

Equality Impact Assessment Summary

<p>Name of policy, function or service</p> <p>FCS Climate Change Action Plan 2008-2010</p>
<p>Purpose and aim(s) of the policy, function or service</p> <p>The purpose of the action plan is to set out what FCS will do to increase the contribution and responses of Scottish forestry to the challenges of climate change.</p>
<p>Who will benefit mainly from this policy, function or service?</p> <p>All in Scotland through catalysing forestry's role in helping to mitigate climate change and through helping citizens, industry and the environment adapt to the inevitable changes ahead.</p>
<p>Information and Data (evidence) used</p> <p>The action plan flows from the Scottish Forestry Strategy which was the subject of intensive public consultation (see http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-6c3d4g). The Climate Change Action Plan was also the subject of public consultation, a report of which is available at http://www.forestry.gov.uk/ccapsotland</p> <p>Key actions of the national forest estate have been described through FES's Framework Strategic Plan which was subject to public consultation (see http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-6pelhd)</p>
<p>Summary of Impact</p> <p>Race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief and age will all be indirectly benefited through helping to tackle the challenges of climate change in rural and urban locations. All groups could have indirect adverse impacts if inappropriate types of woodland creation/removal/management are practised however this would be fully mitigated through existing consultation arrangements.</p>
<p>Monitoring/Evaluation</p> <p>The Action Plan will be monitored primarily through the Scottish Forestry Strategy Implementation Plan process and will be reviewed in 2010</p>
<p>Further Information</p> <p>N/a</p>