



## Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

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<p><b>Name of Service area</b></p> <p><b>MonLife</b></p>	<p><b>Date 18 December 2020</b></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 proposals in this report will be of benefit mainly to children in the 0-12 age range and their families	Some smaller play areas may be closed as a result of the proposal	Any play areas that are closed will be re-provisioned as local places for nature
Disability	The proposed changes will increase significantly the amount and range of accessible play equipment available	This will give a greater choice of sites for children with disabilities and other mobility issues	
Gender reassignment	Neutral		

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**APPENDIX B**





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Marriage or civil partnership	Neutral		
Pregnancy or maternity	Neutral		
Race	Neutral		
Religion or Belief	Neutral		
Sex	Neutral		
Sexual Orientation	Neutral		
Welsh Language	The sites improved will enhance Welsh Language provision through signage and interpretation		
Poverty	Most of the sites will benefit children from low income families, as funding will be prioritised in more income-deprived LSOAs		


**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!

<b>Well Being Goal</b>	<b>Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.</b>	<b>What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
<b>A prosperous Wales</b>	Positive – the limited resources available will be directed at a smaller number of sites to ensure a more sustainable maintenance programme and will	Consultation with a range of stakeholders and the local community.

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Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	also provide opportunities for education through landscapes for learning	
<b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Positive – the proposals will provide a link between play and improvements to the natural environment to improve biodiversity, ecology and pollinators	Consultation with/involvement of local communities in the ongoing management of any areas that are re-provisioned as local spaces for nature
<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive – the proposals will provide a wider range of outdoor activities. The health & well-being benefits of spending time in the outdoors is well-documented	A key feature of the proposals is the involvement of a range of stakeholders and the local community in the local nature improvements proposed
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive – the proposals include the designation of both neighbourhood and doorstep fixed play areas, all of which will be designed to meet UK and European safety standards	Consultation with local communities to encourage family participation in the landscape proposals to supplement the doorstep play opportunities
<b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Positive – the proposal is to use a greater proportion of natural materials such as sustainable hardwoods which over time will allow disused items to be recycled rather than disposed of via landfill	The use of natural materials will in future be the “first choice” option when selecting new items of play equipment
<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	Positive – the proposals for fixed play are intended to encourage participation in outdoor recreation	Involvement of children in schools and in the annual playmaker conferences held in each town for all year 5 pupils
<b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Positive – the proposals are intended in part to address the current inequity of access to quality fixed play opportunities	Consultation with local families and other stakeholders

### 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 proposals are intended to plan for the longer term by addressing the current lack of capital and revenue resources to invest in fixed play provision across the county - and to provide a more sustainable long term model that will address the identified shortfalls.</p>	<p>Establish a sustainable model though an initial pilot exercise that can then be rolled out to other locations in the county.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The proposal is to involve a number of key stakeholders in mapping out the fixed play landscape and suggesting informed choices on future action – these include the town council, social landlords, action on climate change (ACE), the Gwent Wildlife Trust, NRW and local schools.</p>	<p>Widen the scope of the stakeholder group to include more partners and agencies</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>The proposal is to involve the local community and site-specific households in those areas where there are suggestions for change so that local people can contribute to positive outcomes in their locality</p>	<p>The details of the enhancement scheme will be the subject of community consultation</p>
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>There are limited opportunities to attract capital and ongoing revenue investment for fixed play. By adopting the planned approach recommended in this report it provides a blueprint that can be used for future investments through Welsh Government AWPOG grants and Section 106 funding from new developments in the county.</p>	<p>Identify priorities for investment and work with local “friends groups” on schemes to attract investment through sources such as the national lottery and other funding programmes.</p>

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 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The fixed play improvements and the proposal to link play with local spaces for nature will encourage children and families to spend more time in the outdoors and should have a positive impact on the health and well-being of local communities</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	Promotes better standards of provision for fixed play in more income-deprived LSOAs (Lower Super Output Areas)		Involve local families in the proposals. In the pilot area proposed 23% of families are income-deprived
Safeguarding	N/A		
Corporate Parenting	N/A		

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

- Fixed Play Area Assessments carried out at 110 sites in Monmouthshire in 2019
- Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation
- Discussion with Welsh Government Play Division

**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 proposals are intended to respond to significant play value shortfalls in fixed play provision in the county, identified in the independent assessments carried out in 2019 and to establish a more sustainable model for future fixed play provision in the county. These proposals also respond to actions identified in the council's 2019 play sufficiency action plan. In the short term it is intended to initiate a pilot project in Monmouth which will then be evaluated and if necessary refined, before it is rolled out to other communities across the county in the longer term. In Monmouth external grant funding has been accessed to look at the link between play and local nature improvements that should benefit the local community, the local environment and provision for wider community recreation opportunities.

**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
Consult locally on the proposals and place orders for new equipment	February/March 2021	Community Infrastructure Coordinator
Consult locally on the re-provisioning and landscape proposals	February/March 2022	Community Infrastructure Coordinator
Apply for capital funding for re-provisioning and landscape work	April/May 2022	Community Infrastructure Coordinator

**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.	Cabinet	May 2019	Play Action Plan approved by members
2.	Children and Young Peoples Select Committee	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	General support for the proposals
3.	Cabinet	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	To adopt the proposal for a new model of fixed play provision