



Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Jane Coppock</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644256 E-mail: janecoppock@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>Submit the adopted Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (LDP) first Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to the Welsh Government in accord with statutory requirements and to publish the Report on the Council's website.</p>
<p>Name of Service</p> <p>Planning (Planning Policy)</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</p> <p>15/09/2015</p>

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><i>Informative: The LDP was adopted by the Council in February 2014 and sets out the Council's vision and objectives for the development and use of land in Monmouthshire, together with the policies and proposals to implement them over the ten year period to 2021.</i></p> <p><i>As part of the statutory development plan process the Council is required to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR monitors the effectiveness of the LDP strategy and policies. It allows the Council to assess the LDP's impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County and identifies any significant contextual changes that might influence the plan's implementation or review.</i></p>	



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	<p><i>The AMR records the effectiveness of the LDP strategy and policies against an established monitoring framework, including a range of sustainability objectives. As such the purpose of an AMR is to record impact rather than make a direct impact on characteristics.</i></p> <p><i>In order to monitor LDP performance consistently, plans needs to be considered against a standard set of monitoring indicators and targets. These are contained within the LDP Monitoring Framework prepared in accord with Welsh Government regulations and guidance.</i></p> <p><i>The findings of this first AMR have been analysed. The key conclusion is that there is no need for a review of the Plan at this time. This is the first year the LDP has been operative, its impacts will therefore be limited and any findings preliminary.</i></p> <p><i>The AMR is required to be prepared each year following plan adoption, providing an annual evaluation of plan performance and year by year comparison. The findings of this first AMR provide a baseline for future comparative analysis from which emerging trends may be identified and reported on.</i></p>	
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p><i>The LDP strategy seeks to increase employment opportunities within Monmouthshire; the policy framework protects existing employment sites and allocates additional land for employment use.</i></p> <p>Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including employment policies.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Continue to monitor employment land supply and take up throughout the County through the annual Employment Land Survey undertaken by the Planning Policy Service. The data from this survey will inform the 2016 AMR. The results of the AMRs will identify trends and allow remedial action to be taken, if necessary, to ensure the LDP objectives are being delivered, those objectives being directly related to creating a prosperous Wales.</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><i>The LDP strategy seeks to maintain and enhance biodiversity within Monmouthshire; the policy framework protects existing sites and promotes green infrastructure.</i></p>	<p>Continue to monitor biodiversity throughout the County to inform the 2016 AMR.</p> <p>The Planning Policy Service will liaise with the Countryside Service to seek a way forward to monitor indicators for which data is currently</p>

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	<p>Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including biodiversity impacts.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>unavailable and report on in the 2016 AMR. The results of the AMRs will identify trends and allow remedial action to be taken, if necessary, to ensure the LDP objectives are being delivered, those objectives being directly related to creating a resilient Wales.</p>
<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole. The sustainability appraisal/strategic environmental appraisal measures LDP impact on a range of sustainability indicators including air and water quality.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Continue to monitor sustainability indicators throughout the County to inform the 2016 AMR. The results of the AMRs will identify trends and allow remedial action to be taken, if necessary, to ensure the LDP objectives are being delivered. Creating healthy communities forms part of delivering sustainable development.</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including the spatial strategy.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Continue to monitor indicators to inform the 2016 AMR. The results of the AMRs will identify trends and allow remedial action to be taken, if necessary, to ensure the LDP objectives are being delivered. Creating healthy communities forms part of delivering sustainable, resilient and cohesive communities.</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole. The sustainability appraisal/strategic environmental appraisal measures LDP impact on a range of sustainability indicators. Preparation of the AMR allows the Council to assess LDP impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County.</p>	<p>The SA/SEA monitoring frameworks provide a baseline position. Future AMRs will examine LDP impacts over a longer period and evidence the emergence of any trends at different spatial scales.</p> <p>Continue to monitor indicators to inform the 2016 AMR.</p>

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	Negative: None.	
<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>Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including impact on community facilities. The Welsh language impact is a material planning consideration and was fully considered during the adoption of the LDP via the SA/SEA process.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Continue to monitor indicators throughout the County to inform the 2016 AMR. Recent legislative changes via the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 mean that further regulations and guidance on the Welsh language will be produced. Those requirements will be fully considered in the next AMR.</p>
<p>A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>Positive: Preparation of the AMR allows the Council to assess LDP impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Continue to monitor indicators throughout the County to inform the 2016 AMR. The results of the AMRs will identify trends and allow remedial action to be taken, if necessary, to ensure the LDP objectives are being delivered. Creating a more equal Wales forms part of delivering sustainable development.</p>

