

Policy Screening for Loan and Use of Heritage and Other Assets

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LNI Policy Screening Template

Part 1. Policy Scoping

Information about the policy

Name of the policy

Policy for Loan and Use of Heritage and Other Assets

Is this an existing, revised or a new policy?

Revised Policy

What is it trying to achieve? (intended aims/outcomes)

The aims of the policy are to view positive requests for the loan of cultural heritage assets in line with Libraries NI objectives

Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the intended policy? If so, explain how.

The aim is to increase access to culture, heritage, information, learning or reading and increase participation.

It could potentially positively impact on some categories of users.

Who initiated or wrote the policy?

The Director of Library Services

Who owns and who implements the policy?

The Service Development Manager with responsibility for Cultural Heritage is the policy owner

Implementation Factors

Are there any factors which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policy/decision?

If yes, are they

X	financial
x	legislative
x	other, please specify_

Main stakeholders affected

Who are the internal and external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policy will impact upon?

x	staff
x	service users
x	other public sector organisations
x	Voluntary/community/trade unions
x	Other, please specify Commercial organisations

Other policies with a bearing on this policy

- What are they?
- Who owns them?

The following policies which have a bearing, are listed with owners:

- Heritage Policy, the Service Development Manager with responsibility for Cultural Heritage
- Engaging with Culture and Creativity Policy, the Service Development Manager with responsibility for Good Relations, Equality and Anti-Poverty
- Partnership Policy, the Director of Library Services

Available evidence

What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy? Specify details for each of the section 75 categories

Section 75 category	Details of evidence/information
Religious belief	Continuous Household Survey (2018/19)
Political opinion	No data collected for this group
Racial group	Current LMS data (limited)
Age	Continuous Household Survey (2018/19) current LMS data
Marital status	Continuous Household Survey (2018/19)
Sexual orientation	No data is collected for this group
Men women generally	Continuous Household Survey (2018/19) current LMS data
Disability	Continuous Household Survey (2018/19) limited LMS data
Dependants	Continuous Household Survey (2018/19)

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 policy/decision? Specify for each of the section 75 categories.

Section 75 category	Details of needs/experiences/priorities	
Religious belief	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI Heritage and other assets	
Political opinion	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI Heritage and other assets	
Racial group	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI Heritage and other assets	
Age	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI Heritage and other assets	
Marital status	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI heritage and other assets	
Sexual orientation	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI heritage and other assets	
Men women generally	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI heritage and other assets	
Disability	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI Heritage and other assets	
Dependants	No data to suggest there are different needs, experiences or priorities in relation to the loan and use of Libraries NI heritage and other assets	

Part 2. Screening questions

1 What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories?		
Section 75 category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact? Minor/major/none
Religious belief	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	None
Political opinion	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	None
Racial group	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	None
Age	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	Minor
Marital status	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	None
Sexual orientation	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	None
Men women generally	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	None
Disability	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	None
Dependants	As the service aims to increase access to heritage and other assets, it could potentially positively impact on some categories of users	None

2 Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?		
Section 75 category	If yes, provide details	lf no, provide reasons
Religious belief	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	
Political opinion	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	
Racial group	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	
Age	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	
Marital status	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	
Sexual orientation	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	
Men women generally	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	
Disability	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	
Dependants	Libraries NI seeks to provide inclusive spaces and opportunities to learn about other Section 75 categories	

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

Minor/major/none		
Section 75 category	Details of policy impact	Level of impact Minor/major/none
Religious belief	No direct impact from this service	None
Political opinion	No direct impact from this service	None
Racial group	No direct impact from this service	None

4 Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?		
Section 75 category	If yes, provide details	If no, provide reasons
Religious belief	No direct impact from this service	
Political opinion	No direct impact from this service	
Racial group	No direct impact from this service	

Additional considerations

Multiple identity

Provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant section 75 categories concerned

No available data to suggest there would be an impact from this service.

Part 3. Screening decision

If the decision is not to conduct an equality impact assessment, please provide details of the reason.

No available data to suggest there would be an impact from this service.

If the decision is not to conduct an equality impact assessment, consider if the policy should be mitigated or an alternative policy be introduced.

There is no evidence of adverse impact on any of the s75 categories.

If the decision is to subject the policy to an equality impact assessment, please provide details of the reason

No requirement

Mitigation

Can the policy/decision be amended or changed or an alternative 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 policy.

N/A

Timetabling and prioritising

If the policy has been '**screened in'** for equality impact assessment, then please answer the following questions to determine its priority for timetabling the equality impact assessment.

On a scale of 1-3, with 1 being the lowest priority and 3 being the highest, assess the policy in terms of its priority for equality impact assessment.

Priority criterion	Rating (1 - 3)
Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	N/A
Social need	N/A
Effect on people's daily lives	N/A
Relevance to a public authority's functions	N/A

Note: The Total Rating Score should be used to prioritise the policy in rank order with other policies screened in for equality impact assessment. This list of priorities will assist in timetabling. Details of the Equality Impact Assessment Timetable should be included in the quarterly Screening Report.

Is the policy affected by timetables established by other relevant public authorities? N/A

If yes, please provide details:

Part 4. Monitoring

[Specify details of how the policy will be monitored for effectiveness / impact. See the Commission's Monitoring Guidance For Use By Public Authorities (July, 2007)].

Libraries NI collates data on participation by age and in some cases disability which informs provision. Other information is available through the Continuous Household Survey. This data would identify potential areas of inequality which may lead to prioritisation in terms of service delivery.

Part 5. Approval and authorisation

Screened by:	Position/Job Title:	Date:
Bernie McCann	Area Manager	14 October 2020
Maura Craig	Area Manager	14 October 2020
Approved by:		
Helen Osborn	Director of Library Services	4 November 2020

Note: A copy of the Screening template, for each policy screened should be 'signed off' and approved by a senior manager responsible for the policy, made easily accessible on the website as soon as possible following completion and made available on request.