

Equality Impact and Needs Assessment Form

Section One – Screening

Name of strategy, policy or project:
Exe Estuary Management Plan 2006 - 2011
Directorate and service area:
Environment, Economy and Culture - Exe Estuary Management Partnership
Name and contact details of officer completing assessment:
Assistant Coastal Officer
1. What is the main purpose of the strategy/policy/project (or the changes you want to make to it)? Promote the sustainable use of the Exe Estuary and provide a framework for the co-ordinated management of the Exe Estuary.
2. What are the main activities of the strategy/policy/project? The Management Plan sets out a number of potential management issues, policy guidance and objectives for the next 5 years.
3. Who is intended to benefit from the strategy/policy/project, and how? 1. Local residents and users of the Exe Estuary - effective management will balance the demands made on the natural resources, resolve conflicts on interest where they arise, improve communications between users and organisations with authority over the Exe Estuary. 2. Tourists and visitors - effective management will make the Exe Estuary a more attractive, safer, more accessible place to visit. 3. Special interest groups - who will have the opportunity to influence management of the Exe Estuary through increased contact with the organisations with statutory responsibilities for the Estuary. 4. Organisations with statutory responsibilities for the Exe Estuary - effective management will lead to an integrated approach to management and improve communications between the organisations, thus saving time and money and providing members of the Exe Estuary Partnership with added value to their projects.
4. Is the strategy/policy/project consistent with the Council's equality policies? Yes

5. Is responsibility for the strategy/policy/project shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, what responsibility and which bodies?

Yes - The Management Plan has been reviewed through the Exe Estuary Partnership which consists of the following funding Partners: Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, Exmouth Town Council, English Nature, Environment Agency and Teignbridge District Council. It has been produced on behalf of these Partners, with their input and support.

6. What impact is the strategy/policy/project likely to have on different sections of the community? You may wish to use the table below as a prompt.

	Positive impact – it could benefit ✓ (check box)	Negative impact – it could disadvantage ✓ (check box)	Reason	Are there additional factors that could contribute to the experience of isolation¹? If so, what are they?	Evidence
Gender					
• Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		
• Men	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		
Ethnic Group					
• Asian or Asian British people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered
• Black or Black British people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered

¹ Refer to section 3 of the EINA guidance.

	Positive impact – it could benefit ✓ (check box)	Negative impact – it could disadvantage ✓ (check box)	Reason	Are there additional factors that could contribute to the experience of isolation¹? If so, what are they?	Evidence
• Chinese people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered
• Gypsy or Roma People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered
• Irish People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered
• People of Mixed Heritage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered
• White People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered
• People of other ethnic backgrounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered

	Positive impact – it could benefit ✓ (check box)	Negative impact – it could disadvantage ✓ (check box)	Reason	Are there additional factors that could contribute to the experience of isolation¹? If so, what are they?	Evidence
Asylum Seekers and Refugees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Language translation offered
People with physical, sensory or learning disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities, access to the Estuary and appropriate interpretation, and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Special provisions will be made through specific projects supported by this Management Plan. e.g. visitor centre or estuaryside interpretation
Deaf People who use British Sign Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Special provisions will be made through specific projects supported by this Management Plan. e.g. visitor centre or estuaryside interpretation
People with mental health issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Special provisions will be made through specific projects supported by this Management Plan. e.g. visitor centre or

	Positive impact – it could benefit ✓ (check box)	Negative impact – it could disadvantage ✓ (check box)	Reason	Are there additional factors that could contribute to the experience of isolation¹? If so, what are they?	Evidence
					estuarieside interpretation
Lesbians, gay men and bisexual people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		
Trans people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		
Age					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older people (60 +) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		Special provisions will be made through specific projects supported by this Management Plan. e.g. benches on estuarieside, wide, flat walkway around the estuary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Younger people (17-25) and children 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		

	Positive impact – it could benefit ✓ (check box)	Negative impact – it could disadvantage ✓ (check box)	Reason	Are there additional factors that could contribute to the experience of isolation¹? If so, what are they?	Evidence
People of different faith groups or beliefs including non-believers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary		
Travellers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced opportunities and received benefits from the Exe Estuary	Neutral	No specific provision for travellers in the Management Plan
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Notes:

- Faith groups cover a wide range of groupings, the most common of which are Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, Christians, Sikhs and Hindus. Consider faith categories individually and collectively when assessing positive and negative impacts.
- The categories relating to ethnicity include those used in the 2001 census. Consideration should be given to the needs of specific communities within the broad categories such as Bangladeshi people and to the needs of other communities such as Turkish/Turkish Cypriot, Greek/Greek Cypriot and Polish that do not appear as separate categories in the census.
- An adverse impact does not necessarily require action to be taken. Actions must remain in proportion with the benefits that could be achieved and resources available to complete them. If adverse impacts are identified and actions for improvement are not proportionate, the reasons for not taking action should be detailed and open to challenge.

