



## Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p><b>Name of the Officer:</b> Huw Owen</p> <p><b>Phone no:</b> 01873 735433 <b>E-mail:</b> huwowen@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p><b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b></p> <p>To consider proposed changes to (i) existing policy for the licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation, (ii) the fees proposed relating to licensing and certain types of housing related enforcement action, and (iii) to provide an update on the introduction of Rent Smart Wales in Monmouthshire</p>
<p><b>Name of Service:</b> Environmental Health</p>	<p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed:</b></p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.</p>

***NB. Key strategies and documents that may help you identify your contribution to the wellbeing goals and sustainable development principles include: Single Integrated Plan, Continuance Agreement, Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan, People Strategy, Asset Management Plan, Green Infrastructure SPG, Welsh Language Standards, etc***



**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	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?
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Positive: Ensures the appropriate officers in the Council have an up to date policy for mandatory Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) to enable consistent delivery of the powers available which helps improve efficiency. Increase in charges and</p>	<p>Charges and fees proposed are on cost recovery basis only and in line with those charged by other local authorities in the SE Wales area. Fees / charges to be included in annual member review.</p>

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	fees relating to housing enforcement is to cover the Council's costs.	
<b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)		
<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive: Mandatory HMO licensing endeavours to protect the health, safety and welfare of tenants in accommodation that presents the highest risks (fire safety, overcrowding etc)	
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive: HMO licensing and Rent Smart Wales are designed to improve management standards in the private rented housing sector and raise awareness of landlords, agents and tenants of their respective rights and responsibilities.	
<b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Positive: setting an example for developing communities in providing private rented housing accommodation which is safe.	
<b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation		

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<p><b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>There is abundant evidence that poor housing is associated with poor physical and mental health” (Welsh Health Impact Assessment Support Unit 2014: 8).</p> <p>Improved housing increases health and well-being of the occupiers which means people are able to focus on fulfilling their potential.</p>	

**2. 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>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>The Report takes account of legislative requirements designed to ensure that the quality of private sector rented housing meets current and future needs.</p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Close working with landlords, their agents and tenants essential as part of HMO licensing and Rent Smart Wales</p>	

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>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p><b>Involvement</b></p>	<p>Implementing legislative requirements which would have gone through normal consultation in their enactment.</p>	
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> <p><b>Prevention</b></p>	<p>Provides the 'tools' for council to be proactive in trying to ensure that the private rented housing sector provides safe accommodation instead of relying on reactive enforcement work once ill health, accidents etc have occurred.</p>	
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p> <p><b>Integration</b></p>	<p>Availability and appropriate use of the legislation will enable closer working with landlords, tenants and other agencies.</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. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link: <http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or [alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

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			
Disability			
Gender reassignment			
Marriage or civil partnership			
Pregnancy or maternity			
Race			
Religion or Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			
Welsh Language	Bilingual information to be provided 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>

	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
Safeguarding	Proper use of the legislation helps protect the public health of all age groups.		
Corporate Parenting			

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

Housing Act 2004 (Parts 1 & 2) and Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (Part 1); Cabinet report 'Housing Act 2004 Part 2: The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (H.M.O) Including Licence Fees' 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

**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?**

The report looks to strengthen 3 key areas of the Council's current HMO Licensing policy to assist officers in a consistent delivery of the powers available on a cost recovery basis (Fit and Proper Person test, Space and Amenity standards and fees). In addition the introduction of charges for certain types of housing enforcement action again enables delivery of legislative requirements on a cost recovery basis plus provides added incentive for landlords to engage / cooperate with officers at an early stage meaning enforcement action less likely. Rent Smart Wales is a compulsory registration and licensing scheme for private rented sector landlords and letting / management agents led by Cardiff City Council as the licensing authority.

Close working essential between the authorised officers and landlords/tenants/ agents both on a local and regional level. Fees and charges to be included in the annual member review.

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

<b>What are you going to do</b>	<b>When are you going to do it?</b>	<b>Who is responsible</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Fees and charges to be included in the annual member review.	Next annual member review (end 17/18)	Huw Owen – Principal EHO	

**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.**

<b>The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:</b>	<b>Within 12 months to the Head of Public Protection</b>
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