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Natural England

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Non-qualifying regulatory provision assurance statement: confirmed

The Regulatory Policy Committee (RPC) is content that, on the basis of the summary information provided, none of the measures or activities covered in the summary document should be considered as a qualifying regulatory provision for the purposes of the business impact target. This statement does not provide a detailed view of any specific activity in the regulator's summary document. Nor does it comment on any activities not included in the summary. Some activities might, however, have been the subject of separate assessments of qualifying regulatory provisions.

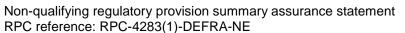
Comments on the non-qualifying regulatory provision summary

During the reporting year, the regulator has updated and refined its guidance on gov.uk in response to customer requests. The quality of the summary could have been improved by stating clearly whether the changes would require significant familiarisation or changes to practice in order to maintain compliance with the guidance.

The regulator has helpfully confirmed by correspondence that the changes to guidance would not require any significant changes. On this basis the RPC can confirm that none of the measures or activities covered in the summary document should be considered as a qualifying regulatory provision for the purposes of the business impact target.

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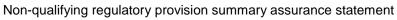


Regulator: Natural England

Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 9 June 2017 to 20 June 2018

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available	
Measures certified as being	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
below de minimis (measures	measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion	
with an EANDCB below +/- £5		
million)		
EU Regulations, Decisions and	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
Directives and other	measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion	
international obligations, including the implementation		
of the EU Withdrawal Bill and		
EU Withdrawal Agreement		
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Measures certified as	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
concerning EU Withdrawal Bill	measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion	
operability measures	3	
Pro-competition	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
	measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion	
Systemic Financial Risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
	measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion	
Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
	measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion	
Fines and Penalties	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
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Misuse of Drugs	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
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Measures certified as relating	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no	
to the safety of tenants,	measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion	
residents and occupants in		
response to the Grenfell		
tragedy		

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Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available		
Casework	Between 9 June 2017 and 20 June 2018 Natural England responded to 46,823 items of casework. These were:		
	Area of work	Number	
	Terrestrial planning consultations	24,553	
	Marine planning consultations	1095	
	SSSI and Land Management Consents/Assents	4457	
	Wildlife Licensing applications	16,718	
Education, communications and promotion	Natural England continued to update and refine relevant guidance on GOV.UK in response to customer requests. It made 51 publications available to its customers via GOV.UK of which 31 provided specific information on agri-environment schemes, wildlife licensing and marine conservation. Natural England published 16 corporate reports on issues as diverse as national nature reserves, its gender pay gap, hen harrier tracking as well as its Annual Report and Accounts. It published two items of correspondence on Bovine TB authorisations and two promotional documents covering Countryside Stewardship clinics for 2018 and the facilitation fund case study.		
Activity related to policy development	In October 2017 Natural England launched a consultation on plans to change the wildfowling consents process on designated sites in England. Between December 2017 and February 2018 it undertook a major consultation on charging for wildlife licences. The organisation also undertook an additional 59 site specific consultations relating to the England Coastal Path (13), Marine Special Protection Areas (10) and open access restrictions (36). It also opened four opportunities for members of the public to provide information regarding issues that may be relevant to the determination of badger control licence applications in Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire.		
Changes to management of regulator	There have been some changes in the organisation's Senior Leadership Team and the appointment of five new members to the Natural England Board. The number of Area Teams has been reduced to 13 following the merger of the North Mercia and South Mercia teams into a new West Midlands Area Team.		

^{*} For full, legal definitions of these exclusion categories, please see https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/writtenstatement/Commons/2018-06-20/HCWS776/

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