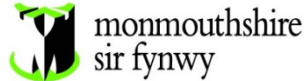


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Tuesday, 29 October 2019

Dear Councillor

CABINET

You are requested to attend a **Cabinet** meeting to be held at **Steve Greenslade Room, County Hall, Usk** on **Wednesday, 6th November, 2019**, at **2.00 pm**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To consider the following reports:
 - i. **CROESONEN S106 OFF-SITE RECREATION FUNDING** 1 - 14
Division/Wards Affected: Mardy

Purpose: To agree the inclusion of capital funding in the 2020/21 Capital Budget;

To agree the allocation of grant funding to a community growing project.

Author: Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator

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 - i. **MONMOUTH S106 OFF-SITE RECREATION FUNDING** 15 - 30
Division/Wards Affected: All Monmouth Wards

Purpose: To agree the inclusion of capital funding in the 2019/20 Capital Budget;

To agree the allocation of grants from the funding available.

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 - i. **PENPERLLEN S106 OFF-SITE RECREATION FUNDING** 31 - 46
Division/Wards Affected: Goytre Fawr

Purpose: To agree the inclusion of funding in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Capital Budgets;

To recommend the allocation of grants from the funding available.

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i. **WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP**

47 - 60

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group meeting 5 held on the 19th September 2019 and meeting 6 held on the 24th October 2019.

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i. **VISION MONMOUTHSHIRE 2040: ECONOMIC GROWTH AND AMBITION STATEMENT**

61 - 94

Division/Wards Affected: All

Purpose: To present the draft 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement' following the conclusion of the 'Economies of the Future' analysis and a period of consultation with Members and the local business community.

The purpose of the 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement' is to set the economic ambition for the county. The Statement will be followed by a more detailed 'Monmouthshire Business Growth and Enterprise Strategy' and accompanying Inward Investment Prospectus. These set of documents will work alongside the replacement Local Development Plan (LDP), in identifying suitable employment sites and premises, to enable existing businesses to grow and to attract inward investment from new businesses in key growth sectors. The replacement LDP will also seek to increase the availability of housing sites to provide differing residential products, to enable higher rates of jobs per dwelling.

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

County Councillor	Area of Responsibility	Partnership and External Working	Ward
P.A. Fox (Leader)	<p>Whole Authority Strategy & Direction Lead Officer – Chief Executive</p> <p>CCR Joint Cabinet & Regional Development; Organisation overview; Regional working; Government relations; Public Service Board lead; WLGA lead</p>	<p>WLGA Council WLGA Coordinating Board Public Service Board</p>	Portskewett
R.J.W. Greenland (Deputy Leader)	<p>Enterprise and Land Use Planning Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien Support Officers – Mark Hand, Cath Fallon</p> <p>Local Development Plan; Strategic Development Plan; Economic Resilience and Growth; Town Centre Investment and Stewardship; Development Management and Building Control; Housing Delivery</p>	<p>WLGA Council Capital Region Tourism</p>	Devauden
P. Jordan	<p>Governance and Law Lead Officers – Matthew Gatehouse, Matthew Phillips, Ian Saunders</p> <p>Council & Executive decision making; Constitution review and implementation of change; Law, Ethics & Standards; Audit and Regulatory WAO Relations Support for Elected Members Democracy promotion & citizen engagement Whole Authority Performance; Whole Authority Service Planning & Evaluation Community Hubs and Contact Centre Community Learning Tourist Information / Museums / Theatre / Attractions</p>		Cantref
R. John	<p>Children & Young People and MonLife Lead Officers – Will McLean, Ian Saunders Support Officers – Nikki Wellington, Sharon Randall-Smith, Richard Simpkins</p> <p>Early Years Education</p>	<p>Joint Education Group (EAS) WJEC</p>	Mitchel Troy

	<p>All Age Statutory Education Additional Learning Needs; School Inclusion Post 16 entitlement / offer</p> <p>School standards and Improvement; Education Achievement Service Commissioning Coleg Gwent and University liaison. Leisure / Sport Outdoor education / Duke of Edinburgh Active Travel Countryside / Biodiversity</p>		
P. Jones	<p>Social Care, Safeguarding & Health Lead Officer – Julie Boothroyd Support Officers – Eve Parkinson, Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Children’s Services Fostering & Adoption; Youth Offending Service; Adults Services Whole Authority Safeguarding (children & adults); Disabilities; Mental Health; Health liaison.</p>		Raglan
P. Murphy	<p>Whole Authority Resources Lead Officer – Peter Davies, Frances O’Brien Support Officers – Deb Hill-Howells, Sian Hayward, Tracey Harry, Mark Howcroft</p> <p>Finance; Information technology (SRS); Digital Programme Office Human Resources; Health & Safety; Emergency Planning; Procurement; Land & Buildings (inc. Estate, Cemeteries, Allotments, Farms); Vehicle Fleet / Passenger Transport Unit Property maintenance; Facilities Management (inc. Building Cleaning and Catering all ages)</p>	Prosiect Gwrydd Wales Purchasing Consortium	Caerwent
J. Pratt	<p>Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien Support Officers – Roger Hoggins, Carl Touhig, Nigel Leaworthy</p> <p>County Roads / Pavements South Wales Trunk Road Agency</p>	SEWTA Prosiect Gwyrdd	Goytre Fawr

	<p>Highways Maintenance, Transport, Traffic & Network Management, Car Parks / Illegal Parking Enforcement Whole Authority De-carbonisation Plastic Free Monmouthshire Waste / Recycling / Cleansing Grounds Maintenance Parks & Open Spaces/ Public Conveniences Flood Prevention / Management / SUDs</p>		
S. Jones	<p>Social Justice & Community Development Lead Officer – Frances O’Brien Support Officers – Cath Fallon, David Jones, Ian Bakewell</p> <p>Rural Deprivation / Isolation; Digital Deprivation Poverty / Disadvantage Homelessness; Supporting People Community Safety / Equality / Protected Characteristics Public Relations; / Communications / Marketing Trading Standards / Environmental Health; Licensing; Registrars</p>		Llanover

Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

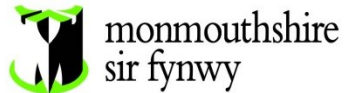
Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

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SUBJECT:	CROESONEN S106 OFF-SITE RECREATION FUNDING
MEETING:	CABINET
DATE TO BE CONSIDERED:	6th NOVEMBER 2019
WARDS AFFECTED:	MARDY WARD

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree the inclusion of capital funding in the 2020/21 Capital Budget;
- 1.2 To agree the allocation of grant funding to a community growing project.

2. **RECOMMENDATION** that a grant of £24,669 (to include the £18,900 grant originally allocated to the allotments project in Mardy) be allocated to the Growing Space Group to undertake a community growing initiative at the Mardy Park Resource Centre and that this is funded by a corresponding contribution from the S106 balances held by the Council from the Croesonen Farm and Infant School sites.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 In February 2011 Cabinet considered a report on the allocation of £78,300 worth of off-site recreation funding from the Croesonen Farm and Croesonen Infants School Section 106 Agreements. At that meeting it was decided to allocate grants to ten local projects. There is no “spend by” date for the use of this money, but it was received by the Council in May 2009.
- 3.2 Of the ten projects awarded funding in 2011 nine were completed but one project, the provision of a 3G training area at Mardy Recreation Ground, was not able to proceed due to the applicant being unable to obtain the match funding required.
- 3.3 As a result of this, at its meeting in February 2016 Cabinet agreed to reallocate the £40,000 originally awarded to the 3G project to three other projects and to retain an unallocated balance of £6,000.
- 3.4 Two of the new projects awarded a grant in February 2016 - improvements to the play area at Mardy Playing Field and the provision of some audio visual equipment at Llanddewi Skirrid Village Hall - have been completed and the grant money spent.
- 3.5 The third project was the provision of new allotments on an area of land off Nantgavenny Lane in Mardy, for which a grant of £18,900 was awarded. The intention was for the local allotments association to lease the land in question from a local landowner and to use the grant money to establish approximately 20 new allotment plots.

- 3.6 However, the land intended to be used for the allotments was used for another purpose - to help facilitate the new housing development on land at Deri Farm, which is one of the major residential allocations in the current Local Development Plan.
- 3.7 Both the local allotment association and Council officers have tried but failed to identify an alternative site for the allotments in the Mardy area.
- 3.8 A grant application has now been received from Growing Space, a group that works with the Council's provision at the Mardy Park Resource Centre. Their proposal is to install mains water and set up an irrigation system in the existing polytunnels and also to set up a water harvesting system. Raised beds will be installed and basic gardening tools purchased. A silent run generator will also be purchased to provide electricity to the training cabin.
- 3.9 The intention is to deliver horticultural therapy sessions to people with dementia, learning and physical disabilities, carers and young people. The project will also work with the families of those attending the provision and with local residents.
- 3.10 The resource centre is located approximately 500m from the site originally proposed for the new allotments at Nantgavenny Lane and the Growing Space proposal offers opportunities for local residents to get involved with horticultural activities at the site, as well as providing an important addition to the range of services already delivered at Mardy Park.
- 3.11 The Growing Space Group has a long standing involvement at Mardy Park and will manage the installation work and ongoing maintenance of the community growing initiative to ensure its longer term sustainability.

4.0 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The options are to:

1. take no action and return the money to the developers with no additional or improved community recreation provision;
2. allocate the funding to the project proposed in this report;
3. allocate the funding on a different basis.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Please see evaluation criteria set out in **Appendix A**.

6. REASONS

- 6.1 To ensure the funding is available in the Council's capital budget in the 2020/21 financial year;
- 6.2 To ensure the Section 106 funding received from the developer is used effectively to enhance community recreation provision in the local area.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The off-site recreation funding from the Section 106 agreements in relation to the Croesonen Farm and Infant School sites was received from the developer in May 2009. Most of the projects offered grant funding have been completed and the money spent but there is a balance of £24,669 that remains to be spent. The proposal from Growing Space would utilise the unallocated balance and would create long term benefits at the Mardy Park Resource Centre for use by current and future service users and by the local community. Utilising the funding in this way will not impact upon the Council's capital budget.

8. WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING & CORPORATE PARENTING)

See attached at **Appendix B**.

9. CONSULTEES

Cabinet Members	Local Member
Senior Leadership Team	Section 106 Working Group
Llantilio Pertholey Community Council	
Assistant Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer	

The community council has been consulted and has no objection to the proposal.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Two Section 106 Agreements dated 15th October 2007.

11. AUTHOR

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Report to Cabinet on 6th November 2019 – Croesonen S106 Off-Site Recreation Funding

Evaluation Criteria

Title of Report:	Croesonen S106 Off-Site Recreation Funding
Date decision was made:	6th November 2019
Report Author:	Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator

What will happen as a result of this decision being approved by Cabinet or Council?
<p>What is the desired outcome of the decision? What effect will the decision have on the public/officers?</p> <p>The allocation of funding to provide improved participation in healthy outdoor activities for people with protected characteristics Increased participation in outdoor recreational activity by residents in the local area</p> <p>1 year appraisal</p>

What benchmarks and/or criteria will you use to determine whether the decision has been successfully implemented?
<p>Think about what you will use to assess whether the decision has had a positive or negative effect: Has there been an increase/decrease in the number of users Has the level of service to the customer changed and how will you know If decision is to restructure departments, has there been any effect on the team (e.g. increase in sick leave)</p> <p>Successful completion of the project that is offered a grant from the available capital funding. Positive feedback is received from service users & families and local residents that use the improved facilities at Mardy Park.</p> <p>1 year appraisal</p>

What is the estimate cost of implementing this decision or, if the decision is designed to save money, what is the proposed saving that the decision will achieve?
<p>Give an overview of the planned costs associated with the project, which should already be included in the report, so that once the evaluation is completed there is a quick overview of whether it was delivered on budget or if the desired level of savings was achieved.</p> <p>The total budget for the overall project is £24,699 – costs will be measured against the capital grant awarded and the outcomes achieved</p>



Name of the Officer: Mike Moran Phone no: 07894 573834 E-mail: mikemoran@monmouthshire.gov.uk	Decision on inclusion of funding in 2020/21 capital budget Decision on funding allocation in Croesonen from S106 balances
Name of Service: Enterprise	Date completed: 25 th September 2019

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?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	Positive - the project will be funded from S106 balances provided by developers of residential housing in the Croesonen area, so there is no call on the Council's core capital budget.	


