

Future Generations Evaluation

(includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation</p> <p>Ruth Rourke Countryside Access Manager</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644860 E-mail: ruthrourke@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>Review of decision making for rights of way orders; removing dual Cabinet and Council function in favour of decisions on objected orders being dealt with as a council function only. Where there are no objections orders to be continue to be dealt with by officers under delegated powers.</p>
<p>Name of Service</p> <p>Tourism, Leisure, Culture & Youth</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</p> <p>05 July 2019 (Revised 27 August 2019)</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>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Removal of the cabinet function provides clarity and increases efficiency in delivering critical decisions and therefore saves resources and helps the authority to fulfil its legal functions.</p>	<p>none</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>Not applicable.</p>	

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<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Completing orders in a more timely fashion improves residents health and well being as these are often contentious issues which need to be resolved swiftly. If an order is made and confirmed paths will be made available contributing again to peoples active lifestyles.</p>	
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>Assessments show that the current double cabinet and council function adds confusion to the public who often attend council meetings on the case they are interested in. Modification order cases in particular are complex and time consuming. The Council has a backlog of orders many of which have been applied for by community councils. Removing the Cabinet function will assist to provide more timely decisions enabling faster processing of orders. This helps reduce conflict in communities and assists often to a reduction in anti-social behaviour where there is clarity on a routes status and alignment.</p>	
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>n/a</p>	
<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>n/a</p>	
<p>A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or</p>	<p>n/a</p>	

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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?
 <p>Long-term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>Full consideration has been given to the range of options for delegated powers and some consultation has been carried out with Stakeholders during the rights of way improvement plan review. Stakeholders indicate that there is a need to process modification orders in particular in a more stream lined way and remove the backlog of outstanding applications. This would benefit landowners and Users in the Long term as it provides clarity on what highways exist.</p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>All orders involve working closely with many different partners including applicants, landowners, users and other Stakeholders.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Monmouthshire Local Access Forum and stakeholders have considered the position with modification orders and legal orders during the rights of way improvement plan assessment proposal. Officers also meet with applicants and other stakeholders during the processing of orders and all state that they are confused with the need for Cabinet as well as Council meetings to make a decision.</p>	

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Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>We currently have a backlog of 41 modification orders which will all need a decision on whether or not to make an order, There are two big diversion schemes which will also need to be evaluated and a decision made on how to progress them. We received a direction from Welsh Government Planning Inspectorate last year to deal with one modification order more quickly. Resources are limited for this work as it is a statutory requirement and not something that attracts grant funding. It is important for applicants, users and landowners to deal with processing orders in a more timely fashion in order to provide clarity on whether highways exist or not, therefore reducing impact on the well-being of those involved.</p>	<p>The draft ROWIP has a statement of action to seek more resources to deal with the backlog of rights of way orders.</p>
 <p>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p>The ability for faster decisions provides some clarity on the next part of the process for stakeholders</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	Positive through improving time taken to process orders.	None	
Disability	none	None	

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Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Gender reassignment	None	None	
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	
Race	None	None	
Religion or Belief	None	None	
Sex	None	None	
Sexual Orientation	None	None	
Welsh Language	none	None	

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Social Justice, Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Social Justice	Positive through improved efficiency	None	
Safeguarding	None	None	
Corporate Parenting	None	None	

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

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Draft ROWIP consultations with Monmouthshire Local Access Forum and others.

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 positive impact is the improving of efficiency and more timely decision making therefore increasing wellbeing of stakeholders

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
Amend application packs to remove ICMD process and seek decisions from Council only in future	August	Countryside Access Manager	

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: Impacts will be re-evaluated in 2023 when new legislation is expected.