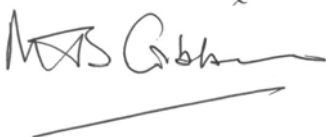
 <b>Regulatory Policy Committee</b>	<b>OPINION</b>	
<b>Impact Assessment (IA)</b>	Revision of the Bathing Water Regulations – Signage	
<b>Lead Department/Agency</b>	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
<b>Stage</b>	Final	
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<b>Overall Assessment</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The impacts of making relevant Local Authorities responsible for meeting the public information requirements have been adequately assessed.</p>		
<p><b>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</b></p> <p>The proposed amendments will mean that relevant Local Authorities will be responsible for meeting the public information requirements of the Bathing Waters Directive. The impacts of these amendments have been adequately assessed, although the IA could be improved by explaining why “<i>some of the consultation responses also raised concerns about the scale of the work needed to meet the requirements</i>”. This would help demonstrate more clearly why the estimates presented are considered reliable.</p>		
<p><b>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</b></p> <p>As this proposal is of European origin, with no evidence of going beyond minimum requirements, it is out of scope of ‘One-in, One-out’ in accordance with the current One-in, One-out Methodology (paragraph 16; iii).</p>		
<b>Signed</b> 	<b>Michael Gibbons, Chairman</b>	