

## **Future Generations Evaluation** (Includes Equalities and Sustainability)

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Name of Service: Enterprise including Tourism, Leisure, Culture and Youth	Date Future Generations Evaluation 06th February 2018

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?
<b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	To ensure a much valued local service and resources is maintained and continue to provide employment and volunteering opportunities.	To keep a local service open and extend more community focus and coordination – helping the future sustainability of this valued community asset. Positive engagement and coordination with the community. Income generation and investment to be robustly interrogated to ensure sustainability, and ensures the business thrives and there is sustained growth moving forwards. Continue to invest and grow the very successful volunteering scheme.

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<b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Continue our close working partnership Arts Council for Wales to ensure our arts and cultural resource is supported.	We will also seek to develop partnerships and seek to access new forms of funding to secure longevity through established and new partnerships
<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive impact by ensuring quality services are provided by offering events and performances to encourage engagement with communities contributing to their wellbeing and healthy lifestyle.	Working with key partners will ensure opportunities are widely available that will contribute to the overall wellbeing, and cultural experiences of those who attend performances.
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	The Borough Theatre is a central resource within Abergavenny and will enhance its community engagement and connection with local priorities - this will lead to service offer improvements and continuing to understand what matters to our customers and partners.	To ensure the Borough Theatre has a structure which focuses on encouraging community cohesion as one of its social drivers. We are currently undertaking a customer survey on, 'what matters', to ensure future offers are appropriate and meet customer demand.
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well- being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	The Borough Theatre will have delegated responsibility to ensure high standards are met and maintained that do not conflict with the global drivers.	Any decisions taken by the Borough Theatre will take into account global and well-being issues as part of its day to day processes.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	The Borough Theatre will contribute greatly to the local culture, heritage and art, this will include the promotion and protection of the Welsh language, which will form part of the core value and aim of the service.	One of the key drivers of the Borough Theatre will be the promotion of arts, culture and heritage and its structure and key developments will reflect that.

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<b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The Borough Theatre will provide services for all age ranges and deliver a diverse and comprehensive programme for all of its communities.	With the ability to better market and understand data there will be opportunities to target areas of the community that may not currently be aware of the offer at the Theatre.

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

	ble 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?
Long Term	Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future	A further analysis and future viability exercise will need to be carried out as the next phase of the interim return of the Borough Theatre. During this period there is still a need to ensure the services continue to function and develop.	Continuation of current bookings until final report be presented on future viability of Borough theatre.
Collaboration	Working together with other partners to deliver objectives	The theatre has some key partners which provide grants and delivery of service. Some key partners include Arts Council Wales; Acting for the Borough and associated amateur dramatics groups.	The interim management period will establish scoping of opportunities to enable key objectives to be actioned.
Involvement	Involving those with an interest and seeking their views	There is an ongoing engagement program in place to ensure all the relevant people are consulted with. This includes Arts Council Wales; Cre Cymru; A4B and current audiences.	The engagement process will be constantly reviewed and evaluated to ensure the views of all those who have an interest are taken into account.

	le Development rinciple	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?
Prevention	Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse	An initial interim period of the theatre being within MCC management will allow a detailed analysis be carried out to identify the future viability of the theatre.	Interim management and leadership will be provided from MCC in-house teams to work alongside the current staff employed at the theatre. This will also include identifying key income and grant pipelines and how these can be developed and joined up moving forwards.
Integration	Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies	During the interim management of the borough theatre, we will be able to establish opportunities to develop current and new ways of delivering this service, whilst identifying income to sustain the long term future. This should give the opportunity to better connect wellbeing outcomes to other partners and bodies, in particularly those who give grant funding. It is important that this service is able to clearly demonstrate and understand their input into the wellbeing goals – it is also important to consider the impact.	One of the key drivers of the Borough Theatre will be the promotion culture, welsh language and art and its structure and key developments will reflect that. All of this will be linked back to ensuring the key priorities of the Future Generations Act are met.

