



Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Hazel Clatworthy</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644843 E-mail: hazelclatworthy@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>To consider whether Monmouthshire County Council should reduce plastic use by committing to becoming a Plastic Free County, in line with the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Coastlines campaign.</p>
<p>Name of Service</p> <p>Policy and Performance</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</p> <p>3 May 2018</p>

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



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




Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Reducing plastic waste and using sustainable and reusable alternatives contributes to a greener economy. There may be small potential cost implications to businesses who change what they use or to the council from reducing disposable plastics. Sustainable alternatives may be more expensive, but conversely re-usable alternatives</p>	<p>Any cost implications to the council will be considered when further details of alternatives are known.</p>

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	may well save money in the long term. Tourism may increase as a result of less litter.	
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Plastic waste has an extremely damaging effect on our countryside, rivers and seas, causing death and injury to wildlife. Plastics can take hundreds of years to break down. They are also made from fossil fuels, a non-renewable resource. This proposal will reduce damage to the environment and promote more sustainable alternatives.	
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	More people will want to walk and enjoy the countryside if there is less litter. There are also health concerns associated with the ingestion of tiny particles of plastics found in fish. Reducing plastic use in Monmouthshire will make a small contribution to reducing this risk.	
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Monmouth, Chepstow, Usk and Abergavenny have all established active and enthusiastic groups who are all working hard to reduce plastic use in their towns. There is great community spirit, and ultimately communities will benefit from less litter and a more attractive environment.	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Once plastics enter the waterways, they ultimately find themselves in the sea where currents can take them around the world and contribute to pollution globally.	
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language		

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Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation		
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances		

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>Plastics can last for hundreds of years, so although not tackling existing marine plastics, reducing plastic use now will result in a better, cleaner environment for future generations.</p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>MCC are already working with plastic free groups in Monmouth, Chepstow, Abergavenny and Usk, and have a network of 140 litter champions. Conversations have also started with Coleg Gwent, schools, businesses and others.</p>	<p>We will begin to work in partnership with Gwent Wildlife Trust, Wye Valley AONB, Keep Wales Tidy, Canal and Rivers Trust, Living Levels Landscape Partnership, Wye and Usk Foundation, Monnow River Association, Natural Resources Wales, and also through the Environment Partnership Board. Thought will be given to working with wider PSB partners.</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 data-bbox="136 480 297 507">Involvement</p> <p data-bbox="349 256 517 443">Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p data-bbox="544 256 1328 443">This initiative has very much been driven by the involvement and activity of the communities of Monmouthshire. The plastic-free groups have been and continue to be involved, and will be jointly presenting this report at Strong Communities.</p>	
 <p data-bbox="136 764 297 791">Prevention</p> <p data-bbox="349 525 517 823">Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="544 525 1305 663">Reducing plastic use will prevent harm to wildlife, unnecessary resource use and will potentially save significant sums of money by reducing the amount of litter that needs to be picked up.</p>	
 <p data-bbox="136 1102 297 1129">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="349 863 517 1126">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p data-bbox="544 863 1305 1082">We will be working in a joined up way with other organisations and also internally, since this issue impacts on so many different parts of MCC's activity. We will keep up regular communication with internal and external partners to ensure that we are all moving in the same direction and not duplicating effort.</p>	

3. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link:<http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	No impact		
Disability	No impact		
Gender reassignment	No impact		
Marriage or civil partnership	No impact		
Pregnancy or maternity	No impact		
Race	No impact		
Religion or Belief	No impact		
Sex	No impact		
Sexual Orientation	No impact		
Welsh Language	Any resources produced by the council such as postcards and poster will be bilingual.		

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities? For more information please see the guidance <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Safeguarding%20Guidance.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	No impact		
Corporate Parenting	No impact		

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

- Waste data on recycling, the cost of litter collection etc
- National publicity and evidence from the media.
- Evidence of the desire from communities to tackle the problem of plastics.
- More evidence will need to follow in terms of costings for alternatives to disposable plastics for MCC.

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?

There are multiple benefits associated with reducing plastic use, which will benefit the local and global environment, reduce resource use, make communities more attractive and save money on litter collection. There may be some additional costs for businesses or the Council when sourcing alternatives to plastic use, but there may also be savings on purchase and disposal of plastic waste.

Working on plastic free status has been and will continue to use the five ways of working by preventing long term pollution and by working in collaboration internally and with communities and other partners.

There is no impact on 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.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress
Any cost implications to the council will be considered when further details of alternatives to plastic are known.	As the project develops	Various	
We will begin to work in partnership with Gwent Wildlife Trust, Wye Valley AONB, Keep Wales Tidy, Canal and Rivers Trust, Living Levels Landscape Partnership, Wye and Usk Foundation, Monnow River Association, Natural Resources Wales, and also through the Environment Partnership Board. Thought will be given to working with wider PSB partners.	As the project develops	Various	

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:	May 2019
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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	Strong Communities Select Committee	24 May 2018	
