

# Equality Impact and Needs Assessment Form

## Section One – Screening

Name of strategy, policy or project:
The Rock Environmental Treatment Scheme (RockETS) - Distribution of Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund
Directorate and service area:
Environment, Economy and Culture Directorate - Planning and Transportation
Name and contact details of officer completing assessment:
Development Control Manager (Planning)
<p>1. What is the main purpose of the strategy/policy/project (or the changes you want to make to it)?</p> <p>To distribute funds allocated from Defra from the Government's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund towards projects which will reduce the impacts on communities affected by primary aggregate extraction.</p>
<p>2. What are the main activities of the strategy/policy/project?</p> <p>To publicise the availability of funds from Defra and to distribute those funds to communities affected by primary aggregate extraction</p>
<p>3. Who is intended to benefit from the strategy/policy/project, and how?</p> <p>Quarry operators pay an Aggregates Levy to HM Customs and Excise for every tonne of primary aggregates extracted - therefore Defra has advised that only communities affected by operators paying Aggregates Levy are eligible to claim the grant. All Parishes affected (including those on lorry routes) by aggregate extraction were targeted on the basis of detailed knowledge of officers, and were advised of this opportunity to claim. In addition the availability of the Fund was widely publicised, and other individuals, bodies etc., could apply as long as the proposal would have benefit to a community affected by aggregate extraction. All communities affected therefore stand to benefit from the scheme.</p>
<p>4. Is the strategy/policy/project consistent with the Council's equality policies?</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p>5. Is responsibility for the strategy/policy/project shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, what responsibility and which bodies?</p> <p>Yes - the allocation from Defra is available to communities in the administrative areas of Plymouth City, Torbay, and Dartmoor National Park and that part of Exmoor National Park</p>

within Devon. Although the fund is administered by this Authority, officers of those authorities sat on the Assessment Panels to determine the award and allocation of grants.

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.

	<b>Positive impact</b> – it could benefit ✓ (check box)	<b>Negative impact</b> – it could disadvantage ✓ (check box)	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Are there additional factors that could contribute to the experience of isolation<sup>1</sup>? If so, what are they?</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
Gender					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>If the community meets the eligibility criteria, and subject to the award of a grant.</p> <p>Those awarded grants were required not to restrict use to any categories listed below.</p> <p>NB. This reason applies to all the categories listed below.</p>		<p>Various communities were targetted (by Parish Council) dependent on whether they were affected by aggregates extraction.</p> <p>In addition, the availability of the RockETS was widely publicised.</p> <p>NB. This evidence applies to all the categories listed below.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Ethnic Group					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian or Asian British people</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black or Black British people</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese people</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I		

<sup>1</sup> Refer to section 3 of the EINA guidance.

	<b>Positive impact – it could benefit</b> ✓ (check box)	<b>Negative impact – it could disadvantage</b> ✓ (check box)	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Are there additional factors that could contribute to the experience of isolation<sup>1</sup>? If so, what are they?</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
• Gypsy or Roma People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
• Irish People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
• People of Mixed Heritage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
• White People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
• People of other ethnic backgrounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Asylum Seekers and Refugees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
People with physical, sensory or learning disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Deaf People who use British Sign Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
People with mental health issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Lesbians, gay men and bisexual people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Trans people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Age					
• Older people (60 +)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
• Younger people (17-25) and children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
People of different faith groups or beliefs including non-believers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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Travellers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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: Allocation of funds so far only available for the 2005/06 and 2006/07 financial years - the future availability of funds under review by Defra. Similarly if further funds are available for distribution, then a review of the EINA will be carried out. <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?			

**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](mailto:Natasha.Cole@devon.gov.uk). The results will be published on the Council’s website.**

Signed: Development Control Manager (Planning)

Date: June 2005

**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 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(Please list them below and explain how you will obtain their views)</i>

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

**NOTES:**