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 resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Positive – the project involved is an important community facility in the local area - the project will involve landscape improvements and making the most of the natural environment.	
A healthier Wales People’s physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive - the proposals in this report involve improving peoples’ physical and mental wellbeing. In addition to its value as a well-used recreation site, the location is used for events that provide a focal point for a number of family orientated activities.	
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	The proposal will contribute to the safety and cohesiveness of the local community in which it is located.	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	The availability of good quality and accessible facilities in the local community means that local people do not have to travel to other areas by car or by public transport, thereby contributing to a reduction in harmful nitrogen dioxide emissions	
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and	There are no specific proposals in this report to promote and protect the Welsh language but the improvements proposed	Encourage the use of the Welsh language in on-site signage – bilingual noticeboards would promote the Welsh language and

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?
protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	will encourage more participation in outdoor recreational activities.	encourage Welsh language speakers to use the site.
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The improvements will encourage improved access for and participation by disabled people and people with other support needs – also by all sections of the community regardless of their background or ability.	

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>	The sustainability of the site has been assessed and officers are confident that the investment proposed will be sustainable in the longer term.	Funding is proposed from existing S106 balances to cover the cost of the works proposed.

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>The project involves working closely with other parties to deliver improved facilities and to ensure better access for people with disabilities and support needs.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>The views of Cabinet members, the local county council member and the community council have been sought in the drafting of the report and the recommendations it contains.</p>	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The project involves the enhancement of facilities, as per the intention of the S106 Agreements from where the funding has arisen. Problem prevention is not the basis upon which the funding has been given but investing in the improvement of existing facilities will help to prevent problems occurring.</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>Integration Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The project will have a positive impact on the health & wellbeing of people living in the area of benefit stipulated in the Section 106 Agreement.</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?

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	No employment/training issues identified The recommendations will benefit residents and families of different ages living in the local area		Continue to consider the needs of people with protected characteristics when formulating proposals.
Disability	The improvements proposed will be designed to be accessible to people with disabilities/mobility issues		
Gender reassignment	Neutral		
Marriage or civil partnership	Neutral		
Pregnancy or maternity	The proposals will be designed for ease of access with pushchairs & wheelchairs		
Race	Neutral		
Religion or Belief	Neutral		
Sex	The project that is the subject of this report are of equal benefit to both males and females		
Sexual Orientation	Neutral		

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?
Welsh Language	Neutral	Although the recommendation is considered to be neutral it does nothing specifically to promote the use of the Welsh language	It may be possible in the future to encourage applications that actively promote the Welsh language

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?

	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 to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Positive: the proposals are designed to increase participation by service users and local people, irrespective of their backgrounds		
Corporate Parenting	Neutral		

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local population figures taken from the 2011 Census data, updated • Evidence obtained from the applicant

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?

Positive Impacts

- The proposal complies with the statutory tests relating to Section 106 funding
- The scheme will have a positive impact upon the health and wellbeing of local residents
- People with protected characteristics will benefit significantly from the improvement project

Negative Impacts

- It is difficult to demonstrate that the project will have a meaningful benefits for promoting the Welsh language

The above impacts have not materially changed the recommendations contained in the report.

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
Work with the successful applicant to implement the proposals	Following the decision of Cabinet and over the next twelve months	Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator	To be reported

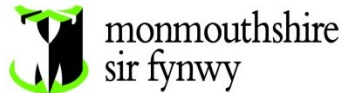
8. MONITORING: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated in: November 2020	To be reported to the Section 106 Working Group
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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	S106 funding received	May 2009	
2	External grant applications submitted	November 2010	Identified need for match funding contributions
3	Grants originally allocated to ten projects	February 2011	Nine projects completed, one project incomplete
4	One grant reallocated to three projects	February 2016	Two projects completed, one project incomplete
5	Grant application received from Growing Space	August 2019	
6	Consultation with Cabinet and Senior Leadership Team	October 2019	
7	Consultation with local member	October 2019	
8	Consultation with Llantilio Pertholey Community Council	October 2019	Community Council has no objection to the proposal
9	MCC Cabinet Meeting	6 th November 2019	Decision sought on allocation of funding and on the inclusion of funding in the 2020/21 capital budget

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SUBJECT: MONMOUTH S106 OFF-SITE RECREATION FUNDING
MEETING: CABINET
DATE TO BE CONSIDERED: 6th NOVEMBER 2019
WARDS AFFECTED: ALL MONMOUTH WARDS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree the inclusion of capital funding in the 2019/20 Capital Budget;
- 1.2 To agree the allocation of grants from the funding available.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 2.1 a budget of £149,000 is created in 2019/20 to fund the following projects and that this is funded by a corresponding contribution from the S106 balances held by the County Council from the S106 Agreement in relation to the development of land off Wonastow Road, Monmouth;
- 2.2 grants in the sums shown below be allocated to the following projects from the funding available:

Project	£
1. Monmouth Leisure Centre 3G MUGA resurfacing	40,000
2. Monmouth Tennis Courts	35,000
3. Monmouth Town Football Club Spectator Stand	10,000
4. Monmouth Allotments	25,000
5. Chippenham Mead Play Area	10,000
6. Rockfield Central Open Space and Play Area	29,000
Total	£149,000

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Council has been working with a number of local organisations in recent months on projects to improve community sport and recreation facilities in Monmouth. A number of these have been successful in attracting external grant aid, but these require an element of match funding. Details of these projects are set out below.
- 3.2.1 **Monmouth Leisure Centre and School Site** – the final element of the external works at the leisure centre site is the completion of the multi-use games area (MUGA), adjacent to the reconfigured car park. An analysis of usage of the MUGA has revealed that the main demand is for good quality football training facilities, particularly for the junior age groups. A bid was submitted for Welsh Government grant funding (a fund managed by the National Collaboration Group consisting of the FAW, RFU and Tennis Wales) to lay a 3G surface on the MUGA area. The project also includes erecting a

secure fence around the informal tennis court area that has been marked out on the school yard, so this can be used by pupils during the school day. Confirmation has been received that a grant of £46,640 has been awarded on condition that project is completed and the grant claimed by 31st March 2020.

The 3G resurfacing of the MUGA is one of the unfunded capital projects included in the MonLife investment strategy considered by elected members at the County Council meeting on 19th September. This project also makes good economic sense, as the increased use of the site for football training will help to contribute income to the centre in terms of secondary spending. The estimated cost of the project is £86,000 (although only £69,725 is eligible for grant-aid). It is therefore proposed to allocate a match funding contribution of £40,000 to ensure that the project can be delivered on time.

3.2.2 Monmouth Tennis Courts – Monmouth Tennis Club is a constituent member of the Monmouth Sports Association and it uses the three tennis courts located at the Monmouth Sportsground. There is a renewed interest in tennis in Monmouth and a demand for greater use of the courts – this is due mainly to the fact that there is a Level 4 tennis coach attached to the club who holds regular training sessions for club members and for members of the public that use the courts. However, the tennis courts are in quite a poor condition and they need to be resurfaced - for which there is no identified budget. The Council is currently responsible for maintaining the tennis courts.

In partnership with the club, Council officers submitted an application to Sport Wales in July for a grant to resurface the courts and to install a gate access system, which is an electronic platform developed by the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association). The grant application was partially successful, in that a grant was allocated for the gate access system only. The benefit of the gate access system is that it allows club members and member of the public to book courts online. It also means that because the courts are secure, each individual that books a court has to pay for court usage every time a booking is made. On this basis, the club can deposit money accrued from court usage into a fund (in line with the LTA sinking fund calculator model) that will be sufficient to cover the cost when the courts need resurfacing in 8 to 10 years' time. The benefit of this arrangement is that responsibility for maintenance and resurfacing of the courts will transfer from the Council to the tennis club.

The cost of resurfacing the courts is £40,000 and it is proposed that funding of £35,000 is allocated to this project, with the club providing a match funding amount of £5,000. The club is also match funding for the gate access system.

3.2.3 Monmouth Football Club Stand – Monmouth Town FC is one of six football clubs in the county that play in the top three tiers of the FAW football pyramid in Wales. As a result of changes in the structure of the football pyramid and the facility requirements at different levels of the structure, Monmouth Town needs to have in place a covered stand with seating for 100 spectators. If clubs can't meet the facility requirements then the result is that they will be demoted to the next level down in the pyramid.

The Council has previously allocated grants to four clubs to enable them to meet the league requirements, namely Abergavenny Town FC (£20,000), Chepstow Town FC (£15,000), Goytre FC (£19,285) and Undy Athletic FC (£73,232). This has enabled the clubs to continue to play at their respective levels of competition.

The cost of the new stand at Monmouth is £43,242 and the club has been successful in being awarded a grant of £33,200 – it is recommended that a grant of £10,000 is allocated to the club as a match funding contribution.

- 3.2.4 **Monmouth Allotments** – the only allotment site in Monmouth is located on that part of the village green situated between the A449 and the River Wye. There are 70 allotment holders (some plots have been divided into smaller units) and the site is in quite an isolated position, so there are problems with site security and the plots are affected periodically by an infestation of rabbits.

The allotment association applied for a grant towards this project from the Section 106 funding that was available back in 2014 but its application was unsuccessful, falling one point short of being offered a grant. The association's application scored 16 points in the site assessments and all applications scoring 17 or more were awarded a grant.

The problems associated with the lack of a suitable stock-proof fence are still being experienced and it is proposed to allocate a grant of £25,000 to enable this provision to be made. This will allow the day to day management of the site to be transferred over to the allotments association.

- 3.2.5 **Chippenham Mead Play Area** – the play area at Chippenham Mead has been the subject of a number of reports considered by elected members over the last three years. There is an established budget available to relocate the play area subject to the necessary consents being granted, but additional costs have been incurred in submitting the planning application and the preparations made for the submission of a Welsh Government consent application. These include costs to commission and implement the recommendations of a detailed tree survey. In order to protect the existing level of budget for design and installation of play equipment, it is recommended that a sum of £10,000 is allocated to this project.

- 3.2.6 **Rockfield Central Open Space and Play Area** – the central open space at Rockfield serves a large number of dwellings on the existing development and will also be the main open space to serve the additional dwellings that have been approved on the Rockfield Road West development. It is proposed to extend the existing play area on site to include more play equipment to meet the identified shortfalls and to incorporate a family seating area – also to create a community growing space alongside the existing play area.

In a recent play area assessment the Rockfield site at the central open space has been assessed as being “adequate” and requires investment to bring it up to a “good” standard, with better levels of provision consisting of more

inclusive and educational play items. It is proposed to allocate a sum of £29,000 to facilitate this provision.

4.0 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The options are to:

1. take no action and return the money to the developers with no additional or improved community recreation provision;
2. allocate the funding to the projects proposed in this report;
3. allocate the funding on a different basis.

A comparison of benefits and risks is set out at **Appendix A**.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Please see evaluation criteria set out in **Appendix B**.

6. REASONS

- 6.1 To ensure the funding is available in the Council's capital budget in the 2019/20 financial year;
- 6.2 To ensure the Section 106 funding received from the developer is used effectively to enhance community recreation provision in the local area.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The original off-site recreation funding of £985,000 from the Wonastow development was directed to part fund the cost of the new swimming pool at Monmouth Leisure Centre. However, because the developer contributions were linked to the Welsh House Price Index, additional funding of £149,000 has been realised from the Wonastow site. It is recommended that this surplus additional funding is used to fund the proposals outlined in this report.

8. **WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING & CORPORATE PARENTING)**
See attached at **Appendix C**.

9. CONSULTEES

Cabinet Members	Local Members
Senior Leadership Team	S106 Working Group
Assistant Head of Finance/S151 Officer	

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Section 106 Agreement dated 19th December 2014.

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Monmouth Town Council will consider this report at its meeting on 4th November and its views will be reported orally at Cabinet on 6th November.

