 

 **Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company and Translink**

**EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND SCREENING OUTCOME REPORT**

**July – September 2021**

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**Access to documents**

This publication is a summary of Equality Impact Assessments (EQIA) and screening reflective of the period July to September 2021 and summarises all the key findings and conclusions of each EQIA and the final decision of all screening. It can be made available in large-print, on disk, on audiocassette and in Braille and in other languages on request. For information about obtaining a copy in any of these formats – or to request a copy in any other accessible format – please contact:

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This document and other documentation relating to the Equality Scheme can be accessed on the Translink website at www.translink.co.uk.

Various references to earlier reports may be made throughout this document. Each of the earlier reports is available upon request if not still accessible on the Translink website. Hard copies and copies in alternative formats can be made available on request.

**Section 75**

Under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHCo) is required **to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity** –

* between persons of different;

o religious belief

o political opinion

o racial group

o age

o marital status

o sexual orientation

* between men and women generally;
* between persons with a disability and persons without; and
* between persons with dependants and persons without.

Without prejudice to the obligations set out above, NITHCo is also required **to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious beliefs, political opinion or racial group**.

Schedule 9 of the Act sets out the detailed procedure for the implementation of this duty including the publication of an Equality Scheme and the conduct of Equality Impact Assessments (EQIA) of selected policies. In response to the Act, NITHC has an active Equality Scheme approved by the Equality Commission. The Equality Scheme can be accessed on the Translink website at [www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk).

**NITHCo and Translink**

NITHCo is a public corporation established under the Transport Act (NI) 1967 to oversee the provision of public transport in Northern Ireland. It is responsible for the operation of its subsidiary companies, Citybus (which operates Metro bus services), NI Railways and Ulsterbus, which operate together under the brand name Translink to deliver scheduled bus and rail services in Northern Ireland, including cross-border and cross-channel links. NITHCo is accountable to the Department for Infrastructure (DFI) which develops transport strategies for Northern Ireland and determines public transport policy.

The NITHCo Board is responsible for approving the strategies of its subsidiary companies and the annual Corporate Plan and for their proper governance. It meets on a regular basis to review the implementation of policy objectives and to monitor financial performance. NITHCo also owns a portfolio of property investments that generate funds for capital investment throughout the Group.

The responsibilities of the various bodies which together deliver public transport services in Northern Ireland can best be illustrated as follows:

**Screening of policies**

The Equality Scheme includes a commitment to applying a systematic screening process. If the conclusion reached at the end of the screening process is that the policy has (or is likely to have) a significant impact on equality of opportunity, then consideration will be given to undertaking an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA). This is a thorough review of a policy, including consultation with everyone affected by it, which can result in suggestions for change.

**Screening Outcome**

The screening outcomes are outlined in the table below. Three possible outcomes are recorded:

If Major – an Equality Impact Assessment may be carried out. EQIA - subject to further scrutiny under Section 75 of the NI Act 1998 to determine the impact upon those directly affected, which in turn will require informal and formal consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

If Minor – consider mitigation or alternative policy and screen out.

If None – screen out and give reasons.

Screening Outcome Options

Major= In

Minor= Out with mitigation

None= Out without mitigation

# **Equality Screening Outcome report**

NITHCo and Translink undertook screening within the last quarter on the following policies:

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| **Description of Policy / Proposal** | **Policy Information**  | **Policy Status** | **Screening Decision** |
| Cloud Policy | This policy specifies how individuals and IT enabled projects may use outsourced or cloud computing providers that are not under the management and support of Translink IS Services. It explains the procedure, risks, and permissions required before third party solutions can be selected and implemented. | New | Screened Out – Without Mitigation |
| Cyber Liability Policy | This policy explains to all Users that an Acceptable Usage Policy has been introduced and must be enforced to protect employees and the Translink Group from exposure to legal actions and cybersecurity risks as a result of providing devices to access IS Services, copyrighted software, email and access to the internet. | Revised | Screened Out – Without Mitigation |
| SH&E Policy | This policy outlines Translink’s commitment to safety, health and environmental matters. | Revised | Screened Out – Without Mitigation |
| Young People at Work Policy | This policy outlines responsibilities to ensure the safety of young people in Translink workplaces. | Revised | Screened Out – Without Mitigation |
| Ballymena Integrated Station – Development  | The Ballymena Bus & Train Station development project includes redeveloping the current bus and train station site to provide an upgrade on current station accessibility and an improved passenger experience. | New | Screened Out – Without Mitigation |
| Lurgan Station Development | The Lurgan Railway Station Development project includes the demolition of the existing station and neighbouring Musgrave warehouse and the construction of a new railway station. The works will also include a new air bridge, new platform canopies, Changing Places facilities and increased car parking provision. | New | Screened Out – Without Mitigation |
| Transitioning at Work Policy | This policy aims to support trans and non-binary staff who express an intention to transition and help them understand Translink’s responsibilities to them. This policy will also guide managers and colleagues of trans staff. | New | Screened Out – Without Mitigation |