Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION
Impact Assessment (IA)	R18 content access controls
	(Communications Review)
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Stage	Consultation
Origin	Domestic
IA Number	DCMS073
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Overall Assessment	GREEN

The IA is fit for purpose. The rationale for intervention and the likely impacts of the proposal have been explained adequately for the purpose of consultation.

Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options

The rationale for intervention and the likely impacts of the proposal have been explained adequately for the purpose of consultation. The consultation process should be used to strengthen the evidence base regarding the likely costs to business.

Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, Two-out been identified and are they robust?

The IA says that the proposal is a regulatory measure with possible administrative costs to business (an IN). On the basis of the evidence provided, this appears to be a reasonable assessment and is consistent with the Better Regulation Framework Manual (paragraph 2.9.10.). The evidence will have to be further strengthened so that an estimated equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB) can be validated at the final stage.

Signed Michael Gibbons, Chairman