APPENDIX A

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Benefits	Risks
3.2.1 MLC Site – 3G MUGA Provision	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project can go ahead if a Sport Wales grant is awarded; The project will provide much improved facilities for football training and junior participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme cannot proceed if the grant application is not successful; There will still be a significant shortfall in football training facilities in the town, particularly for junior teams
3.2.2 Monmouth Tennis Courts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts are upgraded to create a sustainable local tennis club; Upgrade will provide excellent tennis facilities for public use; Future maintenance responsibility transfers to the tennis club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The courts deteriorate further, with the club unable to progress & it may have to exit competitive league structure; Deteriorating condition of courts will adversely affect public participation; Maintenance liability remains with the Council
3.2.3 Monmouth Town FC Stand	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the stand in place the club will meet the FAW tier 3 facility requirements and will qualify to play in FAW Div. 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without the stand the club will not meet the FAW facility requirements and will face further demotion from the upper pyramid of the FAW league structure
3.2.4 Monmouth Allotments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The erection of a suitable perimeter fence will enable the allotments to meet better standards of horticultural provision, safety and security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chippenham Mead site is the only allotment provision in the town but it does not meet current horticultural or security standards. The continued lack of a suitable fence will only get worse
3.2.5 Chippenham Mead Play Area	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The additional funding proposed will maintain the allocated budget for the play area relocation project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget for the play area relocation will reduce, to cover the additional costs required to obtain the necessary consents & for the scheme to proceed
3.2.6 Rockfield Central Play Area	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The play area can be extended & improved to offer more play value and a better standard of play provision; Recent play value assessments have revealed a need to invest in the main neighbourhood play areas in the county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This play area serves the Rockfield area & surrounding neighbourhood. Without an identified budget the site cannot be improved; S106 funding allocations have been agreed for neighbourhood play areas in other parts of the county – funding is required for this play area to bring it up to a similar standard

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Evaluation Criteria

Title of Report:	Monmouth S106 Off-Site Recreation Funding
Date decision was made:	6th November 2019
Report Author:	Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator

What will happen as a result of this decision being approved by Cabinet or Council?
<p>What is the desired outcome of the decision? What effect will the decision have on the public/officers?</p> <p>The allocation of funding to provide improved play and recreation facilities in Monmouth Increased participation in play and recreational activities by residents in the local area 2 year appraisal – Some projects will take longer to complete than others.</p>

What benchmarks and/or criteria will you use to determine whether the decision has been successfully implemented?
<p>Think about what you will use to assess whether the decision has had a positive or negative effect: Has there been an increase/decrease in the number of users Has the level of service to the customer changed and how will you know If decision is to restructure departments, has there been any effect on the team (e.g. increase in sick leave)</p> <p>Successful completion of the projects that are offered grants from the available capital funding. Positive feedback is received from adults, children & families that use the new or improved facilities at the sites in question. 2 year appraisal</p>

What is the estimate cost of implementing this decision or, if the decision is designed to save money, what is the proposed saving that the decision will achieve?
<p>Give an overview of the planned costs associated with the project, which should already be included in the report, so that once the evaluation is completed there is a quick overview of whether it was delivered on budget or if the desired level of savings was achieved.</p> <p>The total budget for the overall project is £149,000 – costs will be measured against the capital grants awarded.</p>

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Future Generations Evaluation
(includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

Name of the Officer: Mike Moran Phone no: 07894 573834 E-mail: mikemoran@monmouthshire.gov.uk	Decision on inclusion of funding in 2019/20 capital budget Decision on funding allocations in Monmouth from S106 balances
Name of Service: Enterprise	Date completed: 25 th September 2019

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?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	Positive - the projects will be funded from S106 balances provided by developers of residential housing in Monmouth, so there is no call on the Council's core capital budget.	


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 resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Positive – the projects involved are important community and recreation facilities in the local area - the project will involve landscape improvements and making the most of the natural environment.</p>	
<p>A healthier Wales People’s physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive - the proposals in this report involve improving peoples’ physical and mental wellbeing. In addition to their value as well used recreation sites, the locations are used for events that provide a focal point for a number of family orientated activities.</p>	
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>The proposals will contribute to the safety and cohesiveness of the local community in which they are located.</p>	
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>The availability of good quality and accessible facilities in the local community means that local people do not have to travel to other areas by car or by public transport, thereby contributing to a reduction in harmful nitrogen dioxide emissions</p>	
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and</p>	<p>There are no specific proposals in this report to promote and protect the Welsh language but the improvements proposed</p>	<p>Encourage the use of the Welsh language in on-site signage – bilingual noticeboards would promote the Welsh language and</p>

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?
protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	will encourage more participation in outdoor recreational activities.	encourage Welsh language speakers to use the sites.
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The improvements will encourage improved access for and participation by disabled people and people with other support needs – also by all sections of the community regardless of their background or ability.	

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 sustainability of the sites has been assessed and officers are confident that the investments proposed will be sustainable in the longer term.</p>	<p>Funding is proposed from existing S106 balances to cover the cost of the works proposed.</p>

<p>Sustainable Development Principle</p>	<p>Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.</p>	<p>Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The projects involve working closely with other parties to deliver improved facilities and to ensure better access for children with disabilities and support needs.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>The views of Cabinet members, the local county council member and the town council have been sought in the drafting of the report and the recommendations it contains.</p>	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The projects involve the enhancement of facilities, as per the intention of the S106 Agreements from where the funding has arisen. Problem prevention is not the basis upon which the funding has been given but investing in the improvement of existing facilities will help to prevent problems occurring.</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>Integration Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	The project will have a positive impact on the health & wellbeing of people living in the area of benefit stipulated in the Section 106 Agreement.	

- 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?

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Age	No employment/training issues identified The recommendations will benefit residents of all ages living in the local area		Continue to consider the needs of people with protected characteristics when formulating proposals.
Disability	The improvements proposed will be designed to be accessible to people with disabilities/mobility issues		
Gender reassignment	Neutral		
Marriage or civil partnership	Neutral		
Pregnancy or maternity	The sites will be designed for ease of access with pushchairs and wheelchairs		
Race	Neutral		
Religion or Belief	Neutral		
Sex	The projects that are the subject of this report are of equal benefit to both males and females		
Sexual Orientation	Neutral		

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?
Welsh Language	Neutral	Although the recommendation is considered to be neutral it does nothing specifically to promote the use of the Welsh language	It may be possible in the future to encourage applications that actively promote the Welsh language

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?

	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 to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Positive: all of the proposals are designed to increase participation by local people, irrespective of their backgrounds		
Corporate Parenting	Neutral		

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local population figures taken from the 2011 Census data, updated • Evidence obtained from the respective applicants • Data from fixed play value assessments

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?

Positive Impacts

- The proposals comply with the statutory tests relating to Section 106 funding
- The schemes will have a positive impact upon the health and wellbeing of local residents
- People with protected characteristics will benefit from the improvement projects

Negative Impacts

- It is difficult to demonstrate that the projects will have a meaningful benefits for promoting the Welsh language

The above impacts have not materially changed the recommendations contained in the report.

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
Work with the successful applicants to implement the proposals	Following the decision of Cabinet and over the next 12-18 months	Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator	To be reported

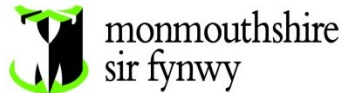
8. MONITORING: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated in: November 2021	To be reported to the Section 106 Working Group
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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	S106 funding received	30 th August 2019	
2	External grant applications submitted	May, June and September 2019	Identified need for match funding contributions
3	Formulation of recommendations	September 2019	
4	Consultation with Cabinet and Senior Leadership	October 2019	
5	Consultation with Monmouth Town Council	October 2019	
6	MCC Cabinet Meeting	6 th November 2019	Decision sought on allocation of funding and on the inclusion of funding in the 2019/20 capital budget

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SUBJECT: PENPERLLEN S106 OFF-SITE RECREATION FUNDING
MEETING: CABINET
DATE TO BE CONSIDERED: 6th NOVEMBER 2019
WARDS AFFECTED: GOYTRE FAWR

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree the inclusion of funding in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Capital Budgets;
- 1.2 To recommend the allocation of grants from the funding available.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 2.1 a budget of £127,191 be created in 2019/20 to fund the following projects and that this is funded by a corresponding contribution from the S106 balances held by the County Council from Section 106 Agreements in relation to the development of land to the south of School Lane, Penperlleni and land to the rear of Pleasant Retreat, Star Road, Goytre (Finance Codes N610 and N565);
- 2.2 grants in the sums shown below be allocated to the following seven projects:

Project	£
1. Capel Ed Chapel Internal Alterations	20,000
2. Goytre Community Garden	5,700
3. Goytre Football Club – Maintenance Equipment	6,000
4. Goytre Primary School Environmental Sustainability	30,870
5. Goytre Scouts – Kayaking Resources	20,658
6. Goytre Village Hall – Structural Alterations & Improvements	29,663
7. Mon, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals – Community Boat	14,300
Total	£127,191

- 2.3 the remaining S106 balance of £82,572 be uploaded into the 2020/21 capital budget and used for the improvement of recreation and play facilities at Goytre Playing Field;

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The development of land to the south of School Lane, Penperlleni and to the rear of Pleasant Retreat, Star Road in Goytre was approved subject to three separate S106 Agreements. Under the terms of those agreement the Council has received S106 off-site recreation contributions of £209,763 to be used within a five mile radius of each site.
- 3.2 In May applications for funding were invited from local organisations and eight applications were received. These are listed in the table at **APPENDIX B** and more detailed comments on each project are set out in **APPENDIX C**.

- 3.3 Each of the applications has been assessed and, of the eight applications received, seven have demonstrated clear outcomes in line with the Council's corporate objectives. The eighth application is for the construction of a multi-use games area (MUGA) at Goytre Playing Field, which is located in the centre of the village adjacent to the village hall and the main village play area. The playing field is in the ownership of the County Council and the proposed MUGA application has been submitted by Goetre Fawr Community Council. The community council is proposing to lease the area of land for the MUGA from this council and to take on future management and maintenance responsibilities for the new facility.
- 3.4 The population of the village is growing due to recent housing developments and the community council has carried out some local consultation, which has identified a shortage of facilities in the village for older children, teenagers and young adults. However, the cost of a formal floodlit MUGA is in excess of £120,000 and there is no business case to support such a provision in this location. There is a formal floodlit MUGA located approximately two miles away, adjacent to Little Mill Village Hall and there is existing capacity for additional bookings at that facility.
- 3.5 When requests for S106 funding of this magnitude have been received previously, the Council has asked for a satisfactory, detailed business plan to be submitted providing evidence of sustainability and confirmed future usage. This was done most recently in Magor and Undy in relation to proposals submitted by the local football club and the local community council there.
- 3.6 It is possible that in Goytre an informal MUGA provision could be made to meet the identified needs of young people and a report has also been received recently identifying the need for investment to upgrade the existing village play area, also located on the playing field.
- 3.7 On this basis, it is recommended that the remaining balance of £82,572 is allocated towards the improvement of recreation and play facilities at Goytre Playing Field and that officers work with the community council to develop detailed proposals for the use of this funding. If, as a result of those discussions, a formal floodlit MUGA is still proposed then this should be made subject to the submission of a satisfactory detailed business plan.

4.0 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The options are to:

1. take no action and return the money to the developers with no additional or improved community recreation provision;
2. allocate the funding to the projects proposed in this report;
3. allocate the funding on a different basis.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Please see evaluation criteria set out in **Appendix A**.

6. REASONS

- 6.1 To ensure that sufficient funding is available in the Council's 2019/20 and 2020/21 capital budgets to meet the cost of the recommendations;
- 6.2 To ensure the Section 106 funding received from the developer is used effectively to enhance community recreation provision in the local area.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The S106 funding identified in this report has been received to improve community recreation and playspace facilities in the local area, so the works proposed will not impact on existing capital or revenue budgets.

- 8. **WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING & CORPORATE PARENTING)**
See attached at **Appendix D.**

CONSULTEES

Cabinet Members	Local Member
Section 106 Working Group	Senior Leadership Team
Goetre Fawr Community Council	
Assistant Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer	

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Section 106 Agreements:

- School Lane (Phase 1) (DC/2013/01001) dated 2nd April 2015
- School Lane (Phase 2) (DC/2014/00468) dated 2nd April 2015
- Pleasant Retreat, (DC/2008/00188) dated 20th January 2010 plus supplemental agreement dated 30th January 2013.

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Report to Cabinet on 6th November 2019 – Penperlleni S106 Off-Site Recreation Funding

Evaluation Criteria

Title of Report:	Penperlleni S106 Off-Site Recreation Funding
Date decision was made:	6th November 2019
Report Author:	Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator

What will happen as a result of this decision being approved by Cabinet or Council?
What is the desired outcome of the decision? What effect will the decision have on the public/officers?
The allocation of funding to provide improved play and recreation facilities in Goytre, Penperlleni Increased participation in play and recreational activities by residents in the local area 2 year appraisal – Phase 2 funding from School Lane, Penperlleni only just received

What benchmarks and/or criteria will you use to determine whether the decision has been successfully implemented?
Think about what you will use to assess whether the decision has had a positive or negative effect: Has there been an increase/decrease in the number of users Has the level of service to the customer changed and how will you know If decision is to restructure departments, has there been any effect on the team (e.g. increase in sick leave)
Successful completion of the projects that are offered grants from the available capital funding. Positive feedback is received from adults, children & families that use the new or improved facilities at the sites in question. 2 year appraisal

What is the estimate cost of implementing this decision or, if the decision is designed to save money, what is the proposed saving that the decision will achieve?
Give an overview of the planned costs associated with the project, which should already be included in the report, so that once the evaluation is completed there is a quick overview of whether it was delivered on budget or if the desired level of savings was achieved.
The total budget for the overall project is £209,763 – costs will be measured against the capital grants awarded.

