

MOYLE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Consultation on

SCREENING OF NEW POLICIES

1ST April 2005 – 31ST March 2006

1. Background

Moyle District Council is committed to fulfilling the responsibilities outlined under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. In March 2001 the Council prepared an Equality Scheme in which it identified a range of policies which it would subject to an equality impact assessment to meet its statutory requirements.

2. Screening of Policies

The Council conducted a two stage approach to screening. A number of policies were identified for equality impact assessment and these were timetabled for completion.

Since this initial screening exercise new policies have been adopted by the Council and have been screened using the 4 statutory questions and tested against whether they are considered likely to have a significant impact on equality.

These policies have been listed in the following pages. An outcome of the screening exercise has been identified against each of the policies. We would welcome your comments and views you have in relation to the outcome of the screening exercise conducted.

Contact Details

We will positively respond to requests for further detail or clarification, including requests for material in alternative formats such as large print, Braille, disc and audiocassette and in minority languages to meet the needs of those who are not fluent in English. Should you require any further assistance do not hesitate to contact:

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Comments should be forwarded by Friday 10th November 2006

Policies Adopted by Council 1st April 2005 – 31st March 2006

Policy Area – Chief Executives Department

Policy 724 – D’Houndt Method for appointing Chair and Vice Chair

Policy Summary

This policy provides the Council with a method for appointing the Chair and vice chair within the Council.

Outcome of screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Chief Executives Department

Policy 725 – Appointment of Councillors to Committees

Policy Summary

This policy states that any councillor within the Council would be eligible for appointment to any committee within the Council.

Outcome of screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Chief Executives Department

Policy 726 – Appointment of Political Members to DPP

Policy Summary

The policy states that the Model Terms of Appointment for Political members to the District Policing Partnership would be adopted.

Outcome of screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Chief Executives Department

Policy 727 – Policy on Circuses within the District

Policy Summary

This policy provides permission for Circuses to be performed on Council ground.

Outcome of Screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Environmental Health

Policy 728 – Policy on waste from motor vehicles

Policy Summary

This policy provides information regarding the action the Council will take if material is dumped from motor vehicles.

Outcome of Screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Building Control

Policy 729 – Street Naming and Numbering

Policy Summary

This policy provides information regarding the naming and numbering of streets.

Outcome of Screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Building Control

Policy 730 – Registration Fees Building Control

Policy Summary

This policy provides information regarding the payment of registration fees within Building Control. The policy outlines that once registration fees have been paid they will not be refunded once the application has been processed.

Outcome of Screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Human Resources

Policy 731 – Barcelona Declaration

Policy Summary

The Council confirmed its commitment to providing equality within the workplace by adopting the Barcelona Declaration.

Outcome of screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Tourism/Recreation

Policy 732 – Support for Moyle Sports Awards

Policy Summary

This Policy outlines the Council's commitment to the development of Sports within the District by agreeing to sponsor a table at the Moyle Sports Awards.

Outcome of Screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA.

Policy Area – Development

Policy 733 – Official Openings

Policy Summary

This Policy outlines the Councils agreement that official openings in the Moyle Areas will be decided by members prior to the event.

Outcome of the Screening: No significant equality issues were identified that would require a full EQIA