

APPENDIX 2



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Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Mark Hand</p> <p>Phone no: 07773478579 E-mail: markhand@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 introduced additional tiers of statutory Development Plans. This includes Strategic Development Plans (SDP), an optional tier of Plan intended to provide an effective cross-boundary planning policy framework for matters of regional significance. The Strategic Development Plan would provide a regional spatial framework for the future development and use of land in the Cardiff Capital Region. It would provide an appropriate and effective footprint to deliver strategic, cross-boundary land use planning at the regional scale, supporting the region's economic, transport/connectivity and other aspirations. It would help guide and provide certainty for strategic public and private investment decisions including those made under the City Deal initiative and beyond. It is recommended that Council formally resolves to be part of the South East Wales Strategic Development Plan.</p>
<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Planning (Planning Policy)</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>10/09/2019</p>

1. **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	Evidence will be gathered to support the SDP. This will consider the demographic profile of the region and the SDP will aim to have a positive impact on people of all ages, supporting specific needs of children and older people.	None.	The SDP could seek to address demographic imbalance within the region.
Disability	The SDP will recognise the need to ensure the provision of a wide-ranging choice of homes including meeting affordable and accessible housing needs as far as possible. Although development site identification will primarily be at a local level, the SDP will identify a housing requirement, including affordable housing, with a regional apportionment.	None.	The SDP will aim to support the well-being of current and future generations that are more inclusive, cohesive, prosperous and vibrant.
Gender reassignment	None.	None.	N/A.
Marriage or civil partnership	None.	None.	N/A.
Pregnancy or maternity	None.	None.	N/A.
Race	None.	None.	N/A.
Religion or Belief	None.	None.	N/A.

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Sex	None.	None.	None.
Sexual Orientation	None.	None.	N/A.
Welsh Language	.The Welsh Language is a material planning consideration. The SDP will need to consider if any strategic growth proposals affect the integrity and sustainability of any Welsh speaking communities.	None.	The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 provides a statutory basis to the established practice of giving consideration to the impacts of Development Plans on the use of the Welsh language and that sustainability appraisals include specific consideration of such impacts. The Community Involvement Scheme will set out how the Welsh language and bilingual involvement will be undertaken throughout the SDP process.
Poverty	None.	None.	N/A.


2. 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. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!




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>Positive: The SDP would enable full and proper consideration of cross-boundary strategic employment issues and would seek to increase employment/wealth generation opportunities across the South East Wales region.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The SDP will consider larger than local employment growth opportunities and can support delivery of the City Deal objectives and ambitions. It can also support a regional approach to infrastructure provision.</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: The SDP would enable a regional spatial planning framework for the region to effectively address cross-boundary planning policy matters of regional significance, including relevant biodiversity matters.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The SDP will need to take into account the Environment (Wales) Act and its associated duties, and emerging Natural Resources policy.</p> <p>The SDP would enable a consistent regional approach to biodiversity considerations, including resilience and adaptation, across the South East Wales region.</p>
<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive: The SDP would enable a regional spatial planning framework for the region to effectively address cross-boundary planning policy matters of regional significance, including physical and mental health and well-being.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Creating healthy communities forms part of delivering sustainable development. The SDP would be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal incorporating a Health Impact Assessment at key stages.</p> <p>The SDP would also enable full consideration of the Well-being of Future Generations Act in a regional spatial planning framework.</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>Positive: The SDP would enable full and proper consideration of cross-boundary strategic housing and employment issues and would seek to ensure</p>	<p>Providing for employment and housing (both market and affordable) are key to ensuring balanced and sustainable communities. The SDP would identify</p>