APPENDIX B

Report to Cabinet on 6th November 2019 – Penperlleni S106 Off-Site Recreation Funding

PENPERLLENI S106 FUNDING: LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Applicant	Project	Scheme Cost £	Own Funds £	Grant Request £	Percentage of Scheme Cost	Percentage of Funding Available
Capel Ed Chapel	Internal Alterations	40,000	20,000	20,000	50%	9.7%
Community Garden	Mini-plots and greenhouse	7,000	1,300	5,700	81%	2.8%
Goetre Fawr Community Council	Goytre MUGA	129,881	0	129,881	100%	63.2%
Goytre Football Club	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	6,600	0	6,000	91%	2.9%
Goytre Primary School	Vision for Environmental Sustainability	76,202	0	76,202	100%	37.0%
Goytre Scouts	Kayaking Resource Centre	23,658	3,000	20,658	87%	10.1%
Goytre Village Hall	Structural Improvements	43,923	7,000	36,923	84%	18.0%
Mon Brecon & Aber Canals Trust	Community Boat	121,860	107,560	14,300	12%	7.0%
Totals		451,942	138,860	313,082	69%	

APPENDIX C

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Applicant/Project	Comments	Revised Cost £	Own Funds £	Grant Offer £
Capel Ed Chapel Internal Alterations	The chapel currently hosts a parent & toddler group, the only youth group in the village, a children's club, all-age family events and a monthly meet & greet session attended by older members of the local community to reduce social isolation.	40,000	20,000	20,000
Community Garden Mini-plots and greenhouse	The garden is located in Capel End Lane & has developed a gardening project with the local primary school. It has achieved Green Flag status - the award judges' report earlier this year recommended adding more allotment plots.	7,000	1,300	5,700
Goetre Fawr Community Council Goytre MUGA	The Community Council is proposing to install a MUGA on the village playing field but more work needs to be done to determine the long term viability & sustainability of the project and the way in which it will be managed in the future.	86,600	8,660	82,572
Goytre FC Grounds Equipment	The club plays in the second highest tier of the senior football pyramid in Wales. It owns & maintains its own grounds but its grounds maintenance equipment is now beyond reasonable repair – the proposal is to purchase a reconditioned tractor.	6,600	600	6,000
Goytre Primary School Environmental Sustainability	The school applied for funding for a wider range of projects, including classroom canopies and a pond liner - the outdoor eco classroom was the top priority in its consultation with the local community in May of this year. It will be used for STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities – plus some STEM resources - and will be available for other uses attracting use by the local community.	34,300	3,430	30,870
Goytre Scouts Kayaking Resources	This new resource will be available to all 1,300 scouts in Monmouthshire aged 7 – 18 years and beyond through to leadership level. Users will learn kayaking & water safety skills and be encouraged to build resilience when faced with a challenge.	23,658	3,000	20,658
Goytre Village Hall Structural Improvements	It is proposed to carry out internal alterations to create two separate usable spaces, with a new entrance to the area currently used as the village post office, so that different activities can take place concurrently and make the hall more sustainable. The male toilets will also be improved (the female toilets were upgraded previously).	36,663	7,000	29,663
Mon Brecon & Aber Canals Trust Community Boat	The proposal is to base the community at Goytre Wharf to be used by families & school parties, with special trips for disabled & disadvantaged groups. Any surplus income will be reinvested into education, canal maintenance and restoration.	121,860	107,560	14,300
Totals		359,499	151,892	209,763

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Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

Name of the Officer: Mike Moran Phone no: 07894 573834 E-mail: mikemoran@monmouthshire.gov.uk	Decision on inclusion of funding in 2019/20 capital budget Decision on funding allocation in Penperlleni from S106 balances
Name of Service: Enterprise	Date completed: 24 th September 2019

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


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A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	Positive - the projects will be funded from S106 balances provided by developers of residential housing in Penperlleni, so there is no call on the Council's core capital budget.	


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 resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Positive – the projects involved are important community and recreation facilities in the local area - the project will involve landscape improvements and making the most of the natural environment.</p>	
<p>A healthier Wales People’s physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive - the proposals in this report involve improving peoples’ physical and mental wellbeing. In addition to their value as well used recreation sites, the locations are used for events that provide a focal point for a number of family orientated activities.</p>	
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>The proposals will contribute to the safety and cohesiveness of the local community in which they are located.</p>	
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>The availability of good quality and accessible facilities in the local community means that local people do not have to travel to other areas by car or by public transport, thereby contributing to a reduction in harmful nitrogen dioxide emissions</p>	
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and</p>	<p>There are no specific proposals in this report to promote and protect the Welsh language but the improvements proposed</p>	<p>Encourage the use of the Welsh language in on-site signage – bilingual noticeboards would promote the Welsh language and</p>

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?
protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	will encourage more participation in outdoor recreational activities.	encourage Welsh language speakers to use the sites.
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The improvements will encourage improved access for and participation by disabled people and people with other support needs – also by all sections of the community regardless of their background or ability.	

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>	The sustainability of the sites has been assessed and officers are confident that the investments proposed will be sustainable in the longer term.	Funding is proposed from existing S106 balances to cover the cost of the works proposed.

<p>Sustainable Development Principle</p>	<p>Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.</p>	<p>Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The projects involve working closely with other parties to deliver improved facilities and to ensure better access for children with disabilities and support needs.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>The views of Cabinet members, the local county council member and the community council have been sought in the drafting of the report and the recommendations it contains.</p>	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The projects involve the enhancement of facilities, as per the intention of the S106 Agreements from where the funding has arisen. Problem prevention is not the basis upon which the funding has been given but investing in the improvement of existing facilities will help to prevent problems occurring.</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>Integration Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The project will have a positive impact on the health & wellbeing of people living in the area of benefit stipulated in the Section 106 Agreements.</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?

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	No employment/training issues identified The recommendations will benefit residents of all ages living in the local area		Continue to consider the needs of people with protected characteristics when formulating proposals.
Disability	The improvements proposed will be designed to be accessible to people with disabilities/mobility issues		
Gender reassignment	Neutral		
Marriage or civil partnership	Neutral		
Pregnancy or maternity	The sites will be designed for ease of access with pushchairs and wheelchairs		
Race	Neutral		
Religion or Belief	Neutral		
Sex	The projects that are the subject of this report are of equal benefit to both males and females		
Sexual Orientation	Neutral		

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?
Welsh Language	Neutral	Although the recommendation is considered to be neutral it does nothing specifically to promote the use of the Welsh language	It may be possible in the future to encourage applications that actively promote the Welsh language

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?

	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 to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Positive: all of the proposals are designed to increase participation by local people, irrespective of their backgrounds		
Corporate Parenting	Neutral		

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local population figures taken from the 2011 Census data, updated • Evidence obtained from the respective applicants • Data from fixed play value assessments

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?

Positive Impacts

- The proposals comply with the statutory tests relating to Section 106 funding
- The schemes will have a positive impact upon the health and wellbeing of local residents
- People with protected characteristics will benefit from the improvement projects

Negative Impacts

- It is difficult to demonstrate that the project will have a meaningful benefit for promoting the Welsh language

The above impacts have not materially changed the recommendations contained in the report.

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
Work with the successful applicants to implement the proposals	Following the decision of Cabinet and over the next 12-18 months	Mike Moran, Community Infrastructure Coordinator	To be reported

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 in November 2021	To be reported to the Section 106 Working Group
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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	S106 funding received	January 2019	
2	Applications invited from prospective applicants	April 2019	
3	Applications received from local groups	May 2019	
4	Formulation of recommendations	August 2019	
5	Consultation with Cabinet and Senior Leadership	Sept/Oct 2019	No amendments made at this stage
6	Consultation with local member and Goetre Fawr Community Council	Sept/Oct 2019	Amendments made to take account of Community Council comments
7	MCC Cabinet Meeting	6 th November 2019	Decision sought on allocation of funding and on the inclusion of funding in the 2019/20 capital budget

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SUBJECT:	WELSH CHURCH FUND WORKING GROUP
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	06th November 2019
DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED:	All

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications for the Welsh Church Fund Working Group meeting 5 held on the 19th September 2019 and meeting 6 held on the 24th October 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 We resolved that the following grants be awarded as per the schedule of applications.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2019/20 – MEETING 5.

1. **St Mary's Church Hall, Caldicot** requested £4,500 in funding for the replacement of broken fire doors that do not meet current fire regulations.

Recommendation: £3,000 was awarded to assist in providing essential safety equipment for this community asset.

2. **St Cenedion's Church, Rockfield**, requested £1,500 to assist in providing two benches for the church graveyard for visitors and mourners to rest and reflect as no provision currently exists.

Recommendation: £750 was awarded to assist in providing facilities that can be utilised by visitors to the graveyard.

3. **Homemakers Community re-cycling** requested £1,500 to assist in installing a sewage system in the homemakers industrial unit and replace an effluent tank in the interests of long term viability of the project and consider the H&S aspects in relation to members of the public and staff.

Recommendation: £1,000 was awarded to assist in funding this community re-cycling project that benefits residents throughout Monmouthshire.

4. **Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Club**), requested £2,684 of funding to deliver 14 'Playing Out with Elements' Workshops for children and play workers with Out of School Childcare Clubs in Monmouthshire. These are activities based upon the elements of 'air, earth, fire and water' to stimulate children's play in an external environment.

Recommendation: The application was deferred for further information.

5 Individual requested £500 for a contribution to a 'Foundation degree'

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist an individual in pursuing a life enhancing qualification.

6 Shirenewton and Mynydd Bach Illumination, requested £360 for the purchase of 100 high visibility vests as a Health & safety measure for use by participants in the extravaganza as the event is held in the dark.

Recommendation: £180 was awarded to assist in providing Hi-Viz vests as a Health & Safety feature as the event is held on an open public highway

7 Pontypool Ski Racing, requested £984 for the purchase of radios for the health & safety of members where blind spots on the ski scope could result in accidents if communications are not instantly available to control the numbers coming down the slopes

Recommendation: £492 was awarded to assist in providing radios for Health & Safety reasons for the control and safety of Monmouthshire residents that are members of 'Pontypool Ski Racing' club

8 Individual requested £500 for a contribution to a PhD course in the 'History and Philosophy of Science'

Recommendation: £250 was awarded to assist an individual in pursuing a life enhancing qualification

9 The 'Patients Voice' requested £500 to establish a Community Organisation that represents the community at the local Health Centre and strengthens their marketing ability to reach more patients

Recommendation: £250 was awarded to assist in enhancing the communication between patients and staff at a local Health Centre in Magor.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED 2019/20 – MEETING 6.

1. The Cornfield Project, Portskewett requested £1,500 required for a SUDS (sustainable drainage survey) survey to enable the construction of £46,332 stone dust path (funding secured) that has recently been introduced as a construction regulation.

Recommendation: £1,100 was awarded to assist in providing an essential sustainable drainage survey to enable construction of a community asset.

2. Rockfield Village Life Community Project, Rockfield, requested £900 for the repair / restoration of the Rockfield War Memorial stone cross as it has fractured and is being held together by metal support banding.

Recommendation: The application was deferred as further information is requested.

3 Caldicot Rugby Club Under 10's requested £1,000 to purchase tackle bags, rugby balls and a team kit for 25 participants.

Recommendation: £500 was awarded to assist in funding a community based junior sports team.

- 4 **Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Club**), requested £2,684 of funding to deliver 14 'Playing Out with Elements' Workshops for children and play workers with Out of School Childcare Clubs in Monmouthshire. These are activities based upon the elements of 'air, earth, fire and water' to stimulate children's play in an external environment.

Recommendation: £300 was awarded to assist in providing sensory workshops in Out of School Childcare Clubs.

3. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Options available to the Committee are driven by the information only supplied by the applicants

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

No evaluation criteria is applicable to the grant awarded by the trust

5. REASONS

Meetings took place on Thursday 19th September 2019 and Thursday 24th October of the Welsh Church Fund Cabinet Working Group to recommend the payment of grants as detailed in the attached schedule (Appendix 2 and Appendix 3).

