



<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Mark Hand</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644803 E-mail: markhand@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) fifth Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to the Welsh Government in accordance with statutory requirements and publish the Report on the Council's website.</p>
<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Planning (Planning Policy)</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>16/09/2019</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	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.

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?
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
Pregnancy or maternity	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. The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 provides a statutory basis to the established practice of giving consideration to the impacts of LDPs on the use of the Welsh language and that sustainability appraisals include specific consideration of such impacts. The AMR will be published in Welsh and English.
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?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	<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> Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including employment policies.	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 2019-20 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

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?
	Negative: None.	being directly related to creating a prosperous Wales.
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	<i>The LDP strategy seeks to maintain and enhance biodiversity within Monmouthshire; the policy framework protects existing sites and promotes green infrastructure.</i> Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including biodiversity impacts. Negative: None.	Continue to monitor biodiversity throughout the County to inform the 2019-20 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.
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	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. Negative: None.	Continue to monitor sustainability indicators throughout the County to inform the 2019-20 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.
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive: The AMR monitors the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including the spatial strategy. Negative: None.	Continue to monitor indicators to inform the 2019-20 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.
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local	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	Continue to monitor SA indicators to inform the 2019-20 AMR.

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?
social, economic and environmental wellbeing	<p>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>Negative: None.</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 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>	Continue to monitor indicators throughout the County to inform the 2019-20 AMR. The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 provides a statutory basis to the established practice of giving consideration to the impacts of LDPs on the use of the Welsh language and that sustainability appraisals include specific consideration of such impacts.
<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>	Continue to monitor indicators throughout the County to inform the 2019-20 AMR. Reflecting the trends identified in the 2017-18 AMR, the results of the fifth AMR identifies an issue with housing land supply, although recognises this has increased to 4.0 years from 3.9 years in the previous monitoring period owing predominately to the Council's positive policy approach to unallocated sites. This affects the ability of our communities to secure appropriate and affordable accommodation. The continued progression of a Replacement LDP is therefore maintained. Creating a more equal Wales forms part of delivering sustainable development.

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>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>The fifth AMR measures short/medium term impacts since Plan adoption which enables 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 Replacement LDP.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</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 2019-20 AMR and will consider actions required in light of the AMR findings. The AMR indicates that some of the Plan's objectives are not being delivered, particularly in terms of housing land supply, and therefore officers recommend to continue to progress work on the Replacement LDP.</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</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 Replacement LDP will be taken forward through extensive stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</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="152 496 293 523">Prevention</p> <p data-bbox="342 256 504 555">Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="546 256 1326 440">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 data-bbox="1352 256 2101 387">The AMR recommends to continue to progress work on the Replacement LDP. This will ensure continued Plan coverage in the County, thereby avoiding the risks associated with any policy vacuum.</p>
 <p data-bbox="152 850 293 877">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="342 608 517 866">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p data-bbox="546 600 1279 663">The AMR measures the impact of the LDP on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County.</p>	<p data-bbox="1352 600 2107 778">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 data-bbox="1352 818 2101 847">Continue to monitor indicators to inform the 2019-20 AMR.</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?

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', July 2019.
- Monmouthshire LDP 'Employment Background Paper', July 2019.
- Monmouthshire 'Joint Housing Land Availability Study', June 2019.
<http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2018/06/Monmouthshire-JHLAS-Report-2018.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?

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 revision.

The AMR is required to be prepared each year following plan adoption, providing an annual evaluation of plan performance and year by year comparison. This is the fifth AMR to be prepared since the adoption of the LDP and is based on the period 01 April 2018 – 31 March 2019. The findings of the fifth AMR have been analysed and compared to the findings in previous four AMRs allowing emerging trends to be identified and reported on.

The AMR recommends that work progresses on the Replacement LDP. This will ensure continued Plan coverage in the County, thereby avoiding the risks associated with any policy vacuum. The next formal stage of LDP revision involves the production of a Preferred Strategy. This will be published during the next monitoring period. It is further recommended that the AMR is submitted to the Welsh Government in accordance with statutory requirements.

Negative – None. There are no implications, positive or negative, for social justice, 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
Submit the fifth AMR to the Welsh Government by 31 October 2019 in accordance with statutory requirements. Publish the AMR on the Council's website.	October 2019.	Head of Placemaking, Housing, Highways and Flood

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	Economy and Development Select	05/09/2019	N/A