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: <a href="http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx">http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx</a> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or <a href="http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx">http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx</a> or contact

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	The interim return of the Borough Theatre to MCC management will provide continued opportunities for all ages as it develops and builds on existing facilities and programs. As the theatre will be back within MCC, there will also be a joined up approach with other MCC services to provide a much wider offer to ensure inclusivity to all characteristics.	n/a	Continued communication and engagement with all parties and customers will assist in the report findings and to establish the viable future operations of the Borough Theatre
Disability	Any new re-design and development will be compliant with the Equalities Act.	n/a	With proposed refurbishment of the Community Hub and Market Hall, we can ensure all new facilities and re- developments have/will be fit for purpose and suitable for all abilities.
Gender reassignment	As in Age row	n/a	As in Age row
Marriage or civil partnership	As in Age row	n/a	As in Age row
Pregnancy or maternity	As in Age row	n/a	As in Age row
Race	As in Age row	n/a	As in Age row
Religion or Belief	As in Age row	n/a	As in Age row
Sex	As in Age row	n/a	As in Age row
Sexual Orientation	As in Age row	n/a	As in Age row

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Welsh Language	Consideration will be given to any new signage and plans for any redevelopments to comply with the Welsh Language act. All marketing materials and general information for customers will be provided bilingually including planned social media. There will be opportunities for all staff to access Welsh Language courses to enable them to meet and greet customers and these will be developed. All job adverts are now advertised as requesting Welsh speakers as part of the person specification.	n/a	Borough Theatre staff will be encouraged in improving their ability to communicate through the medium of Welsh. There is support for this centrally via a scheduled training program to ensure the team are in a good position to deliver the core aims within a set timeframe.

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 <u>http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Safeguarding%20Guidance.docx</u> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <u>http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx</u>

Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and	What will you do/have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or
corporate parenting	corporate parenting	better contribute to positive
		impacts?

Safeguarding	We will ensure safeguarding is at the forefront of all plans with the relevant documentation, systems and procedures and levels of training in place for all staff relevant to the role consistently across the service.	n/a	We will continue to prioritise our safeguarding measures, reflect on current practice and continue to train staff to the appropriate levels. The Borough Theatre will complete a SAFE audit and ensure procedures in place in line with MCC procedures and a training database is maintained by the manager to reflect upskilling of staff within this area. We also link with key partners and amateur theatre groups to ensure they have nominated individuals to safeguard their users.
Corporate Parenting	We will continue to work with our partners to assist in any way we can and add value to the current provisions.	n/a	We will ensure that the Borough Theatre has representation for this area at all team meetings and continuously monitor and review all systems and procedures mentioned above to ensure we are providing as safe an environment for all of our customers as possible. We actively encourage all staff to be vigilant and report any instances they feel appropriate and have procedures in place for this.

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

• The Cabinet report proposing the return of Abergavenny Borough Theatre back to MCC management to enable a full review of the future sustainability and viability.

# 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 return of the Borough Theatre back to MCC management will provide "breathing space" for the venue, so that the service can be reviewed and solutions determined to develop and sustain a higher rate of performances, ticket sales and an improved environment for theatre users. There is a risk that the theatre is unsustainable in the longer term, but if we do nothing the theatre may close, resulting in the loss of staff, volunteers, performers and reputation. The Borough Theatre is a much loved and valued local service. It is important, if viable, that it is maintained and by its nature continue to provide employment, growth and an increasingly skilled workforce of both paid staff and volunteers. Incorporating this service will contribute greatly to our local culture, heritage and art with the promotion of health and wellbeing forming part of its key drivers.

#### 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
Produce and present Cabinet Report	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Kellie Beirne & key Officers	Complete
Subject to approval, present report to Council for ratification.	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Kellie Beirne & key Officers	
Presentation of detailed report for future sustainability and viability of the Borough theatre	Autumn 2018	Kellie Beirne and identified key Officers	

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:	Ongoing (in line with the above schedule)

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	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following
No.			consideration

1	Principle of the Borough Theatre be returned to MCC management for an interim period to establish future viability	February 2018	This will demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development throughout the evolution of a proposal.
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