County Councillors in attendance at meeting 5:

County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)
County Councillor B. Strong
County Councillor S. Woodhouse

County Councillors in attendance at meeting 6:

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)
County Councillor D. Evans (Vice Chair)
County Councillor B. Strong
County Councillor S. Woodhouse

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

D Jarrett Central Finance
W Barnard Committee Administration

5.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Meeting 5.

Item 1: St. Mary's Church Hall, Caldicot - County Councillor D. Evans declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest and took no part in the decision.

Meeting 6.

Item 3: Caldicot RFC Under 10s – County Councillor D. Evans declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as the application signatory.

5.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE at meeting 5

County Councillor A. Webb (Chair)

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on the 18th July 2019 and 19th September were confirmed and signed as a true record.

.RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A total of £6,422 was allocated at Meeting 5 and £1,900 at meeting 6 of the Welsh Church Fund Committee. The remaining balance of £6,697 will be carried forward for distribution within the 2019-20 financial year.

6. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

There are no Future Generations, equality, safeguarding, corporate parenting or sustainable development implications directly arising from this report. The assessment is contained in the attached appendix.

6.1.1 CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
All Cabinet Members
Head of Legal Services
Assistant Head of Finance
Central Finance Management Accountant

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Welsh Church Fund Schedule of Applications 2019/20– Meeting 5 (Appendix 2), Meeting 6 (Appendix 3)

8. AUTHOR:

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MEETING 5: 19th September 2019

APPENDIX 2

	<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>ELECTORAL DIVISION</u>	<u>Signed by Councillor</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>DECISION</u>	<u>NATURE OF REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROX COST</u>	<u>DATE Received</u>	<u>D of I*</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	NEW APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION			£	£		£			
1	St Mary's Church Hall, Caldicot	Westend	D Evans	£4,500	3,000	Funding required to replace broken fire doors that do not meet current fire regulations	£4,500	30/07/2019	Yes	Current doors are broken and do not meet current disabled access regulations
2	St Cenedlon's Church, Rockfield	Llantillio Crossenny	R. Edwards	£1,500	750	Funding required to purchase two benches for the graveyard for visitors and mourners to rest and reflect as no provision currently exists	£1,859	10/07/2019	No	
3	Homemakers Community Re-cycling	Llanwenarth	Kevin Williams	£1,500	£1,000	require assistance to install a sewage system in the homemakers industrial unit and replace an effluent tank in the interests of long term viability and the H&S aspects in relation to members of the public and staff	£49,684	25/07/2019	No	Homemakers work with volunteers from disadvantaged backgrounds with the aim of making items available for re-use along with re-cycling items and providing energy from waste. Their volunteers gain work experience opportunities, gain confidence and include people with learning difficulties, mental health issues, the retired as well as students.
4	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Club	Greenlane	Alan Davies	£2,684	£0	Funding to deliver 14 'Playing Out with Elements Workshops' for children and play workers with Out of School Childcare Clubs in Monmouthshire. These are activities based upon the elements of 'air, earth, fire and water' to stimulate children's play in an external environment.	£2,684	19/08/2019	No	This new range of positive activities will inspire children to share their new ideas with siblings and parents/carers in the family home as well as in school playgrounds and social time. The core work of the organisation is to support, develop and promote affordable, accessible, quality out of School Childcare Clubs in Communities across Wales.
5	John Philips	Goeter Fawr	B Jones	£500	£500	Contribution towards a foundation qualification	£8,000	29/07/2019	No	
6	Shirenewton and Mynydd Bach Illumination Extravaganza	Shirenewton	L. Brown	£360	£180	Funding required for the purchase of 100 high visibility vests as a Health & safety measure for use by participants in the extravaganza as the event is held in the dark in order to properly see the illuminations	£851	18/09/2019	No	These vests are deemed to be necessary as there are large areas of Shirenewton and Mynydd Bach with no pavements or street lighting and therefore participants need to be visible to moving traffic transiting the villages.
7	Pontypool Ski Racing	Llangybi fawr	P. Clarke	£984	£492	require funding to allow for the purchase of radios for the health & safety of members where blind spots on the ski slope could result in accidents if communications are not instantly available to control the numbers coming down the slopes – these would both benefit to the coaching of members as well as offering safety for the skiers.	£984	18/09/2019	No	Pontypool Ski Racing is a ski racing club. We train on Thursday evenings at Pontypool Ski Centre. 80% of our members are from Monmouthshire and we support a number of local schools, including Usk CIW and Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni.
8	Jonathan Griffiths	Llanbadoc	V. Smith	£500	£250	General support for my third year of Phd course in 'History and Philosophy of Science' at University College London	£500	18/09/2019	No	
Late Applications										
Deferred Applications										
9	The 'Patients' Voice	The Elms	L. Dymock	£500	£250	To establish Community Organisation and strengthen marketing ability to reach more patients	£500	22/05/2019	No	This is associated with the Grayhill Surgery practice in Magor. It is a 'Patients' participation group that represent patients and views / complaints and presents them to the Caldicot Medical Practice at monthly management meetings
SUB TOTAL Meeting 5				£13,028	£6,422	OTHER INFORMATION :				
Meeting 1 Award					5,850					
Meeting 2 Award					4,650					
Meeting 3 Award					4,220					
Meeting 4 Award					3,988					
Meeting 5 Award					6,422					
Meeting 6 Award					0					
Meeting 7 Award					0					
Meeting 8 Award					0					
TOTAL AWARDED FOR 2019/20 TO DATE					25,130					
BUDGET 2019/20					32,955					
BALANCE B/F TO 2019/20					£772					
Monmouthshire's Allocation for 2019/20					£33,727					
REMAINING BALANCE					£8,597					

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APPENDIX 3

MEETING 6: 24th October 2019

	<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>ELECTORAL DIVISION</u>	<u>Signed by Councillor</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>DECISION</u>	<u>NATURE OF REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROX COST</u>	<u>DATE Received</u>	<u>D of I*</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	<u>NEW APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION</u>			£	£		£			
1	The 'Cornfield Project'	Portskewett	P. Fox	£1,500	1,100	Funding required for a SUDS (sustainable drainage survey) survey to enable the construction of £46,332 stone dust path (funding secured) that has recently been introduced as a construction regulation.	£1,500	20/09/2019	No	The stone dust pathway around the Portskewett 'Cornfield Project' green field site which has been developed by the local community will be used for all weather access to the recreational / sporting facilities by users on bicycles, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and parents with prams.
2	Rockfield Village Life Community Project	Llantillio Crossenny	R. Edwards	£900	defer	Funding required for the repair / restoration of the Rockfield War Memorial stone cross as it has fractured and is being held together by metal support banding.	£900	02/10/2019	No	The repair of the cross is a one-off issue with the maintenance of the surrounding plinth and borders being maintained by the Rockfield Village Life Community Project.
3	Caldicot RFC Under 10's	Westend	D Evans	£1,000	£500	require funding to purchase tackle bags, rugby balls and team kit for 25	£1,330	22/10/2019	Yes	The team currently have 22 registered players and 4 trialists
Proposed										
Later Applications										
Deferred Applications										
	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids'Club	Greenlane	Alan Davies	£2,684	£300	Funding to deliver 14 'Playing Out with Elements Workshops' for children and play workers with Out of School Childcare Clubs in Monmouthshire. These are activities based upon the elements of 'air, earth, fire and water' to stimulate children's play in an external environment.	£2,684	19/08/2019	No	This new range of positive activities will inspire children to share their new ideas with siblings and parents/carers in the family home as well as in school playgrounds and social time. The core work of the organisation is to support, develop and promote affordable, accessible, quality out of School Childcare Clubs in Communities across Wales.
SUB TOTAL Meeting 6				£6,084	£1,900	OTHER INFORMATION :				
Meeting 1 Award					5,850					
Meeting 2 Award					4,650					
Meeting 3 Award					4,220					
Meeting 4 Award					3,988					
Meeting 5 Award					6,422					
Meeting 6 Award					1,900					
Meeting 7 Award					0					
Meeting 8 Award					0					
TOTAL AWARDED FOR 2019/20 TO DATE					27,030					
BUDGET 2019/20					32,955					
BALANCE B/F TO 2019/20					£772					
Monmouthshire's Allocation for 2019/20					£33,727					
REMAINING BALANCE				£6,697						

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<p>Name of the Officer D Jarrett Phone no: 4657 E-mail: davejarrett@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal To assess the Grant Allocation Processes of the Welsh Church Fund for the meeting of the Welsh Church Fund Working Group on the 19th September 2019 and 24th October 2019</p>
<p>Name of Service Central Finance</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation 19th September 2019 and 24th October 2019</p>

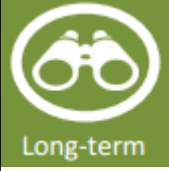
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1 Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.

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 in relation to developing the skills and proficiencies of applicants</p>	
<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Positive in the teaching of biodiversity and ecological issues through the provision of educational resources</p>	
<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive in that people's mental health and physical health is enhanced by a collective activity / process.</p>	

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?
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive in relation to connecting the community and its constituents	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Positive in relation to social well-being. Also, helping the environmental well-being of the community through preservation of history.	
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 in relation to the promotion of culture in the community	
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Positive in respect of helping people to achieve their potential irrespective of individual circumstances	

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?
 Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Collaboration Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	
 <p>Involvement Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	
 <p>Prevention Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	
 <p>Integration Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	Not applicable to Welsh Church Fund Trust	

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	Encouraging the socializing of differing age groups through social provision	None	
Disability	Proposal to assist in the provision of disabled facilities.	None	
Gender reassignment	No impact	No impact	
Marriage or civil partnership	No impact	No Impact	
Race	No impact	No Impact	
Religion or Belief	Encouraging religion through education at the point of delivery through the provision of enhanced facilities	None	
Sex	No impact	No impact	
Sexual Orientation	No impact	No Impact	
Welsh Language	No impact on Welsh Language	No impact on Welsh Language	

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 note <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Equality%20impact%20assessment%20and%20safeguarding.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	Not applicable		
Corporate Parenting	Not applicable		

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

The evidence and data used for the assessment of each applicant to the Welsh Church Fund is supplied by the applicant upon submission of their application. The data and information supplied or subsequently requested is used to form the basis of the Committees' decision on whether to award a qualifying grant.

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 grant aid supports and highlights the positive effect that decisions the Welsh Church Fund Working Group have on the applicants funding requests from Voluntary Organisations, Local Community Groups, Individuals and Religious Establishments. All awards are made in the belief that the funding is utilised for sustainable projects and cultural activities that benefit individuals, organisations, communities and their associated assets. All grants are awarded within the Charitable Guidelines of the Trust

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
Award grants	November 2019	Welsh Church Fund	On target

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:	The Payment of grants awarded to the successful applicants
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SUBJECT:	VISION MONMOUTHSHIRE 2040: ECONOMIC GROWTH AND AMBITION STATEMENT
MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	6TH NOVEMBER 2019
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To present the draft 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement' following the conclusion of the 'Economies of the Future' analysis and a period of consultation with Members and the local business community.
- 1.2 The purpose of the 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement' is to set the economic ambition for the county. The Statement will be followed by a more detailed 'Monmouthshire Business Growth and Enterprise Strategy' and accompanying Inward Investment Prospectus. These set of documents will work alongside the replacement Local Development Plan (LDP), in identifying suitable employment sites and premises, to enable existing businesses to grow and to attract inward investment from new businesses in key growth sectors. The replacement LDP will also seek to increase the availability of housing sites to provide differing residential products, to enable higher rates of jobs per dwelling.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the draft 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement'. (Appendix A).