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	<p>that well-being goals are consistently met across the South East Wales region.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>strategic growth areas for housing and/or employment.</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 SDP would be prepared having full regard to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the South East Wales region.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Not all Councils within the region have declared a climate emergency, however the SDP will need to fully consider this issue.</p> <p>The SDP preparation process would be subject to SA/SEA which would ensure that social, economic and environmental objectives are fully considered throughout the process.</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>Positive: The SDP would enable a regional spatial planning framework for the region to effectively address cross-boundary planning policy matters of regional significance, including culture, heritage and Welsh language, as well as recreation.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 provides a statutory basis to the established practice of giving consideration to the impacts of Development Plans on the use of the Welsh language and that sustainability appraisals include specific consideration of such impacts.</p> <p>SDP preparation would ensure a consistent approach to these important issues across the region.</p> <p>The Community Involvement Scheme provides detail on the Welsh language and Bilingual involvement and how bilingual engagement will be undertaken throughout the SDP process.</p>
<p>A more equal Wales</p>	<p>Positive: The SDP would enable regional spatial planning framework for the region to effectively</p>	<p>The SDP would enable a regional spatial planning framework for South East Wales which would</p>

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People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	<p>address cross-boundary planning policy matters of regional significance, including housing (market and affordable) housing delivery and well-being.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	enable full and proper consideration of cross-boundary strategic housing and employment issues and would seek to well-being goals are consistently met across the South East Wales region.

3. 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>	Involvement in the SDP would provide an opportunity to realise MCC aspirations for future growth both in the short term and long term (potential for a new settlement) which would have a positive effect on affordability and assist in rebalancing demography while sustaining rural communities/the County/the region as a whole.	While informal regional work has been undertaken previously, involvement in the SDP would enable Monmouthshire to be involved in a proper spatial planning framework for the region.

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>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> <p>Collaboration</p>	<p>The Community Involvement Scheme sets out the way in which the local community and other stakeholders will be involved in the preparation of the SDP.</p> <p>Collaboration with local planning authorities in the South East Wales region would be fundamental to involvement in the Strategic Development Plan in order to provide a regional spatial planning framework.</p>	<p>SDP preparation would require extensive partnership working to ensure that full account is taken of the views/issues/objectives of all partners in the region.</p>
 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p>Involvement</p>	<p>The Community Involvement Scheme will set out the way in which the Council proposes to involve the local community and other stakeholders in the preparation of the revised SDP.</p> <p>Collaboration with local planning authorities in the South East Wales region would be fundamental to involvement in the Strategic Development Plan in order to provide a regional spatial planning framework. The SDP will be subject to extensive consultation throughout the plan preparation process.</p>	<p>The SDP would be subject to extensive consultation throughout the plan preparation process to enable those with an interest in the plan to share their views.</p>
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> <p>Prevention</p>	<p>The SDP would enable full and proper consideration of cross-boundary strategic planning issues, including housing (market and affordable) and employment delivery, across the South East Wales region.</p>	<p>The proactive involvement of Monmouthshire in the SDP would provide an opportunity to realise MCC aspirations for future growth both in the short term and long term linked to Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, Future Monmouthshire and removal of the Severn Bridge Tolls (potential for a new settlement) which would have a positive effect on affordability and assist in rebalancing demography while sustaining rural communities/the County/region as a whole.</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>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The SDP would be prepared having full regard to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the South East Wales region.</p>	<p>The SDP would be subject to SA/SEA which would ensure that social, economic and environmental objectives are fully considered throughout the process.</p>

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	None.	None.	N/A.
Safeguarding	None.	None.	N/A.
Corporate Parenting	None.	None.	N/A.

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

The proposal to be part of the SDP is based on several years of regional working and discussions on a SE Wales footprint, with a formalized commitment as part of the City Deal. The proposal is based on the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 which makes provision for SDPs. Detailed regulations would be drafted by WG, in liaison with the region. Further information is provided in the Council report and appendices.

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 -

The SDP will allow for a proper regional approach to matters of strategic importance.

Negative – None. There are no implications, positive or negative, for social justice, corporate parenting or safeguarding. The governance arrangements ensure local accountability and input into the SDP, and Local Planning Authorities will continue to make local decisions via “light touch” LDPs and decisions on planning applications.

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
Each of the ten Councils in the SDP area will be considering an identical Council report by November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council reports by November 2019 	Head of Planning for each of the ten Councils.
If all ten Councils agree, a proposal to commence on an SDP will be formally submitted to the Welsh Government.	2019	Responsible Authority

8. VERSION CONTROL: The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1.0	Council decision to progress with new LDP and be part of SDP	March 2018	<i>Updated to fully reflect SDP proposals</i>
1.1	SDP regional report	September 2019	