Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Form

Please ensure that you refer to the Screening Form Guidance while completing this form. If you would like further guidance please contact the Access to Services team (see guidance for details).

Section 1

Which service	ce area and di	rectorate are	you from?			
Service Area	a: Planning a	nd City Reger	neration			
Directorate:	Place					
Q1(a) WHAT ARE YOU SCREENING FOR RELEVANCE?						
Service/ Function	Policy/ Procedure	Project	Strategy	Plan	Proposal	

(b) Please name and <u>describe</u> here:

Name: Regional Technical Statement For North Wales and South Wales Aggregate Working Parties 2nd Review

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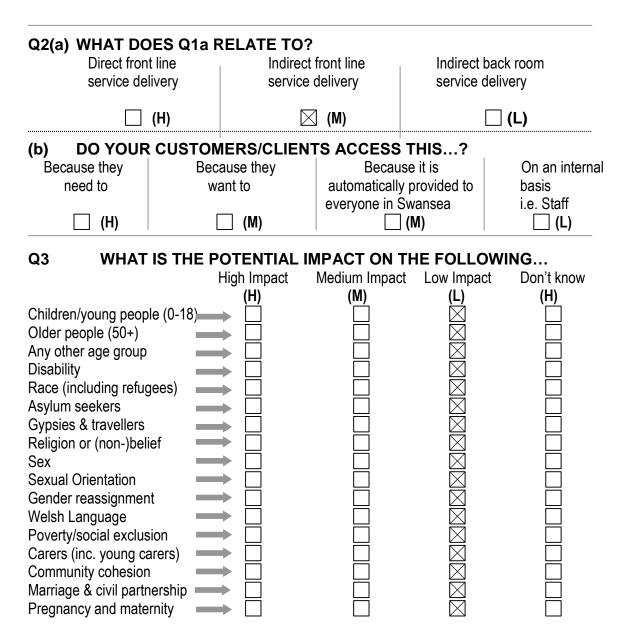
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Description: Minerals Technical Advice Note 1 (MTAN1): Aggregates (2004) requires the preparation of a Regional Technical Statement (RTS) for both the South and North Wales Regional Aggregate Working Party (RAWP) areas. The RTS documents are an important part of ensuring that an adequate supply of primary aggregates can be maintained, which meets local, regional and UK needs. Primary aggregates are naturally occurring sand, gravel and crushed rock used for construction purposes.

The RTS is subject to review every 5 years. The Second Review of the RTS (RTS2) was published in September 2020 and identifies the necessary aggregate apportionments and any necessary allocations at Local Planning Authority (LPA) level but also at a sub-regional level. This is to allow sub-regional areas to make adjustments in apportionments within those sub-regions if more detailed investigation by the LPAs indicates that such adjustments are justified.

To that end, RTS2 requires Statements of Sub-regional Collaboration (SSRCs) to be prepared, collaboratively, by all constituent LPAs within each RTS sub-region (as defined by the RTS 2nd Review) as part of the evidence base needed to support each Local Development Plan (LDP) or Strategic Development Plan (SDP). Once agreed, an SSRC will remain in place until it becomes superseded by the requirements of future reviews of the RTS, or new information comes forward which justifies a change.

It should be noted that the RTS2 does not introduce new policy, it provides evidence upon which mineral planning policies within the LDP must be based. It will also provide a material consideration in the consideration of any planning application for mineral development which is received within the County. RTS2 has been subject to public and stakeholder consultation. This final version has been issued for endorsement by individual LPAs, after which it will be endorsed for publication by the Welsh Government.



Q4 WHAT ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION / CO-PRODUCTIVE APPROACHES WILL YOU UNDERTAKE?

The RTS2 was prepared on behalf of the Welsh Government and the North and South Wales Regional Aggregate Working Parties by Cuesta Consulting Limited. It was subject to a public and stakeholder consultation in 2019. The document was subsequently amended, the final version being published in Sept. 2020. Chapter 6 of the RTS2 Main Report outlines the consultation process undertaken.

Q5(a) HOW VISIBLE IS THIS INITIATIVE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC?					
High visibility □(H)	Medium visibility	Low visibility			

(b)) WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL RISK TO THE COUNCIL'S REPUTATION? (Consider the following impacts – legal, financial, political, media, public perception etc)					
	High risk	Medium risk	Low risk ⊠ (L)			
Q6	Will this initiative h service?	ave an impact (however	[·] minor) on any other Council			
	🗌 Yes 🛛 🕅 N	lo If yes, please pro	vide details below			
Q7	HOW DID YOU SCO Please tick the relev	-				
MOS	STLY H and/or M \longrightarrow	HIGH PRIORITY \longrightarrow	EIA to be completed Please go to Section 2			
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Q8 If you determine that this initiative is not relevant for an EIA report, you must provide a full explanation here. Please ensure that you cover all of the relevant protected groups.

An Equality Impact Assessment Screening has been undertaken and identifies mostly low impacts.

The RTS2 does not introduce new policy, it provides evidence upon which mineral planning policies within the LDP must be based. RTS2 has been subject to public and stakeholder consultation, organised and undertaken by Consulta Ltd on behalf of the Welsh Government in 2019. The RTS2 was amended as a result of the consultation and the final version was published in September 2020. This final version has been issued for endorsement by individual LPAs, after which it will be endorsed for publication by the Welsh Government.

In order to prevent an early review of the LDP, a Statement of Sub-Regional Collaboration (SSRC) is considered the best way forward for each of the constituent LPAs at this time.

The SSRC confirms that each constituent LPA accept the individual apportionments for aggregates for their individual Authority areas, as set out in the RTS (second Review), and that (as a minimum) the RTS requirements for that sub-region as a whole will be met. NPT agrees to cover Swansea's apportionment requirement until the date of Swansea's Full LDP Review, as they have sufficient reserves.

The Mineral Product Association has been consulted on the contents of the SSRC, but there are no changes proposed to the document as a result of their comments.

The RTS and SSRC will provide material considerations to be taken into account in the determination of any planning application for mineral development that is received within the County.

Section 2

NB: Please email this completed form to the Access to Services Team for agreement before obtaining approval from your Head of Service. Head of Service approval is only required via email – no electronic signatures or paper copies are needed.

Screening completed by:			
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Date: 09/11/2020			
Approval by Head of Service:			
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Position:	Head of Service		
Date:	11/11/2020		