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 Monmouthshire is experiencing a once in a generation opportunity to reconsider its future direction. Monmouthshire's unique border county location, the Council's decision to participate in the Cardiff Capital City Region (CCR) City Deal, and the UK Government's decision to remove Severn Bridge Crossing tolls in 2018, all present a rare chance for Monmouthshire to become a key economic growth area in the CCR.
- 3.2 In order to capitalise on these opportunities and address our economic issues at a county level, research was commissioned in December 2017, to help the Council build on its current 'Monmouthshire Business Growth and Enterprise Strategy (2014-2020) and identify a new strategy that is future ready. The research considered the priorities and actions detailed in the current Strategy and identified economic opportunities and growth sectors that will provide jobs for our citizens now and in the future. The research also considered the centrality of Monmouthshire in terms of its proximity to the English borders of the South West, including Bristol and Gloucester and the West Midlands on its north-eastern border, whilst also identifying the supporting housing and commercial infrastructure that will be required to facilitate identified economic growth sectors and inform the replacement LDP.
- 3.3 Specifically the research focused on:
 - The most appropriate growth sectors that will provide the 'Economies of the Future' for Monmouthshire;

- The provision of a detailed observational study of the accommodation and locational needs of the identified growth sectors;
- An assessment of the suitability and deliverability of existing employment sites as identified by the LDP;
- Identification of locational criteria for additional employment, retail and housing sites;
- An indication of the skills sets that will be required to address the growth sector needs and whether it is feasible for Monmouthshire citizens to meet these needs or whether the County needs to look to attract labour from elsewhere, if so where?;
- An assessment of whether current population levels can sustain the economic growth required in the county;
- Potential inward migration required to develop and sustain the identified growth sectors;
- Potential for a new settlement that can be put forward as options for consideration in the replacement LDP process;
- Modelled scenarios and associated ambition targets, to include current and predicted geodemographic segmentation analysis;
- The additional infrastructure required to service the changing demographic and economic landscape over and above residential and commercial property;
- An assessment of the identified economic and population impact on existing retail sectors, taking account of the 'Monmouthshire Retail Expenditure Forecasts Update 2016' with a view to identifying potential growth and development opportunities for the county; and
- The impact of inward migration on the indigenous population and house prices and the mitigation that would need to be built in to seek to offset any negative impact.

3.4 In concluding the research key strengths, challenges, weaknesses and opportunities were identified as detailed in the Options Appraisal in Section four of this report.

3.5 The subsequent draft 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement' aligns with the vision of Monmouthshire's Corporate Plan namely: 'Helping to build sustainable and resilient communities that support the well-being of current and future generations'. The ambitions and priorities have been identified as follows:

Monmouthshire:

- A dynamic place to do business
- A credible place to invest
- An incredible place to live, visit and stay

Our Economic Growth and Ambition Statement priorities:

- To raise the profile of Monmouthshire as a key investment opportunity for the private sector;
- To lay the ground rules for an economic environment which enables businesses to land and expand and provide sustainable employment opportunities for local people;
- To attract funding and investment to Monmouthshire to attract the right conditions for 'an inclusive economy' – Equitable, Sustainable, Stable, Participatory, Growing; and
- To set an ambition which is sensitive to the landscape to ensure Monmouthshire remains an incredible place to live, visit and stay.

3.6 The ambition and priorities will be guided by four aims:

- **Aim 1: A Productive Monmouthshire** – A dynamic place for businesses to grow and invest
- **Aim 2: A Healthy and Happy Monmouthshire** - An incredible place to live
- **Aim 3: A Prosperous Monmouthshire** – A great place to thrive
- **Aim 4: A Welcoming Monmouthshire** – An amazing place to visit and stay

3.7 Success in achieving the aims and priorities will be assessed as follows:

Aim	Key Outcomes
<p>Aim 1: A Productive Monmouthshire: A dynamic place for businesses to grow and invest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the number of existing businesses expanding and moving to new premises; • Increasing the number of businesses; relocating to Monmouthshire; • Increasing the number of local suppliers securing public service contracts; • Reducing economic inactivity; • Increasing the retention of a younger economically active demographic; • Increasing earnings of people who live and work in Monmouthshire; and • Supporting the foundational and circular economy.
<p>Aim 2: A Healthy and Happy Monmouthshire: An incredible place to live</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging construction of new houses including maximising the number of affordable housing units by 2033; • Reducing the affordability ratio for residents living and working in the county; and • Increasing the impact and usage of MonLife leisure and well-being services.
<p>Aim 3: A prosperous Monmouthshire: A great place to thrive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the take up of apprenticeships. • Reducing the number of residents who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training); • Reducing the number of underemployed young people; • Increasing Next Generation Access broadband coverage; • Improving mobile phone coverage across the County; • Acting as a pathfinder and regional test bed; and • Reducing out-commuting rates.
<p>Aim 4: A welcoming Monmouthshire: An amazing place to visit and stay</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting a shift from a growth oriented model to an approach focused on quality of growth and compatibility

	<p>with quality of life for residents and communities to promote more inclusive growth;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the development of a broad range of high quality reputation changing visitor experiences focusing on high yield, evenly distributed, year round tourism; • Encouraging investment in the serviced accommodation sector; • Maximising the tourism benefits of the cultural offer as well as countryside and heritage; • Encouraging a seasonal programmes of events which support the County's key product offers; • Supporting integrated place making for vibrant, attractive, welcoming and distinctive towns and villages; and • Through all activities to help build the reputation of the County - 'Monmouthshire' = high quality.
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4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken (Appendix B) which demonstrates that the detail contained in the draft 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement' demonstrates compliance with the five well-being ways of working, supports the well-being goals and concludes that associated activities are expected to have a positive impact on all groups and people with protected characteristics.

5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

5.1 Since the production of the Monmouthshire Business Growth and Enterprise Strategy in 2014, the regional economic landscape has changed significantly. There is therefore a strong desire to consider how to best place the county to capitalise on these significant economic development opportunities, hence the development of the 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement'.

5.2 As the Council is currently producing a replacement LDP, it made sense to undertake joint research to ensure that the future LDP and the proposed Economic Growth and Ambition Statement are data driven. This data will enable both the Planning and Economic Development Services to take intelligent decisions, based on modelled scenarios of future growth sectors and future skills needs, to facilitate the Council in identifying significant potential growth and development opportunities for the county.

5.3 In concluding the research key strengths, challenges, weaknesses and opportunities were identified as detailed in Table One below. Table Two that follows details a risk analysis of what may happen if no action is taken:

Table One: Monmouthshire’s Key Strengths, Challenges, Weaknesses and Opportunities

Strengths	Challenges	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamic county, diverse, resilient economy - One of UK’s most popular year round tourism destinations, 33% protected environment; • Geographically well connected, key strategic location, enviable centricity, excellent road infrastructure - all corners of the county benefiting from connections to major trunk roads; • Home to plethora of successful tourism, food and agricultural businesses. Attracting, sustaining and growing, strong core of manufacturing, digital and tech businesses; and • An incredible place to live - Monmouth (2014) and Chepstow (2019) cited in the ‘Sunday Times Best Places to Live’. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ageing population: By 2036, 36% of the population over 65; Median Age 48 – Oldest in CCR. • Young People: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well educated - Monmouthshire 1/22 Welsh LA’s with young people aged 16-19 with Level 3 qualifications. • Underemployed - Monmouthshire 19/22 for work opportunities befitting our young people’s qualifications. Lack of a university presence leading to a significant proportion of out migration. • Economy is Dual: Live/work residents Gross Average earnings £25,360 p.a. compared to live/out commute residents’ £32,416 p.a.; • Environment - beautiful landscape but topography leads to Digital Deprivation – 12.5% compared to 3-4% rest of CCR; • Out commuting - rates of 40% impact on ability to reduce air pollution and the Council’s pledge to ‘Go Carbon Neutral’ by 2030; • Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expensive - average house price of £307,000 – the highest in Wales. Residents living and working in county unaffordable ratio of earnings to house prices is 12:1; Residents living and out-commuting unaffordable ratio of 9:1; and • In short supply - an affordable housing waiting list for bands 1-4 of 2021 households (January 2019). 	
Opportunities	Threats	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic – Liveability attracts talent – the right opportunities can attract and retain a younger economically active demographic and reduce our Median age; • Education and Skills - key priority for Council - build upon the 1st class education to address under employment; focus on growing our own start-up scene to encourage students to think of their home county as the natural place to start their new business; • Our incredible landscape and our pledge to strive to ‘Go Carbon Neutral’; • Key growth sectors for investment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing – relatively large and growing, bucking the national trend; • Business, professional and scientific – growing from a small base but potential to grow further; and 	<p>Our population</p> <p>Our young people</p> <p>Our economy</p>	<p>Unless we reduce our average Median age there will not be enough employed residents to support our wider population and public services;</p> <p>Unless we attract a broader range of employment opportunities, we will continue to turn out fantastic, well qualified young people who will have to leave Monmouthshire to earn a living;</p> <p>Unless we provide quality employment sites and premises our existing businesses may need to move out of county to grow and opportunities to encourage new business</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, entertainment and recreation – growing well and is well represented 	<p>Our environment start-ups will be limited. Without action, our population will age, making the county less attractive to investors and businesses; Unless we provide adequate public and active transport options, broadband infrastructure and employment opportunities, our out-commuting rates and carbon emissions will continue to rise and the environment will continue to suffer; and</p> <p>Our Housing stock Unless we address the need for affordable and varied housing stock the average age of Monmouthshire residents will continue to increase and our younger population will continue to struggle to get on the housing ladder.</p>
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Table Two: Analysis of Risks if no action is taken

Risk Area	Potential Impact
Our population	Unless we reduce our median age there will not be enough employed residents to support our wider population and public services.
Our young people	Unless we attract a broader range of employment opportunities, we will continue to turn out fantastic, well qualified young people who will have to leave Monmouthshire to earn a living.
Our economy	Unless we provide quality employment sites and premises our existing businesses may need to move out of county to grow and opportunities to encourage new business start-ups will be limited. Without action, our population will age, making the county less attractive to investors and businesses.
Our environment	Unless we provide adequate public and active transport options, broadband infrastructure and employment opportunities, our out-commuting rates and carbon emissions will continue to rise and the environment will continue to suffer.
Our housing stock	Unless we address the need for affordable and varied housing stock the average age of Monmouthshire residents will continue to increase and our younger population will continue to struggle to get on the housing ladder.

6. REASONS:

6.1 The ‘Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement’ sets out our vision, ambition and priorities. The Statement is a pre-cursor to the more detailed

Monmouthshire Business Growth and Enterprise Strategy and Investment Prospectus which will follow in 2020/2021 after a further period of research and consultation.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 7.1 The 'Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement' is a strategic document setting out the council's aims and priorities for future growth. There are no additional associated budget implications.

8. CONSULTEES:

- Cabinet
- Senior Leadership Team
- Economy and Development Select 26th April 2018 and 14th February 2019; Member's LDP workshop 22nd January 2019
- Business consultations have included Monmouth Chamber of Commerce, Monday 7th October 2019 and a wider business engagement event on Monday 14th October 2019.

Comments received have included:

Members on the 14th February 2019

- The report recognises all of the correct issues. However, concern was expressed whether the Authority has enough ambition with regard to establishing solutions for the issues identified.
- Only 3% of the County is built on. However, 80% of that 3% is located within the south of the County. Therefore, for the people living in Monmouthshire, the idea of further building in areas where the majority of the housing already exists is a concern.
- The key to further development is the housing mix. More community land trusts need to be investigated. A different priority needs to be given to how the Authority sells its assets so that priority is given to the wellbeing of future generations over capital receipts.
- A lot of industrial land has been lost to housing development within the County. There is a need to balance future commercial development alongside the need for housing provision, in particular, affordable housing. Town centre sites could be investigated as possible areas to provide affordable housing.
- Concern was expressed with regard to the potential for urban sprawl spreading from towns and impinging on villages. Infrastructure and the existing service capacity is struggling to cope. It was considered that the aim should be towards achieving internal employment opportunities along housing provision.

Business community feedback has included:

- "Have a proactive marketing and sales effort"
- "Reinforce our market research into the requirements of both specific mobile companies and existing companies already in the county"
- "In 'Growth for good', good is the purpose, not growth".
- "Infrastructure as well as houses". "Beware of killing the golden goose -- too much development and change can destroy why people want to live, visit and work here.
- "The business rates system has failed....business rents adjustments are also needed for business survival"

- “The crucial job creation process within development has been too often neglected. To re-build it will require serious investment”
- “Over the last ten years, full employment has depended on a huge increase in self-employment. For start-up businesses based on internet use, there is huge unmet demand for affordable office space, whether shared or exclusive”.
- “There is much in the presentation that suggests that the Statement should lead to a more successful economic development policy than has been evident in recent years. The great weakness is that it gives no indication that the necessary substantial increase in resources (staff, expertise, incentives, etc.) will be available to deliver success. Without a much more proactive and interventionist approach, Monmouthshire will be out-gunned by other parts of the region and the UK”.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix A: ‘Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement’
Appendix B: Future Generations Evaluation

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Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact)

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Name of Service: Enterprise and Community Animation	Date: Future Generations Evaluation 22 nd October 2019

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?

