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Dear Consultee

Re: Section 75 Northern Ireland Act 1998 – Policy Screening

According to Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, (Schedule 9 para 4(2)(b) and (9)(2) refers), Strabane District Council is required to screen, and consult on, all new or amended policies for equality impacts each year. The purpose of this screening exercise is to identify the policies, which are likely to have a significant impact on equality of opportunity and to identify which policies, will be subject to a full equality impact assessment (EQIA).

Following consultation with the senior management team, the following new/amended policies were identified as requiring screening for equality impacts this year:

- Child protection policy (amended).
- Procurement policy (new).
- Voluntary contributions for grant aid (amended).
- Health and safety policy (amended).
- Smoke free policy (new).

A project group from Strabane District Council conducted this screening exercise on Friday 17 August 2007. The results of our screening exercise and the EQIA of our linguistic diversity policy are now being issued for public consultation.

We would welcome your views on our recommendations and on how any of the policies would impact on Section 75 categories.

Copies of the policies and reports in full are available on request.

Comments may be sent in writing (letter, email or fax), by telephone or a face-to-face meeting can be arranged.

Please send your comments to:

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The closing date for comments is **01 December 2007**

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Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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