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?
 <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p><i>We are required to look beyond the usual short term timescales for financial planning and political cycles and instead plan with the longer term in mind (i.e. 20+ years)</i></p> <p>This first AMR measures short term impacts since Plan adoption and provides a baseline for future comparative analysis. Sustainable development is central to the adopted LDP.</p>	<p>Successive AMRs will be prepared on an annual basis, providing both an annual evaluation of plan performance and year by year comparison from which emerging long term trends may be identified and reported on. This will inform the evidence base for the next LDP.</p>
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The AMR measures plan implementation and delivery. The LDP was prepared through extensive engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.</p>	<p>The Council will continue to monitor and report on in the 2016 AMR and will consider actions required in light of the AMR findings. If the AMRs indicate that the Plan's objectives are not being delivered, a Plan review might be triggered. Reasons for the Plan not delivering would be analysed and, as applicable, greater partnership working and collaboration implemented if current working is identified as a cause of a problem or greater collaborative work would lead to an improvement, this will be acted upon.</p>
 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p><i>Who are the stakeholders who will be affected by your proposal? Have they been involved?</i></p> <p>The LDP was prepared through extensive engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.</p>	<p>There is no requirement to undertake consultation on this AMR. The findings of future AMRs could lead to an LDP review. Any review of the LDP will be taken forward through extensive stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The AMR demonstrates the extent to which the LDP strategy and objectives are being achieved and whether the plan's policies are functioning effectively. Emerging trends may be identified and appropriate action considered at an early stage.</p>	<p>The AMR considers whether a full or partial review of the LDP is necessary and may trigger Plan review ahead of any formal statutory review requirement.</p>
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p><i>There is space to describe impacts on people, economy and environment under the Wellbeing Goals above, so instead focus here on how you will better integrate them and balance any competing impacts</i></p> <p>The AMR measures the impact of the LDP on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County.</p>	<p>Future AMRs will examine LDP impacts over a longer period and evidence the emergence of any trends at different spatial scales. Delivering sustainable development (social, economic and environmental) is central to the LDP.</p> <p>Continue to monitor indicators to inform the 2016 AMR.</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.

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 AMR includes indicators that monitor health and access to community facilities and open space. These matters affect all of our communities but could disproportionately affect children and elderly people who may have limited ability to travel greater distances.	None	The AMR includes indicators that monitor health and access to community facilities and open space.
Disability	The AMR includes indicators that monitor health and access to community facilities and open space. These matters affect all of our communities but could disproportionately affect people with disabilities who may have limited ability to travel greater distances.	None	The AMR includes indicators that monitor health and access to community facilities and open space.
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A
Race	None	None	N/A
Religion or Belief	None	None	N/A
Sex	None	None	N/A
Sexual Orientation	None	None	N/A

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Welsh Language	None	None	This and successive AMRs will measure the impacts of the LDP on a range of social, economic and environmental indicators. Emerging regulations and guidance on the Welsh language will be fully considered in the next AMR (these documents do not yet exist).

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	None	None	N/A
Corporate Parenting	None	None	N/A

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

An extensive range of data sets have been used to prepare the AMR, from a wide range of sources both internal and external to the Council. These are clearly referenced in the document, but include:

The Development Management planning application database and Monmouthshire County Council publications including:

- Monmouthshire LDP 'Retail Background Paper', May 2015
<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2015/07/2014-Retail-Background-Paper-May-2015.pdf>
- Monmouthshire LDP 'Employment Background Paper', June 2015.
<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2015/07/Employment-Land-Background-Paper-June-2015.pdf>
- Monmouthshire 'Joint Housing Land Availability Study', July 2015.
<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2015/07/JHLA-Study-2015-Final.pdf>

Additional data has been provided by colleagues in the Conservation, Countryside, Economic Development, Housing, Waste and Transport Services.

External sources of data include Welsh Government, Cadw, Natural Resources Wales.

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?

This section should give the key issues arising from the evaluation which will be included in the Committee report template.

Positive - The AMR is a positive tool for monitoring the effectiveness of the LDP and ultimately determining whether any revisions to the plan are necessary. It aims to demonstrate the extent to which the LDP strategy and objectives are being achieved and whether the plan's policies are functioning effectively. It allows the Council to assess the impact of the LDP on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County and identifies any significant contextual changes that might influence the Plan's implementation or review.

This is the first AMR to be prepared since the adoption of the LDP and is based on the period 27 February – 31 March 2015. Future AMRs will be based on the financial year (01 April – 31 March). As this is the first year the LDP has been operative and this is the first AMR to be prepared, the impacts of the Plan can only be limited in nature and any conclusions preliminary at this early stage of plan implementation. This AMR provides a baseline for future comparative analysis from which successive AMRs will be able to evidence the emergence of trends.

Negative – None. There are no implications, positive or negative, for corporate parenting or safeguarding.

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
N/A			

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:	In 2016 the second AMR will be prepared and reported to Planning Committee and Cabinet Member prior to 31/10/2016. This is the deadline for AMR submission to the Welsh Government in line with statutory requirements.
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