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	<p>The draft Statement aligns with the CCR Regional Cabinet’s Vision and Regional Strategic Objectives to create 25,000 new jobs and leverage £4bn private sector investment.</p> <p>The Regional Strategic Objectives also reflect the need to focus on improving the quality of life of people and communities now and in the future and ensure the Regional Cabinet’s approach and actions are responsible and meet the regions current needs</p>	<p>There is a strategic imperative to ensure that Monmouthshire is able to play its part in the region by maximizing our economic growth and wealth creation capability, and increasing our productivity in order to increase the GVA for the county and the country.</p>




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>without compromising the quality of life of future generations.</p> <p>The Regional Strategic Objectives support the well-being of 'a prosperous Wales' and are detailed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prosperity and Opportunity ; Building the capacity of individuals, households, public sector and businesses to meet challenges and grasp opportunity creating a more productive economy; 2. Inclusion and Equality - A vibrant and sustainable economy which contributes to the well-being and quality of life of people and communities now and in the future; 3. Identity, Culture, Community and Sustainability - Forging a clear identity and strong reputation as a City-Region for trade, innovation, and quality of life; 	
<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet, as decision makers, will need to consider existing and future demands which will include new forms of sustainable energy generation, housing, new infrastructure, and facilities which will generate job opportunities such as strategic sites.</p> <p>In response to these pressures both decision making bodies will seek appropriate advice, and work in a way that ensures efficient and effective solutions that not</p>	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how the approach by MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the wellbeing goals.</p> <p>As part of its economic development and regeneration plans the Council will seek to use natural materials in the design and layout of any town improvement schemes which will complement the work of the green corridor improvements to support</p>



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>only maintain the environment but where ever possible enhance it and make it more resilient, supporting economic growth with responsible environmental management.</p> <p>The Council's plan to improve broadband infrastructure will also raise awareness of biodiversity and climate change issues and encourage positive participation.</p>	<p>and help deliver the Council's green infrastructure (GI) plan for pollinators.</p> <p>Improvements to broadband infrastructure will also enable citizens to work from home thus reducing out-community and therefore carbon emissions.</p>
<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>There is a clear evidence base that demonstrates that for the majority of people being in good secure work is better for their health than being out of work. Employment has social, psychological, and financial benefits that improve health.</p> <p>The aims of this statement will help create additional good quality jobs and support people to up skill to fill those roles will assist in supporting the well-being goal of 'a healthier Wales'.</p>	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how the approach by MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the wellbeing goals.</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>The details in the strategic Objectives related to connectivity, transport and digital; vibrant and vital economy and urban centres; and affordable housing will all contribute to support this goal.</p> <p>The aims of this statement will help support the well-being goal of 'a Wales of cohesive communities'. Improved broadband access is proven to reduce social isolation and promote independence.</p>	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how the approach by MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the wellbeing goals.</p> <p>Improved broadband infrastructure is also proven to encourage wider participation in community and voluntary work.</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>The Statement aligns with the ambition for the CCR City Deal, which is intended to deliver sustainable</p>	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how the approach by MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet</p>

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?
Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	<p>economic development and growth. The Plan also refers to the region's role on the international and national stage forging a clear identity and strong reputation.</p> <p>This is referenced in the CCR's "Strategic Objective 3 – demonstrate commitment to a sustainable future and acknowledge our global responsibility".</p>	will seek to support the regions communities and the wellbeing goals.
<p>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</p>	<p>The Statement aligns with the CCR's Strategic Objective 'Identity, Culture, Community and Sustainability' and specifically refers to the development and promotion of the regions world-class cultural and recreational opportunities exploiting the regions natural beauty and historic areas.</p> <p>Therefore, using the Strategic Objectives, detailed above, will assist MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet in supporting the well-being goal of 'a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language'. Regard will be given to the Welsh Language Measure 2011 and consultation and communication will have regard to the Welsh Language.</p> <p>Improved broadband access can also raise awareness of culture, heritage and the welsh language and encourage positive participation.</p>	See the way of working detailed above and how the approach by MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the wellbeing goals.
A more equal Wales	The Statement aligns with the CCR Strategic Objective 'Inclusion and Equality' which states:	See the way of working detailed above and how the approach by MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet

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>People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>Inclusion and Equality - A vibrant and sustainable economy which contributes to the well-being and quality of life of people and communities now and in the future. A vibrant and inclusive economy supports a mix of economic activities and promotes economic security and resilience. MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet will promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to employment and economic opportunities; • participation in the labour market for all members of society; • access to a range of housing, including affordable; • access to education and training, to develop skills; • access to social and recreational opportunities. <p>Using this Strategic Objective will assist MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet in supporting the well-being goal of 'a more equal Wales'.</p> <p>Improved broadband access can also enable access to on line learning resources to enable them to fulfill their potential, whatever their background.</p>	<p>will seek to support the regions communities and the wellbeing goals.</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>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p> <p>Long Term</p>	<p>The Statement acknowledges that the informing 'data is based on modelled scenarios of future growth sectors and future skills needs, to facilitate the Council in identifying significant potential growth and development opportunities for the county.</p> <p>The Statement therefore provides an opportunity for the Council to put in place a plan, which is flexible enough to set ambition in an ever changing climate, whilst also ensuring that any growth is inclusive and doesn't compromise the life chances of future generations.</p>	<p>The Statement demonstrates that MCC Cabinet and the Regional Cabinet are mindful of their responsibilities and that they will regularly undertake reviews to ensure they are achieving the correct balance in the short, medium and long-term.</p>
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> <p>Collaboration</p>	<p>MCC works in collaboration with the ten local authorities of South East Wales in setting the economic ambition for the region. In defining the Regional Cabinet's 'Vision' there is a statement related to collaboration – "To make the most of the opportunities our combined size gives us, we must all work together – public sector, private sector, education establishments and our communities – for the benefit of all."</p> <p>A partnership approach will therefore be undertaken to ensure the best solution for our communities can be found.</p>	<p>The Council are developing an effective working relationship with the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales to ensure that opportunities to support the well-being goals are highlighted.</p>
 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p>Involvement</p>	<p>The local business community has been invited to participate in the development of the Statement and their views have been taken into account as detailed in the accompanying Cabinet report.</p>	<p>Further views from the local business community are always welcome.</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>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> <p>Prevention</p>	<p>Monmouthshire is widely recognised as having a diverse, resilient and competitive economy with emerging opportunities.</p> <p>However, it is also a County where there are concentrations of poverty and where not all have access to the opportunities available. Improving accessibility to opportunities and increasing labour market participation is critical to support an improved quality of life for all the regions residents.</p>	<p>By investing resources in promoting skills; employment opportunity; job quality, security and progression the Council seek to promote more inclusive growth within the region.</p>
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p> <p>Integration</p>	<p>The Statement has identified aims and priorities and the associated actions will be assessed on their potential to contribute to the high-level aims and strategic objectives; demonstrate value for money, use of the five ways of working and how they contribute to the well-being goals.</p> <p>Improved access to broadband can reduce carbon emissions, rural isolation and rural poverty. It can also provide access to learning which can increase skills and subsequently wealth and overall well-being.</p>	<p>The Statements demonstrates how the Council will work alongside the CCR Regional Cabinet to take an integrated approach when developing and assessing proposals and schemes.</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?

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Age	The Council has developed a Statement and Ambition which will benefit the County through the creation of more and better jobs, more housing, improved communication and improved skills. This will provide economic growth and infrastructure improvements that will benefit all including those defined as having protected characteristics.	It is considered that there are no adverse impacts on those with a protected characteristic, indeed the aims and priorities defined in the Statement will assist in supporting these groups as part of the communities.	The Statement identifies the need to address the high median age of the population by providing opportunities to encourage inward migration from the working age population. Any proposed actions associated with the Statement will seek to mitigate any negative impacts by maximizing opportunities for all.
Disability	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	As per Age Line Above.
Gender reassignment	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	As per Age Line Above
Marriage or civil partnership	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	As per Age Line Above
Pregnancy or maternity	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	As per Age Line Above
Race	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	As per Age Line Above
Religion or Belief	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	As per Age Line Above
Sex	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	As per Age Line Above

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?
Sexual Orientation	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	As per Age Line Above
Welsh Language	As per Age Line Above	As per Age Line above	In addition, all signage will be compliant with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 as specified in the Standards applied to Monmouthshire

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>

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	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	<i>During the delivery of the programme of activities, safeguarding will be at the forefront to ensure that any future service delivery promotes the well-being of children and vulnerable adults, preventing them from being harmed and protecting those who are at risk of abuse and neglect.</i>	As above	As above
Corporate Parenting	<i>During the delivery of this programme of activities the needs of any 'looked after' children will be considered to ensure any future service delivery protects their welfare.</i>	As above	As above

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

The Statement has been founded upon the following:

- The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act;
- The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act;
- Prosperity for All;

- Growth & Competitiveness Commission Report Review and Recommendations Page 22;
- Cardiff Capital Region “Powering the Welsh Economy”;
- Equality Act 2010; and
- Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011
- Future Economies Analysis/findings in relation to the development of the replacement Local Development Plan

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 Assessment demonstrates that the detail contained in the draft Economic Growth and Ambition Statement demonstrates compliance with the five well-being ways of working, supports the well-being goals and also demonstrates that associated activities are expected to have a positive impact on all groups and people with protected characteristics.

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

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What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress
Development of the Monmouthshire Business Growth and Enterprise Strategy 2040 and Inward Investment Prospectus	2020/2021	Cath Fallon	

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:	Six monthly via Economy and Development Select Committee
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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	Scrutiny – Economy and Development Select Committee	26th April 2018 and 14th February 2019	Future Economies Analysis research reviewed, draft Economic Growth and Ambition Statement scrutinised
2	Members LDP Workshop	22nd January 2019	Future Economies Analysis research reviewed
3	Business consultations with Monmouth Chamber of Commerce; wider business engagement event	Monday 7th October 2019; Monday 14th October 2019.	Future Economies Analysis research reviewed, draft Economic Growth and Ambition Statement scrutinised
4	Cabinet	6th November 2019	

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**Vision Monmouthshire 2040:
Helping to build sustainable and
resilient communities that support
the well-being of current and future
generations**

Foreword



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In 2014, I presented our Monmouthshire Business Growth and Enterprise Strategy which outlined our ambitions and ideas to help support business growth and build enterprise capacity in the County. Since then we have assisted more than 400 businesses; established our self-service business website www.monmouthshire.biz; refocused our Youth Enterprise team to deliver a wider range of programmes to develop the employment potential of Monmouthshire's young people; continued to deliver a range of innovative rural development projects; supported the expansion of digital and mobile phone infrastructure and established a new Community and Partnership Development Team working in our communities and with our businesses to help take their ideas forward.

However, a lot has changed in five years, not least the establishment of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal and the abolition of the Severn bridge tolls, so we need to think towards the future and what we will do to help build sustainable and resilient communities that support the well-being of current and future generations.

Our Vision Monmouthshire 2040 Economic Growth and Ambition Statement sets out our aspiration to raise the profile of Monmouthshire as a dynamic place to do business and a credible place to invest. We want to lay the ground rules for an economic environment which enables business to land and expand, providing sustainable employment opportunities for local people. We want to attract investment and funding which will generate the right conditions for an 'inclusive economy' - one that is equitable, sustainable, stable, participatory and growing. We want to ensure that our economy flourishes in a way that is sensitive to the landscape, to ensure that Monmouthshire remains an incredible place to live, visit, stay and invest.

Over the consultation period of this Economic Growth and Ambition Statement, I have been heartened to see how passionate our business community remains in making business in Monmouthshire a success. I've also been heartened by my fellow Councillors, who have maintained a keen interest in supporting enterprise and job creation.

Monmouthshire County Council wants to continue to create an environment that is open for business, an environment that nurtures new start-ups and enables existing businesses to expand, an environment that takes the future of its entrepreneurs seriously.

Working in tandem with the emerging replacement Local Development Plan, this statement illustrates the county's vision for Business and Enterprise in Monmouthshire - we very much look forward to working in partnership with you to help Monmouthshire thrive and prosper long into the future.

Cllr Bob Greenland

Deputy Leader and Cabinet
Member for Enterprise

Monmouthshire has a competitive economy with excellent potential for growth

Monmouthshire is an incredible place to do business; a credible place to invest.

It is the most competitive economy in Wales after the capital city of Cardiff and is best placed for growth per capita (UK Competitiveness Index 2019). Its residents are also among the best qualified in Wales.

The county is geographically well connected, in a key strategic location with excellent centrality and excellent road infrastructure. Unusually, it is a rural county which enjoys close proximity to the high growth areas of Cardiff, Bristol and the Midlands and is only a 45 minute drive to Cardiff and Bristol airports.

