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| <p><b>Name of the Officer</b> completing the evaluation<br/>Huw Owen</p> <p><b>Phone no:</b> 01873 735433<br/><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:huwowen@monmouthshire.gov.uk">huwowen@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a></p> | <p><b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b></p> <p>To inform Members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; the findings of a public consultation on plans to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order for dog controls in Monmouthshire;</li><li>&gt; to seek endorsement from Members to further consult with stakeholders on controls;</li><li>&gt; to seek endorsement from Members for a draft PSPO, when progressed, to include a new offence for a person in charge of a dog when in a public space in the county failing to put a dog on a lead, of no more than 2 metres length, when directed to do so by an authorised officer where the dog is considered to be out of control or causing alarm or distress or to prevent a nuisance.</li></ul> |
| <p><b>Name of Service area</b></p> <p>Public Protection</p>   | <p><b>Date</b></p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> March 2022</p>  |

1. **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?  |
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| Age                           | Young children are most likely to be exposed to dog fouling through their outside play activities and potential health impacts if personal hygiene has not fully developed. | Concern regarding impact of restricting access to parks, playing fields etc may have on elderly dog owners, particularly those with mobility issues. | Implications to be considered by stakeholders responsible for public spaces. For example accessibility of alternative public spaces for dog exercise where Dogs on Leads / Exclusion areas are proposed. |
| Disability                    | Wheelchair users particularly affected by dog fouling on streets, pathways etc.   | Concerns for persons with disabilities being able to pick up dog faeces.   | Application of appropriate exemptions in any draft PSPO  |
| Gender reassignment           | None  | None   | N/A  |
| Marriage or civil partnership | None  | None   | N/A  |
| Pregnancy or maternity        | None  | Potential accessibility issues if parks, playing fields etc are designated Dog Exclusion Areas.  | For consideration by stakeholders responsible for public spaces if Dogs on Leads / Exclusion areas are proposed.   |
| Race                          | None  | None   | N/A  |
| Religion or Belief            | None  | None   | N/A  |
| Sex                           | None  | None   | N/A  |
| Sexual Orientation            | None  | None   | N/A  |
| Welsh Language                | Future public consultations and PSPO signage will need to be bi lingual   | None   | N/A  |

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| Poverty                   | None  | None  | N/A   |

**2. 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. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!

| Well Being Goal  | Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.  | What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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| <b>A prosperous Wales</b><br>Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs                                 | Positive: Aim is to ensure the Council uses legislative tools available to be efficient and effective in carrying out its responsibilities to help provide a clean, healthy environment.  | N/A   |
| <b>A resilient Wales</b><br>Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change) | Positive: To help secure a behavioural change so that dog fouling is socially unacceptable and reduce pressure on the county, town and community councils to deal with it. Resources then freed up to deal with other priorities. | N/A   |
| <b>A healthier Wales</b><br>People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood                                  | Positive: Further appraisal promotes consideration of the best way to deal with dog control issues which negatively affect the community's quality of life, in a proportionate and efficient manner.                              | N/A   |
| <b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b>   | Positive: dog fouling is considered to be the environmental problem which has the greatest  | N/A   |

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| Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected   | impact on the look and feel of a neighbourhood.<br>Further appraisal of options will help guide officers in the best way to help deliver behavioural change. |   |
| <b>A globally responsible Wales</b><br>Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing                                | Positive: setting an example for developing communities which are attractive, viable and safe.   | N/A   |
| <b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b><br>Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation | Positive: aim is to ensure sports and play areas in Monmouthshire are free from dog fouling  | N/A   |
| <b>A more equal Wales</b><br>People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances   | N/A  | N/A   |

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

| Sustainable Development Principle   | Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.   | Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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|  <p><b>Long Term</b></p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>     | <p>The ongoing considerations are aimed at guiding officers on the best way to reduce fouling and other dog control issues in public areas both in the short and long term.</p>                                       | <p>To be considered, but will need to include appropriate exemptions.</p>   |
|  <p><b>Collaboration</b></p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>           | <p>Further consultation with stakeholders responsible for public spaces in the county on the controls needed and locations.</p>   | <p>Further consultation feedback to be fully considered in due course.</p>  |
|  <p><b>Involvement</b></p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>              | <p>The findings of the wide ranging public consultation to inform further contact with stakeholders responsible for public spaces in the county.</p>  | <p>Further consultation feedback to be fully considered in due course.</p>  |
|  <p><b>Prevention</b></p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> | <p>Intention is to consider and where appropriate use the legislative tools available with the aim of helping to achieve behavioural change in the small percentage of dog owners who are not acting responsibly.</p> | <p>Further consultation feedback to be fully considered in due course.</p>  |

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|  <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p> | <p>The findings of the wide ranging public consultation to inform further contact with stakeholders responsible for public spaces in the county. To be followed at a later date by a further public consultation on a draft Order if considered needed.</p> | <p>Further consultation feedback to be fully considered in due course.</p>  |

**4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Social Justice, Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?**

|                     | Describe any positive impacts your proposal has  | Describe any negative impacts your proposal has                     | What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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| Social Justice      | Public Spaces Protection Order powers being considered enable a proportionate response / penalty for an offence. | Further consultation feedback to be fully considered in due course. |  |
| Safeguarding        | Having the legislative powers available helps protect the public health of all age groups.                       |   |  |
| Corporate Parenting |  |   |  |

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

Complaints received by Environmental Health, Waste and Street Services and participants in Give Dog Fouling The Red Card Working Group. Public consultation 26<sup>th</sup> July to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 1334 responses.

**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?**

**Proposals will help consider further the dog control issues in the county and how best to use the legislation available to improve the situation and secure cleaner, healthier public areas.**

**A third report to Stronger Communities Select following the consultation with stakeholders responsible for public spaces is proposed with recommendations on the merits of making a Public Spaces Protection Order and the detail of controls to be included in such an Order.**

**Further public consultation on a draft Order if such an Order is considered appropriate.**

**A fourth report to Stronger Communities Select will be needed for pre decision scrutiny before the Order goes to Individual Cabinet Member Decision.**

**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 |
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| Further consultation with stakeholders responsible for public spaces on controls if endorsed by Select. | Expediate consultation once endorsed, proposed consultation period 3 months. | Huw Owen           |
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**8. VERSION CONTROL: The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.**

| Version No. | Decision making stage                 | Date considered | Brief description of any amendments made following consideration |
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| 1           | Stronger Communities Select Committee | 10/3/2022       |  |
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