



Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p>Name of the Officer: Huw Owen</p> <p>Phone no: 01873 735433 E-mail: huwowen@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>Agree changes to the existing Monmouthshire Protocol for the Management of Unauthorised Encampments' June 2009, taking account of current Welsh Government guidance. This is to ensure that a fair and consistent approach is followed in dealing with encampments which complies with legislation to a standard that meets the needs of all involved.</p>
<p>Name of Service: Environmental Health</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation: 5th October 2015</p>




1. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.



Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Positive. Minimising the need to respond on a crisis basis by advance planning.</p> <p>Clarifying roles and responsibilities, including establishing who will co-ordinate responses and who will make the key decisions.</p>	<p>The revised procedure is based on Welsh Government guidance and experience of officers who have been involved in dealing with unauthorised encampments in recent years. Procedure advocated is transparent, streamlined and will enable a consistent approach.</p>

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<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>		
<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive. The determination of whether eviction action should be taken should be made after consideration of whether the interference with Gypsy or Traveller family life and home is justified and proportionate. Any particular welfare needs experienced by unauthorised campers are material in reaching a balanced and proportionate decision. The rights of members of the settled community are also material if an authority fails to act to curb nuisance from an encampment which impacts on wellbeing</p>	<p>Revised Welfare Assessment in accord with guidance enables the needs of the occupiers of the encampment to be fully considered – education, housing, medical needs etc.</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>Positive. Ensuring that the needs, legitimate expectations and human rights of all parties – Gypsies and Travellers, landowners and the settled community – are considered.</p>	<p>Procedure advocated is transparent, streamlined and will enable a consistent approach.</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>Positive. Setting an example in ensuring that the a critical balance is found in considering and protecting the welfare and human rights of Gypsies and Travellers while safeguarding the rights of residents of Monmouthshire.</p>	
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People</p>	<p>Positive. Gypsies and Travellers are indigenous to Wales. A clear and transparent policy will support their transitory way of life and help all to live</p>	

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are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	harmoniously together.	
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Positive.	A clear and consistent streamlined procedure helps deliver information and support Gypsies and Travellers need to exercise their rights.

2. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Long-term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	The procedure reflects Welsh Government guidance and legislation. It helps reasonable and proportionate decisions to be taken and minimizes dealing with sites on a crisis basis	Procedure elements clarified, introduces Single Points of Contact concept and welfare assessment strengthened in line with guidance.
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	Decisions taken following case conference.	Clarifies the lead officers who will have responsibility to ensure that persons representing key agencies, communities etc are invited to case conference.
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	Case conference critical part of decision making process	Amended procedure helps clarify the steps to be taken.

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 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>An effective procedure is crucial to enable decisions to be made in a clear, consistent way, having full regard to legislation to minimize crisis management which tends to be more costly.</p>	<p>Clear process for making decisions with clarification of roles and responsibilities to minimize duplication of effort.</p>
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p>Unauthorised encampments can impact significantly on people, economy and environment. A clear decision making process enables full assessment of all factors and early engagement with all stakeholders.</p>	<p>Clarity of procedure enables integration of stakeholders to be maximized.</p>

3. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	Revised Welfare Assessment in accord with guidance enables the needs of the occupiers of the encampment to be fully considered		
Disability	Revised Welfare Assessment in accord with guidance enables the needs of the occupiers of the encampment to be fully considered		
Gender reassignment			
Marriage or civil partnership			
Race	A clear and transparent procedure will help support the Gypsy/Traveller transitory way of life and help a reasonable and proportionate response to unauthorized encampments		
Religion or Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			
Welsh Language	Bilingual 'code of conduct for tolerated stopping form' to be provided in Welsh on request.		

4. **Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities?** For more information please see the guidance <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Safeguarding%20Guidance.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Conducting a robust welfare assessment and case conference will help the council ensure they have fully considered the needs of children and vulnerable persons in an encampment and safeguard against potential harm		Clarity of procedure enables integration of stakeholders such as Social Services, Education, Housing etc to be maximized.
Corporate Parenting			

5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

Cabinet Report 3rd June 2009 'Policy for Gypsy and Traveller Sites and Protocol For Managing Unauthorised Encampments'

Welsh Government 'Guidance on Managing Unauthorised Camping 2013'

6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

Cabinet report dated 3rd June 2009 recommended the adoption of a policy statement on managing Gypsy and Traveller sites in Monmouthshire; and the adoption of a protocol for the management of unauthorised encampments. The report was endorsed and is provided as a background paper.

Welsh Government has updated its advice to local authorities, in its document 'Guidance on Managing Unauthorised Camping 2013' which is aimed at addressing the specific issues around unauthorised encampments of Gypsies and Travellers.

The proposed changes to the adopted protocol and specifically the 'unauthorised camping procedure' and the assessment forms used, take account of this Welsh Government guidance and the experiences of officers in dealing with recent encampments, to ensure that it is fit for purpose and properly balances the issues. The key principles and values of the 2009 protocol remain.

7. Actions. As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress
If approved, share revised protocol with relevant Officers.	November 2015	Huw Owen	

8. Monitoring: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	January 2017. Update to Head of Community Protection
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