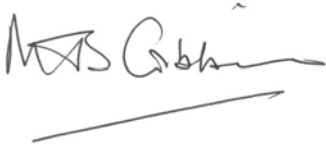
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Consumer Landscape Review: Transfer of Consumer Advocacy Responsibilities	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	
Stage	Final	
Origin	Domestic	
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<p>The IA is fit for purpose. However, given the hybrid/phased approach being taken forward, the IA should be improved to better explain why it considers that there are no familiarisation or transition costs.</p>		
<p>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</p> <p><i>Costs and benefits.</i> The IA says that the majority of costs and benefits involved are transfers, though there will be a small benefit to the Exchequer from efficiency savings. The IA also says that there will be no familiarisation costs from the proposal. Given the hybrid/phased approach being taken forward, the basis for this conclusion should be more fully explained.</p> <p><i>Preferred option.</i> Page 1 of the IA says that option 3 is the preferred option, but paragraph 10 on page 3 says option 1 is the preferred option. To avoid confusion, the IA should clarify which option is the preferred one.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>The IA says the proposal is a regulatory measure ('an IN') with a 'zero net cost' to business. This is because the responsibility to provide consumer advocacy is being transferred from public sector to a third sector organisation. This appears to be consistent with the current One-in, One-out Methodology.</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chairman	