Older people make better lifestyle choices • Older people have improved access to H&SC services & support
Financial Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved employment opportunities • Improved access to benefits and entitlements • Better protection from financial scams and fraud

Section 2 – Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas?

Yes No If the response is **NO GO TO Section 2E.**

2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.

The Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021 is a city wide strategic plan, it seeks to deliver improved wellbeing outcomes for everyone in the Belfast area, including those outside the main urban area of the city.

Impacts on those living in rural areas, as for those in urban areas would be expected to be positive.

The plan does not make specific proposals for rural areas at this stage, however more detailed planning in relation to the specific actions will consider any potential differential impacts on rural

areas as they are progressed

2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas, please explain how it is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently.

For Belfast, barriers to service delivery for people living in rural areas might not be considered to be as severe as those in more remote parts of Northern Ireland. Areas of Belfast outside the main urban area, including the 3 rural settlements of Edenderry, Lough View and Hannahstown are within relative proximity to the urban service centres within the main metropolitan area, and to the city centre. In addition transport services exist along arterial routes from these rural settlements to the city centre.

The Age-friendly Belfast Plan 2018-2021 is a city wide plan, and specific area based work and location of events is considered to ensure limited differential impacts on rural areas

2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to primarily impact on.

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| Rural Businesses | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rural Tourism | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rural Housing | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Education or Training in Rural Areas | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Poverty in Rural Areas | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Deprivation in Rural Areas | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rural Crime or Community Safety | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rural Development | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agri-Environment | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Please state) | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A

2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT likely to impact on people in rural areas.

Section 3 – Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

3A. Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Yes No If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **3E**.

3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources were used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	Published Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation with Other Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surveys or Questionnaires <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

3C. Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.

HASP have used a range of mechanisms to engage with older people and key stakeholders across the whole of the city with a view to identifying priority areas for the next 3 years and updating the baseline assessment.

These have included

- Consultation events including the annual Age-friendly Belfast Convention
- Officer attendance at the Greater Belfast Seniors Forum meetings which represent 6 local forums covering all the city including the rural areas
- We also secured a number of questions in recent Council residence surveys
- WE carried out a specific age-friendly Belfast survey across the City
- AgeNI were also commissioned to consult with some of the harder to reach older peoplesgroups (disabled, carers, LGBT, BME and people living in residential care) using peer facilitators.

3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority

It was felt that the needs of older people across the city are similar for people the rural areas of Belfast so would be covered in the plans priorities.

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- older people have improved access to Belfast Health and Social Care services and support.

Financial security

- Improved employment opportunities,
- improved access to benefits and entitlements and
- better protection from financial scams and fraud.

If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A

3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

Section 4 – Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

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Section 5 – Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

Yes No If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **5C**.

5A. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified?

If the response to Section 5A was YES GO TO Section 6A

5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has NOT been influenced by the rural needs identified.

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SECTION 6 – Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained by the Public Authority and relevant information on the Section 1 activity compiled in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the guidance.

I confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained and relevant information compiled.

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