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## Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

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<b>Name of Service area</b>  Policy and Performance	<b>Date</b>  16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

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.

<b>Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</b>	<b>What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
Age	The Climate Emergency Action Plan will have positive impacts for all age groups. In particular there may be benefits for young people by increasing active travel to school.		
Disability	There will be positive impacts on all protected characteristics.		
Gender reassignment	There will be positive impacts on all protected characteristics.		
Marriage or civil partnership	There will be positive impacts on all protected characteristics.		



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Pregnancy or maternity	There will be positive impacts on all protected characteristics.		
Race	There will be positive impacts on all protected characteristics.		
Religion or Belief	There will be positive impacts on all protected characteristics.		
Sex	There will be positive impacts on all protected characteristics.		
Sexual Orientation	There will be positive impacts on all protected characteristics.		
Welsh Language	Press releases and web resources on the Climate Emergency are all bilingual. The Welsh language will be considered where required.		
Poverty	There should not be any adverse impacts on low income households. Measures to save energy in the home and improve access to public transport may well benefit low income households.		




**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?
<b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	The action plan directly contributes to the Prosperous Wales vision of a low carbon society and action on climate change. There is the potential for green economy jobs to be developed.	
<b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	The action plan contributes to more sustainable management of green spaces and includes measures which will build resilience of ecosystems.	
<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Transport measures will improve air quality and increasing walking and cycling will improve physical and mental health.	
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Many of the actions will involve working closely with local communities to produce local community benefits. Transport measures should increase connectivity between communities, particularly for those without a car.	
<b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Reducing carbon emissions in Monmouthshire will provide a small contribution towards reducing levels of climate change, which are having global impacts including flooding, drought and sea level rise.	
<b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	Where appropriate the Welsh language will be used for Climate Emergency communications.	

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<b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	We are keen to work with the Community Climate Champions and other partners, of all ages and all backgrounds, to help us achieve our ambitions.	

### 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><b>Long Term</b></p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	The Action Plan sets out how we aim to achieve a target of zero carbon by 2030. This is a plan for the long term, but it requires quick and immediate action now, to reduce the devastating impacts of climate change in the longer term.	
 <p><b>Collaboration</b></p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	The Climate Emergency Working Group comprises of Council officers, members and members of the community. Many of the actions in the Action Plan are being delivered through collaboration.	

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 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Members of the Community Climate Champions group were invited to express an interest in representing the community on the Climate Emergency Working Group. Those on the group include Transition town representatives, town and community councils, a community interest company and energy agency. Many of the specific actions have included involvement e.g. asking for ideas for active travel measures.</p>	
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The whole aim of reducing our carbon emissions is to prevent (or at least reduce the scale of impact) of runaway climate change.</p>	
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>.We are in touch with other local authorities across Wales and the UK who have declared a Climate Emergency. We are awaiting guidance from Welsh Government on how they want us to measure and report on zero carbon, so are working closely with them. We are also in touch with Town Councils who are considering/have declared a Climate Emergency to think about how we can work together in an integrated way.</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	There should not be any adverse impacts on low income households. Measures to save energy in the home and improve access to public transport may well benefit low income households..		
Safeguarding	There are no safeguarding implications	..	
Corporate Parenting	There are no safeguarding implications		

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

Evidence for the urgency to tackle climate change has come from the IPCC report: <https://www.ipcc.ch/2018/10/08/summary-for-policymakers-of-ipcc-special-report-on-global-warming-of-1-5c-approved-by-governments/>

Local information about energy and climate change has come from our Wellbeing Assessment: <http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2017/05/well-being-assessment-v3.0.pdf>

Data and statistics on energy use, emissions etc has come from the Estates Team.

Some ideas for potential projects have come from: <https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/insight/33-actions-local-authorities-can-take-climate-change> and <https://gweddill.gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/190321-prosperity-for-all-a-low-carbon-wales-en.pdf>

Discussions with community groups such as Extinction Rebellion Abergavenny and Transition Towns have helped to inform our approach.

## 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 Climate Emergency Action Plan has significant positive contributions to make to the Wellbeing Goals. In particular it has strong benefits for a Prosperous Wales, by developing a low carbon economy and thinking carefully about sustainable procurement. There are also benefits for a Resilient Wales, based on changes to the way we manage green spaces. A Healthier Wales will be enhanced by improvements to air quality from more sustainable travel and more walking and cycling. There is also significant potential to contribute to Cohesive Communities, by working collaboratively and in partnership with our communities. There are no negative impacts on the Wellbeing Goals. There are no

significant positive or negative impacts on the protected characteristics, safeguarding or corporate parenting. The principles of Long term, Prevention, Integration, Collaboration and Involvement have been used throughout the development of the Action Plan.

**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

**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	Council	16 July 2020	