## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MONITORING QUESTIONNAIRE Countryside Services

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| **POSITION APPLIED FOR:** | **Accounts Assistant** | **REFERENCE NUMBER:** | **AA010925** |

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| We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity and treatment and to preventing any unfair discrimination in its employment practices. We do not discriminate against our job applicants or employees and we aim to select the best person for the job. Our policy is to continue to provide equality of opportunity, and that no employee or job applicant receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of perceived religious belief, political opinion, gender, marital or family status, disability, age, race, nationality or sexual orientation.  We monitor the community background and sex of our job applicants and employees in order to demonstrate our commitment to promoting equality of opportunity in employment and to comply with our duties under the Fair Employment & Treatment (NI) Order 1998.  You are not obliged to answer the questions on this form and you will not suffer any penalty if you choose not to do so. Nevertheless, we encourage you to answer these questions. Your answers will be used by us to prepare and submit a monitoring return to the Equality Commission, but your identity will be kept anonymous. In all other regards your answers will be treated with the strictest confidence and this sheet will be detached from your application prior to interview. We assure you that your answers will not be used by us to make any decisions affecting you, whether in a recruitment exercise or during the course of any employment with us.  Regardless of whether we practice religion, most of us in Northern Ireland are perceived to be members of either the Roman Catholic or Protestant communities.  **We are therefore asking you to indicate your community background by ticking the appropriate box below:**   1. I am a member of the Protestant community   I am a member of the Roman Catholic community    I am a member of neither the Protestant or Roman Catholic community    If you do not complete this questionnaire, we are encouraged to use the “residuary” method, which means that we can make a determination on the basis of personal information supplied by you.   1. **Please indicate your Sex by ticking the appropriate box below:**   **Female Male**    Note: If you answer this questionnaire you are obliged to do so truthfully as it is a criminal offence under the Fair Employment (Monitoring) Regulations (NI) 1999 to knowingly give false answers to these questions. |