

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Environmental Enhancement

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Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed: Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Adaptation Strategy

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: The Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Adaptation Strategy is a plan that details the risks the region may face in the future as climate change increasingly affects the UK, and identifies how we can adapt to these changes. The Adaptation Strategy has three parts: i) the Risk Register, which identifies regional climate impacts and their risks and opportunities ii) the Adaptation Plan, which sets out the conditions for everyone to act on adapting to climate change together, and iii) the Action Plan, which sets out the priority actions for regional collaboration over the next five years. The Strategy will be delivered by a number of partners, including North Devon Council.

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: March 2024

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Provision	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
Building regional resilience to climate change events.	Current action on resilience is based on an out of date understanding of risks and opportunities.	Action will be based on up to date understanding of risks and opportunities.	

Impact:

Summarise any positive impacts or benefits, any negative impacts (i.e. potential for discrimination, disadvantage or disproportionate treatment) and any neutral

impacts and the evidence you have taken into account to reach this conclusion. Be aware that there may be positive, negative and neutral impacts within each characteristic. (NOTE: please refer to the Equality Strategy for the characteristics) Where an impact is unknown, state so, and identify what steps will be taken to address any gaps in data:

There are not considered to be any negative impacts arising from publication of this Adaptation Strategy for any of the protected characteristics. Climate change is shown to be affecting the most vulnerable in our society. Developing regional resilience to climate change will aid protected characteristics.

Consideration of Alternatives:

Describe what alternatives have been considered and/or what actions will be taken to remove or minimise any potential negative effect identified above (attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data, reports, etc):

N/A

Consultation:

Brief description of any consultation with stakeholders and summarise how it has influenced the proposal. Please attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data or reports:

There was a public consultation on this strategy carried out by the Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Climate Impacts Group in May/June 2023, see <https://www.climateresilient-dcios.org.uk/consultation-report/>

Funding Considerations:

N/A

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Reporting and Publication:

Equality Impact Assessments will be published on North Devon Council's website.

The completion of an Equality Impact Assessment is an ongoing process. Impacts will be continually reviewed during projects and the decision making process and the Assessment will be updated accordingly and published.

A further assessment will also be undertaken between 6 to 12 months following the implementation of the policy, project, decision or service change has been implemented.

Please also confirm the date on which you will be re-considering the project/report and submitting a further EIA if applicable.

If North Devon Council makes changes to its services as a result of the Adaptation Strategy, equality impacts will be considered as part of the process.

Monitoring Arrangements:

Briefly describe the monitoring arrangements/systems that will be put in place to monitor the effects of this proposal.

Delivery of the strategy will be monitored by the Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Climate Impacts Group.

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