



<p>Name of the Officer Matthew Lewis Green Infrastructure & Countryside Manager Phone no: 01633 644855 E-mail: matthewlewis@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal: Living Levels Landscape Partnership Scheme.</p>
<p>Name of Service Green Infrastructure & Countryside</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed 23/03/2017</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>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>The Living Levels programme will provide new opportunities for learning, developing skills, participation and investment; including heritage skill development, business opportunities through supporting destination development and the tourism economy.</p>	<p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximised by collaborative working with partners delivering common benefits.</p>
<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and</p>	<p>The Living Levels programme will directly enhance the natural heritage and sustainable management of natural resources as a core aim of the partnership</p>	<p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximised by collaborative working with partners delivering common benefits</p>


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can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	and specific outcomes relating to natural heritage restoration, non-native species etc. It contributes to delivery of the Biodiversity & Ecosystem Resilience duty and Forward Plan; specifically Objective 6 to support landscape scale projects and partnerships to maximise delivery.	and a particular focus on project legacy; sustainable farming and research into payment for ecosystem services
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	The Living Levels programme is adopting a Green Infrastructure (multiple benefit) approach to maximise the benefits of access to natural and historic built environment, volunteers and the wider community.	There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximised by collaborative working with partners delivering common benefits.
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	The Living Levels programme is adopting a Green Infrastructure (multiple benefit) approach and specific outcomes relate to skills, learning and community engagement.	There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximised by collaborative working with external partners delivering similar benefits.
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	The Living Levels programme recognises the importance and fragility of this landscape in a Welsh and global context and includes research / test bed on payment for ecosystem services	There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximised by raising awareness of similar fragile landscapes
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	The Living Levels programme will celebrate local stories through oral history, research, community arts and events will promote culture and heritage and increased countryside access and recreation.	There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximised by collaborative working with partners delivering common benefits.
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The Living Levels programme will encourage and provide access for all and already has a strong and	There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximised by collaborative working with partners delivering similar benefits.

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	inclusive community engagement programme built into its development and delivery phases.	

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>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p> <p>Long Term</p>	<p>The aim of the Living Levels Landscape Partnership scheme is to reconnect people and communities to their landscape and provide a sustainable future for this historic and vibrant place - undertaking specific activities and programmes over its 3.5 year delivery period whilst building capacity and resilience for the long-term.</p>	<p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. The Living Levels partners are committed to a long term partnership with a life beyond this current programme.</p>
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> <p>Collaboration</p>	<p>The Living Levels partners have been working together informally on the Gwent Levels for a number of years. The Partnership includes RSPB Cymru (lead body), Gwent Wildlife Trust, Natural Resources Wales, Newport City Council, Monmouthshire County Council, City of Cardiff Council, Gwent Archives, Cardiff Story Museum, Sustrans, National Trust, Bumblebee Conservation Trust and Bug Life.</p>	<p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. The Living Levels partners are continuing to involve additional bodies and potential further partners who will add to the positive outcomes of the scheme</p>

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 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p>Involvement</p>	<p>The Living Levels Partnership came together following a community conference in March 2014 held to discuss issues and potential solutions to the threats facing the historic landscape of the Gwent Levels. Since then community involvement has been sustained and in the development phase a significant community engagement programme has been undertaken across the Levels communities through a dedicated officer.</p>	<p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Community engagement will be sustained throughout project delivery by a dedicated community engagement officer.</p>
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> <p>Prevention</p>	<p>The core justification for the Living Levels programme is to address the two main threats to the landscape:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An increasing disconnection by growing sections of the community (including the necessary centralisation of government) leading to the reduction in traditional management and loss of knowledge and skills from within the community; and 2. An under-developed “vision” and “sense of place” for the long-term future of this landscape. This is leading to inappropriate development; missed opportunities for tourism and inward investment; and increased negative impacts from local conurbations such a fly-tipping and litter 	<p>The core aim is to reconnect people and communities to their landscape and provide a sustainable future for this historic and vibrant place.</p>

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 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The scheme is designed to address the issues in an integrated way so that as a result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Living Levels Landscape will be better managed; in better condition and better recorded; • People will have developed skills; and learnt about the landscape and its heritage • A greater diversity and number of people will be getting involved; and • The local area will be a better place to live, work or visit. 	<p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects.</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

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	The programme intends to create learning, skills and volunteering opportunities for all ages	N/A	The effectiveness of the programme will be reviewed over the delivery period
Disability	The programme will adopt a least restrictive access approach to countryside access	N/A	N/A

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?
Gender reassignment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pregnancy or maternity	N/A	N/A	N/A
Race	N/A	N/A	N/A
Religion or Belief	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sex	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sexual Orientation	N/A	N/A	N/A
Welsh Language	All marketing material, interpretation, signage etc. will be bilingual	N/A	N/A

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	Appropriate safeguarding measures will be incorporated into volunteering and learning programmes following established procedures etc.	N/A	N/A
Corporate Parenting	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Information that has been used to develop the Living Levels programme;

- Widespread consultation including the Living Levels community conference in March 2014
- The development and rejection of an initial bid to Heritage Lottery Fund in 2014
- Consultations and partnership development including topic workshops, consultations on the development of a landscape character study, green infrastructure study, destination management study etc.
- The results of a dedicated community engagement programme during 2016 and 2017

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 Living Levels programme will have positive effects on all well-being goals and meet all of the sustainable development principles and has a strong correlation with all of the Council's Well-being objectives; promoting the benefits of the natural & built environment; providing opportunities for children and young people; providing opportunities for businesses and communities and for people's well-being through participation in volunteering etc.. It also contributes to delivery of the Biodiversity & Ecosystem Resilience duty and Forward Plan; specifically Objective 6 to support landscape scale projects and partnerships to maximise delivery.

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
Refine and develop the stage 2 bid to HLF including completing a formal evaluation and monitoring framework	Informal Review with HLF May 2017, formal submission August 2017	The Living Levels Partnership and Project Team; Liaison and support from MCC across a number of services coordinated by the GI & Countryside team	Ongoing

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:	To be determined by the formal evaluation and monitoring framework to be agreed with HLF
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9. VERSION CONTROL: The Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1	ICMD	12 April 2017	