Monmouthshire is currently outperforming the Cardiff Capital Region in terms of growth in tourism revenue and jobs. 2.24m visitors came to Monmouthshire in 2018 contributing £218.93m to the local economy and supporting 2,989 FTE jobs. FTEs and spend per visitor day also showed greater growth in Monmouthshire between 2017 and 2018 than the Wales average (STEAM 2018).

Visitors enjoy spectacular views from the 1,000 miles of public footpath (33% of the land is a protected environment) and award winning food and drink in the 'Food Capital of Wales'. Its beautiful landscape and heritage also make it an incredible place to live, with both Monmouth (2014) and Chepstow (2019) cited in the 'Sunday Times Best Places to Live' listing.

Monmouthshire is a key partner in the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, the largest City Deal in the UK. The County Council has had notable involvement in the delivery of its first initiative - the establishment of an Advanced Compound Semi-Conductor Cluster. With the recent abolition of the Severn bridge tolls, Monmouthshire's relationship with the Bristol City Region is also strengthening.

Monmouthshire already has a strong core of agri-food, tourism, manufacturing, digital and tech businesses. This success can be built on to generate growth in a spectacular setting. The main driver of tourism revenue is accommodation. The county already has award-winning

hotels, (including The Angel Hotel in Abergavenny, ranked as the best hotel in Wales and one of the ten best hotels in the UK by the Best Hotel Guide 2020); Country Houses, B&Bs, guesthouses and camping and glamping sites. There are identified opportunities however for further hotel development, especially in the south of the county, to capitalise on the potential of the recently opened International Convention Centre Wales in Newport and the links between business events and inward investment.





“In Monmouthshire we’ve got so much to offer; if you’re thinking of starting a business, please go for it! Work hard and with a little luck you’ll make a success.”

Morgan Jones, Director, Peter Jones ILG

Case Study: Peter Jones ILG

Peter Jones ILG Ltd is an industrial leather goods manufacturer based in Abergavenny and established in 1967.

The business was originally founded as an equestrian saddle maker but has evolved over the years to become a leading provider of

carrying solutions for the emergency services; manufacturing state of the art quality leather and plastic products for customers across the UK, Europe and the US, with an ever-growing market share.

“One our most recent and proudest achievements as a manufacturing company is being able to offer local people apprenticeships and we now have several apprentices working with us, which is great for the next generation who have an opportunity to work in an innovative environment.”

Morgan Jones, Director



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Monmouthshire's economy needs to grow to help build sustainable and resilient communities that support the well-being of current and future generations

Whilst Monmouthshire's economy is performing well, as the 2nd most competitive place in Wales, the county also needs to perform well on a UK basis if it is to provide for our future generations, because:

Monmouthshire's population is ageing. With a median age of 48, Monmouthshire has the oldest population in the Cardiff Capital Region. Current predictions suggest that by 2036, 36% of the county's 93,000 population will be over 65;

- Improved work opportunities are needed to attract and keep more young people in Monmouthshire;
- Monmouthshire residents who work in the county earn gross average salaries of £25,360 per year compared to out-commuters who earn on average £32,416 per year;
- Monmouthshire is a desirable and expensive place to live. The average house price is £307,000 which is the highest in Wales. Affordable houses are in short supply, with 2021 households on the housing waiting list (January 2019);
- The availability and quality of employment sites and premises is limiting growth;
- A wider range of career opportunities in Monmouthshire will help the environment by reducing carbon emissions from cars in a county that currently has 40% of residents out-commuting for work.
- The beautiful landscape and challenging topography of Monmouthshire has resulted in digital deprivation levels of 12.5% compared to 3-4% for the rest of the Cardiff Capital Region.

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Angela Jones, Run Wild

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Case Study: Run Wild

Run Wild is owned by Angela Jones and offers outdoor pursuits and fitness activities using the great landscapes of Monmouthshire. From kayaking to wild swimming, Angela offers a range of activities for clients across the whole of the county.

"I chose Monmouthshire because it chose me. I fell in love with it 32 years ago and just adore what it has to offer. My business is very much mobile because we are so blessed with the amount of fantastic landscape we've got here along the Wye and the Usk".

"It's not just about one place, there's a host of hidden gems and what I do is introduce people to these hidden gems that they didn't know about and provide a stepping stone to enable them to continue enjoying our fantastic landscapes and wildlife. It's second to none. It really is"

Angela Jones, Run Wild



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What happens to Monmouthshire if we don't take action now?

Our population

Unless we reduce our median age there will not be enough employed residents to support our wider population and public services.

Our young people

Unless we attract a broader range of employment opportunities, we will continue to turn out fantastic, well qualified young people who will have to leave Monmouthshire to earn a living.

Our economy

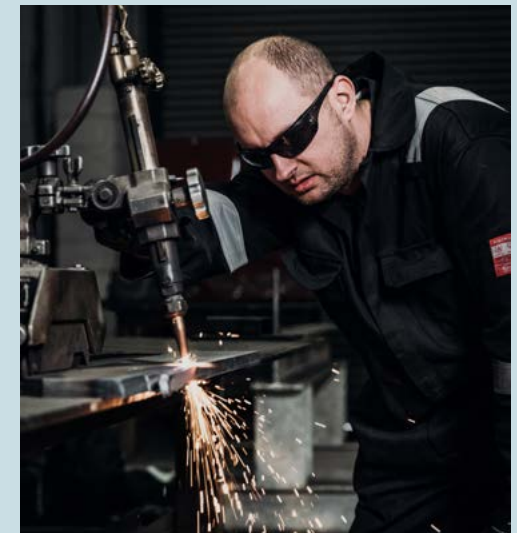
Unless we provide quality employment sites and premises our existing businesses may need to move out of county to grow and opportunities to encourage new business start-ups will be limited. Without action, our population will age, making the county less attractive to investors and businesses.

Our environment

Unless we provide adequate public and active transport options, broadband infrastructure and employment opportunities, our out-commuting rates and carbon emissions will continue to rise and the environment will continue to suffer.

Our housing stock

Unless we address the need for affordable and varied housing stock the average age of Monmouthshire residents will continue to increase and our younger population will continue to struggle to get on the housing ladder.



“Being based in Monmouthshire enables us to be agile and move around the country quickly with great access links to the Prince of Wales Bridge...”

Richard Selby, Director, Pro Steel

Case Study: Pro Steel

Pro Steel Engineering is an award-winning and innovative specialist steel company delivering high profile projects across the UK and internationally.

Offering professional construction, fabrication and project management services to the highest level.

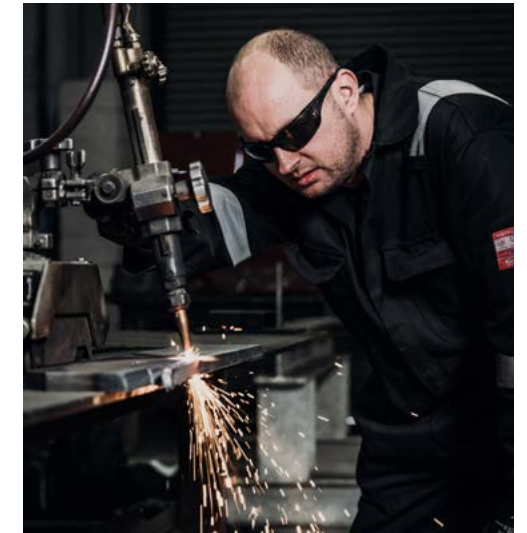
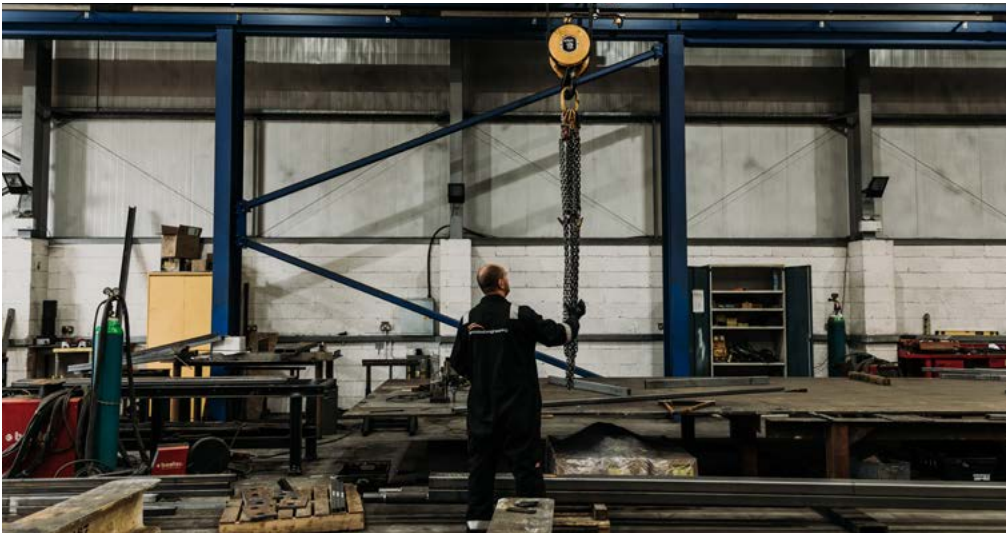
Pro Steel Engineering's portfolio includes Twickenham, the Olympic Stadium and more recently the Dragon sculpture which proudly sits at the new International Convention Centre at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport.

"Being based in Monmouthshire enables us to be agile and move around the country quickly with great access links to the Prince of Wales Bridge to work down in London, for example, or actually back into Wales when we are working on projects in the heads of the Valleys, or down in Cardiff on the Principality Stadium".

"Pro Steel is looking to expand further over the coming years. We are looking to build a much larger international order book and secure larger premises to expand into and offer further services to our customers."

Richard Selby, Director

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Vision Monmouthshire 2040: The Priorities for Our Economic Growth and Ambition Statement

Monmouthshire:

- A dynamic place to do business
- A valuable place to invest
- An incredible place to visit, stay and live

Our Economic Growth and Ambition Statement priorities:

- Raise the profile of Monmouthshire as a key investment opportunity for the private sector;
- Lay the ground rules for an economic environment which enables businesses to land and expand and provide sustainable employment opportunities for local people;
- Attract funding and investment to Monmouthshire to attract the right conditions for 'an inclusive economy' – Equitable, Sustainable, Stable, Participatory, Growing; and
- Set an ambition which is sensitive to the landscape to ensure Monmouthshire remains an incredible place to visit, stay, live and invest.

Our Economic Growth and Ambition Statement will work alongside Monmouthshire County Council's replacement Local Development Plan which will assist the team in:

- Identifying suitable employment sites and premises to enable existing businesses to grow and attract new businesses in key growth sectors;
- Increasing the availability of housing sites alongside the Council's embryonic Development Company, to provide differing residential products, to enable higher rates of jobs per dwelling and;
- Tackling geographic differences in employment and housing markets



Monmouthshire 2040: The Aims of Our Economic Growth and Ambition Statement

A Productive Monmouthshire: A dynamic place for businesses to grow and invest

- Increasing the number of businesses relocating to Monmouthshire
- Increasing the number of businesses expanding and moving to new premises
- Increasing the number of local suppliers securing public service contracts
- Reducing economic inactivity
- Increasing the retention of a younger economically active demographic
- Increasing earnings of people who live and work in Monmouthshire
- Supporting the foundational and circular economy

A Healthy and Happy Monmouthshire: An incredible place to live

- Encouraging construction of new houses including maximising the number of affordable housing units by 2033
- Increasing the affordability of housing for residents living and working in the county
- Increasing the impact and usage of MonLife leisure and well-being services

A Prosperous Monmouthshire: A great place to thrive

- Increasing the take up of apprenticeships
- Reducing the number of residents who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- Reducing the number of underemployed young people
- Increasing Next Generation Access broadband coverage
- Improving mobile phone coverage across the county
- Acting as a pathfinder and test bed for the region

- Reducing out-commuting rates

A Welcoming Monmouthshire: An amazing place to visit and stay

- Supporting a shift from a growth oriented model to an approach focused on quality of growth and compatibility with quality of life for residents and communities to promote more inclusive growth
- Supporting the development of a broad range of high quality reputation changing visitor experiences focusing on high yield, evenly distributed, year round tourism
- Encouraging investment in the serviced accommodation sector
- Maximising the tourism benefits of the cultural offer as well as countryside and heritage
- Encouraging a seasonal programme of events which support the County's key product offers
- Supporting integrated place making for vibrant, attractive, welcoming and distinctive towns and villages
- Through all activities to help build the reputation of the County - 'Monmouthshire' = high quality