



Integrated Impact Assessment document

(incorporating Equalities, Future Generations, Welsh Language and Socio Economic Duty)

<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation: Huw Owen, Principal Environmental Health Officer</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>To provide the Committee with an opportunity to scrutinise the draft Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for dog controls in Monmouthshire proposed to be introduced under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, prior to public consultation on the Order.</p>
<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Public Protection</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>25th May 2023</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?
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.

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?
Disability	Wheelchair users particularly affected by dog fouling on streets, pathways etc.	Concerns for persons with disabilities being able to pick up dog faeces.	Appropriate exemptions in the draft PSPO
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A
Pregnancy or maternity	None	Potential accessibility issues for parks, playing fields etc designated Dog Exclusion Areas.	Accessibility of alternative public spaces for dog exercise considered by stake holders where Exclusion areas are proposed.
Race	None	None	N/A
Religion or Belief	None	None	N/A
Sex	None	None	N/A

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Sexual Orientation	.None	None	N/A

2. The Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice

The Socio-economic Duty requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to reduce inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage when taking key decisions This duty aligns with our commitment as an authority to Social Justice.

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage.	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice	None	None	N/A

3. Policy making and the Welsh language.

How does your proposal impact on the following aspects of the Council's Welsh Language Standards:	Describe the positive impacts of this proposal	Describe the negative impacts of this proposal	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts
<p>Policy Making</p> <p>Effects on the use of the Welsh language,</p> <p>Promoting Welsh language</p> <p>Treating the Welsh language no less favourably</p>	<p>Future public consultations PSPO and signage will need to be bi lingual – promotes Welsh language.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Operational</p> <p>Recruitment & Training of workforce</p>	<p>No new posts foreseen, but if created communicating in Welsh desirable, not essential.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Service delivery</p> <p>Use of Welsh language in service delivery</p> <p>Promoting use of the language</p>	<p>This is standard practice and will continue. Letters for example contain:</p> <p>Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu yn y ddwy iaith. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.</p> <p>The Council welcomes correspondence in English or Welsh or both, and will respond to you according to your preference.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>


	Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay.		
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4. 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?
A prosperous Wales 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
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and land, river and coastal 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
A healthier Wales 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
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive: dog fouling is considered to be the environmental problem which has the greatest impact on the look and feel of a neighbourhood. Further appraisal of options will help guide officers in the best way to help deliver behavioural change.	N/A

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?
A globally responsible Wales 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
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language 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
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	N/A	N/A

5. 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?
 <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	The ongoing considerations are aimed at guiding officers / members on the best way to reduce fouling and other dog control issues in public areas both in the short and long term.	Close collaboration with Town and Community Councils to continue particularly through Give Dog Fouling the Red Card Working Group.

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?
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Ongoing consultation with stakeholders responsible for public spaces in the county on the controls needed and locations.</p>	<p>Consultation feedback on draft PSPO to be fully considered.</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Ongoing consultation with stakeholders responsible for public spaces in the county on the controls needed and locations.</p>	<p>Consultation feedback on draft PSPO to be fully considered.</p>
 <p>Prevention</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>
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The findings of the wide ranging public consultation and ongoing stakeholder consultation to inform a proportionate, properly considered PSPO.</p>	<p>Consultation feedback to be fully considered</p>

6. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: 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?
Safeguarding	Having the legislative powers available helps protect the public health of all age groups.	.None	N/A
Corporate Parenting	None	None	N/A

7. 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 26th July to 26th October 2022 – 1334 responses; Ongoing stakeholder consultation.

8. 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?

Relevant exemptions to offences required for disabled persons, where disability effects ability to pick up dog faeces; partially sighted; assistance dogs. See draft PSPO for detail of exemptions.

9. 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
2 mth public consultation on draft PSPO	June / July 2023	Huw Owen. Environmental Health

10. 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
4	Place Scrutiny Committee 25 th May 2023	25 th May 2023	Exemptions detailed in draft PSPO