

Worcestershire County Council Equality Impact Assessment Simplified Desktop Screening

This exercise is not an Equality Impact Assessment. It is a simplified desktop exercise designed to establish if there is a need to carry out a full assessment.

Part One: basic information needed to identify the policy/function and to prepare for the screening.		
1.1	Directorate and Section/Unit.	Environmental Services - Countryside
1.2	Title or brief description of the policy/function being screened.	Wider Countryside - Advice
1.3	To which section of the Directorate or Corporate "business/service plan" does this relate?	Creating a Better Environment Managing the Environment Well Sustaining a Quality Environment for Future Generations Supporting Healthier Communities in a Cherished Environment
1.4	Are there any related policies/functions? If so what are they?	Countryside Information/Interpretation/Marketing/Administration and Finance/ Countryside sites management/Countryside Access
1.5	Screening carried out by	Rachel Datlen
1.6	Date of screening	December 2006
1.7	What is the policy or function trying to achieve?	Provision of advice on biodiversity, landscape and recreation to landowners, community groups and partner organisations.
1.8	What are the specific outcome measurers?	
1.9	Who is formally responsible for ensuring the delivery of this policy/function?	Rachel Datlen
1.10	Who is responsible for leading the delivery if different from 1.9?	Wade Muggleton
1.11	Are there any priorities within this policy/function? If so what are they?	No
1.12	Has any consultation, explicitly on the policy/function, taken place? If so who was consulted and when?	No
1.13	Is equality monitoring in place for this policy/function?	No

Part two: the test to see if further action is required. For the purpose of this exercise concentrate on the impact on people of differing race, sex, disability, age, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

		Yes	No	Details
2.1	Is there any way in which the policy/function is directly discriminatory or in breach of the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy?		x	
2.2	Are there any barriers to people from minority groups getting the full benefit of this policy/function which have not been resolved as part of the policy/function?		x	Any potential barriers are mitigated against by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff being required to have 'Diversity Awareness' on the Countryside Service Core Competency Matrix • Feedback being sought from customers and stakeholders • Adherence to all corporate equality procedures / systems eg selection & recruitment • Any potential prejudice being removed by the development of objective systems
2.3	Are there any other ways the policy/function could unintentionally deliver poorer quality outcomes for individuals because they were members of a minority group?		x	
2.4	Could people from minority groups reasonably believe that they would be likely to get poorer benefits from the policy/function?		x	



If the answer to any of these questions is yes or "could be yes" then you **must** take action. If the issue is straightforward remedy it **now** so the answer changes to no. If it cannot be remedied now or there are outstanding issues you should go on to a full EIA.