7. If you have indicated there is a negative impact on any group, is that impact:			
Legal?	YES	NO	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>(i.e. it is not discriminatory under anti-discriminatory legislation – refer to the Council’s website or your Directorate Equality Representative if guidance is needed)</i>			
Intended?	YES	NO	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of impact	HIGH	LOW	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the negative impact is possibly discriminatory and not intended and/or of high impact you must complete section two of this form. If not, complete the rest of section one below and consider if completing section two would be helpful in making a thorough assessment.			
8. a) Could you minimise or remove any negative impact that is of low significance? Explain how:			
b) Could you improve the strategy, project or policy’s positive impact? Explain how: The Management Plan has been written in English, but an offer is made to translate it to other languages, large print, braille or audio version on request. The individual actions which will be identified to deliver the objectives identified in the Management Plan will be subject to individual EINAs. <i>You may wish to use the action sheet at the end of Section Two.</i>			
9. If there is no evidence that the strategy, policy or project promotes equality, equal opportunities or improved relations – could it be adapted so that it does? How? Not applicable			

Please sign and date this form. Keep one copy, send a copy to your Directorate Equality Representative. Please email a further copy to Natasha.Cole@devon.gov.uk. The results will be published on the Council’s website.

Signed: Assistant Coastal Officer

Date: 01.08.2006

Section Two – Full assessment

Name of strategy, policy or project:

Date:

Part A

1. Looking back at section one of the EINA, in what areas are there concerns that the strategy, policy or project could have a negative impact?

2. Summarise the likely negative impacts.

3. What previous or planned consultation or research on this topic / policy area / project has taken place / will take place with groups / individuals from different sections of the community? If there has already been consultation or research what does it indicate about negative impact of this strategy, policy or project?

Section of the Community	Summary of consultation or research carried out or planned

4. What consultation has taken place/or is planned with DCC staff/DCC staff group including staff that have, or will have, direct experience of implementing the strategy / policy / project?

5. If there are gaps in your previous or planned consultation and research, are there any experts/relevant groups that can be contacted to get further views or evidence on the issues.

YES (Please list them below and explain how you will obtain their views)

NO

6. Has the strategy / policy / project been through legal vetting for compliance?

YES

NO

Note: This will only be necessary in conditions where the strategy / policy / project is entirely driven by legislative duties **and/or** where there is doubt about the legal interpretations in relation to the outcomes / service being provided.

Part B

Complete this section when consultation and research has been carried out

7. a) As a result of this assessment and available evidence collected, including consultation, state whether there will need to be any changes made / planned to the policy, strategy or project.

b) As a result of this assessment and available evidence is it important that DCC commission specific research on this issue or carry out monitoring / data collection?

(You may wish to put this information directly onto the action plan at the end of this form)

8. Will the changes planned ensure that negative impact is:

Legal? YES NO

(not discriminatory, under anti-discriminatory legislation)

Intended? YES NO

Low impact? YES NO

9. a) Have you set up a monitoring / evaluation / review process to check the successful implementation of the strategy, project or policy?

YES NO

b) How will this monitoring / evaluation further assess the impact on different sections of the community/ ensure the strategy/ policy / project is non-discriminatory?

Details:

10. What is the final policy decision for this assessment?

11. There is a legal requirement to publish the outcome of an Equality Impact and Needs Assessment. Please outline how / where this will happen:

Please complete the action plan below, sign the EINA, retain a copy and send a copy of the full EINA, including the Action Plan, to your Directorate Equality Representative.

Signed:

Date:

Equality Impact and Needs Assessment Action Plan

Please list below any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this impact assessment.

Issue	Action required	Lead officer	Timescale	Resource implications	Comments

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