**Policy Impact Feedback Form**

**Policy name:** Click here to enter text.

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act) requires Public Authorities, including the Assembly Commission, in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and regard to the desirability of promoting good relations across a range of categories outlined in the Act.

The Assembly Commission’s Revised Equality Scheme 2012-2016 states: The lead role in the screening of a policy is taken by the policy decision maker who has the authority to make changes to that policy. However, screening will also involve other relevant team members, for example, equality specialists, those who implement the policy and staff members from other relevant work areas. Where possible we will include key stakeholders in the screening process.

1. Please detail any impact the proposed policy or policy amendment will have on you alongside one or more of the headings below:

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|  | Outline change in policy or practice which have resulted in outcomes |
| Persons of different religious belief | Click here to enter text. |
| Persons of different political opinion | Click here to enter text. |
| Persons of different racial groups | Click here to enter text. |
| Persons of different age | Click here to enter text. |
| Persons with different marital status | Click here to enter text. |
| Persons of different sexual orientation | Click here to enter text. |
| Men and women generally | Click here to enter text. |
| Persons with and without a disability | Click here to enter text. |
| Persons with and without dependents | Click here to enter text. |

1. Are there opportunities within the policy to better promote equality of opportunity within any of the Section 75 categories listed above?

Click here to enter text.

 \*Your Details (you are under no obligation to provide these)

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| Name | Click here to enter text. |
| Job Title | Click here to enter text. |
| Office | Click here to enter text. |
| Phone | Click here to enter text. |
| e-mail | Click here to enter text. |

 May we contact you should clarification be required on your response?

Choose an item.

\*Please note: Responses to this consultation will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which gives the right of access to the information held by public authorities. Before you submit your response, please read Appendix 1 about the effect of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the confidentiality of responses to public consultation exercises.

**Appendix 1 Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Confidentiality of Consultations**

The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission (Assembly Commission) will publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be disclosed on request. The Assembly Commission can only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances. Before you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations and they will give you guidance on the legal position about any information given by you in response to this consultation.

The Freedom of Information Act gives the public a right of access to any information held by a public authority, namely, the Assembly Commission in this case. This right of access to information includes information provided in response to a consultation. The Assembly Commission cannot automatically consider as confidential information supplied to it in response to a consultation. However, it does have the responsibility to decide whether any information provided by you in response to this consultation, including information about your identity should be made public or be treated as confidential.

This means that information provided by you in response to the consultation is unlikely to be treated as confidential, except in very particular circumstances. The Lord Chancellor’s Code of Practice on the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

* the Assembly Commission should only accept information from third parties in confidence if it is necessary to obtain that information in connection with the exercise of any of the Assembly Commission’s functions and it would not otherwise be provided;
* the Assembly Commission should not agree to hold information received from third parties “in confidence” which is not confidential in nature;
* acceptance by the Assembly Commission of confidentiality provisions must be for good reasons, capable of being justified to the Information Commissioner.

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