

Draft Programme for Government Framework

Equality Impact Assessment – Summary of outcomes of screening exercise

Equality	Screening Questions	Response to Screening Questions		Full Impact Assessment Required		Justification / Key issues and groups to focus on
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
		Is there any indication or evidence of higher or lower participation or uptake by different groups?	X			X
	Is there any indication or evidence that different groups have different needs, experiences, issues and priorities in relation to the particular policy?	X			X	<p>In all essential respects, the draft Programme for Government Framework aims at achieving improvements of wellbeing for all citizens – and explicitly at achieving increased equality in respect of wellbeing outcomes.</p> <p>Insofar as this results in differential impact on different groups, it is anticipated that the equality impact will be positive.</p> <p>Any potential impact of individual projects or programmes undertaken in support of the implementation of the framework will be dealt with, as appropriate, at that lower level.</p>

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	<p>Have previous consultations with relevant groups, organisations or individuals indicated that particular policies create problems that are specific to them?</p>		X		X	<p>The consultation on the current Programme for Government identified a range of potential policy issues potentially impacting on relevant groups, all of which were addressed at that time.</p> <p>Engagement work to support development of the next Programme for Government has similarly identified a range of potential policy issues potentially impacting on relevant groups – however the Framework in itself does not address these issues directly. Rather, it aims at achieving improvements of wellbeing for all citizens – and explicitly at achieving increased equality in respect of wellbeing outcomes.</p> <p>Any potential impact of individual projects or programmes undertaken in support of the implementation of the framework will be dealt with, as appropriate, at that lower level.</p>
	<p>Is there an opportunity to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations by altering the policy or working with others in government or in the larger community?</p>		X		X	<p>Engagement work to support development of the next Programme for Government has identified a range of potential policy issues potentially impacting on good relations – however the Framework in itself does not address these issues directly. Rather, it aims at achieving improvements of wellbeing for all citizens – including with regard to promoting respect and good relations.</p> <p>Any potential impact of individual projects or programmes undertaken in support of the implementation of the framework will be dealt with, as appropriate, at that lower level.</p>

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	CONCLUSION		X	<p>Engagement work to support development of the next Programme for Government has identified a range of potential policy issues potentially impacting on relevant groups and on good relations – however the Framework in itself does not address these issues directly. Rather, it aims at achieving improvements of wellbeing for all citizens – including with regard to promoting equality, respect and good relations.</p> <p>Any potential impact of individual projects or programmes undertaken in support of the implementation of the framework will be dealt with, as appropriate, at that lower level.</p>
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