Initial screening EqIA template

1. Within the aims and objectives of the policy or strategy which group (s) of people has been identified as being potentially disadvantaged by your proposals? What are the equality impacts?

The Low Emission Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan essentially contain strategic ambitions in the area of programmes to promote sustainability by reducing emissions that may impact on air quality and climate change. As such, both policy documents are not introducing specific work programmes but will be instrumental in promoting further work in these areas.

There are likely to be future programmes that involve improvements to the rented property sector which could result in disabled or BME groups who could be at a financial disadvantage as a result of Landlords / Property owners passing on costs of upgrading home insulation etc to vulnerable tenants.

These matters can be addressed when specific programmes are being proposed.

2. In brief, what changes are you planning to make to your current or proposed new or changed policy, strategy, procedure, project or service to minimise or eliminate the adverse equality impacts?

Please provide further details of the proposed actions, timetable for making the changes and the person(s) responsible for making the changes on the resultant action plan

No proposed changes

3. Please provide details of whom you will consult on the proposed changes and if you do not plan to consult, please provide the rationale behind that decision.

Please note that you are required to involve disabled people in decisions that impact on them

No further consultations proposed at this stage.
4. Can the adverse impacts you identified during the initial screening be justified without making any adjustments to the existing or new policy, strategy, procedure, project or service? Please set out the basis on which you justify making no adjustments
No formal adverse impacts resulting from strategic policy documents. Adverse impacts should be considered at programme inception stage.
5. You are legally required to monitor and review the proposed changes after implementation to check they work as planned and to screen for unexpected equality impacts. Please provide details of how you will monitor/evaluate or review your proposals and when the review will take place
No proposed changes
Lead officer responsible for signing off the EqIA: Roger Pitman Role: Environmental Policy Officer

Date: 24th May 2013