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Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

<p>Name of the Officer: Linda O’Gorman / David H Jones</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644214 E-mail: lindaogorman@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>To consider the amendment of Monmouthshire County Council’s Taxi and Private Hire Policy and Conditions 2020 to allow Welsh Government’s (WG) Green Fleet Taxi Scheme Vehicles. Vehicles are supplied as part of Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) project.</p>
<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Licensing</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>4th May 2021</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	Yes, positive as the Welsh Government initiative will provide access to increased number of accessible vehicles	N/A	Vehilces to be delivered to MCC for use, current estimate is 2 vehicles. This will be confirmed by Welsh Government
Disability	Yes, positive as the Welsh Government initiative will provide access to increased number of accessible vehicles	N/A	As above

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	N/A		
Marriage or civil partnership	N/A		
Pregnancy or maternity	N/A		
Race	.N/A		
Religion or Belief	.N/A		
Sex	N/A		
Sexual Orientation	.N/A		

2. The Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice

The Socio-economic Duty requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to reduce inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage when taking key decisions This duty aligns with our commitment as an authority to Social Justice.

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage.	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice	Yes, electric vehicles contribute to improving air quality and people in lower socio-economic groups are more likely to live in areas of poor air quality.		

3. Policy making and the Welsh language.



How does your proposal impact on the following aspects of the Council's Welsh Language Standards:	Describe the positive impacts of this proposal	Describe the negative impacts of this proposal	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts
<p>Policy Making</p> <p>Effects on the use of the Welsh language,</p> <p>Promoting Welsh language</p> <p>Treating the Welsh language no less favourably</p>	<p>Yes, positive – Logo, signage is bilingual</p>		
<p>Operational</p> <p>Recruitment & Training of workforce</p>	<p>As above</p>		
<p>Service delivery</p> <p>Use of Welsh language in service delivery</p> <p>Promoting use of the language</p>	<p>As above</p>		




4. 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>The proposal to amend the requirements for advertising on licensed vehicles and roof lights on hackney carriages will allow fully electric wheelchair accessible vehicles onto the fleet for Welsh Government.</p>	<p>The trial will be publicized to make the public aware that it is taking place and in turn also increase awareness of the de carbonization agenda. If taxis can be seen to work well with electric vehicles then they may encourage take up by others.</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>The proposal to amend the requirements for advertising on licensed vehicles and roof lights on hackney carriages will allow fully electric wheelchair accessible vehicles onto the fleet for a Welsh Government initiative which is hoped will increase the take up by the trade of electric vehicles. This as part of Welsh Government aim of achieving its target of de-carbonising the taxi fleet entirely by 2028. Reductions in emissions, move to zero emissions will impact positively on climate change and the local environment.</p>	
<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Zero emissions contribute to improvements in people's health and well being with cleaner air and the increase in Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle supports independent living and quality of life.</p>	
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>The licensed taxi trade helped to encourage well connected communities by providing safe/controlled transport options.</p>	
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>Enabling the electric vehicle trial will contribute towards the de carbonization agenda/target and support environmental and global well being.</p>	

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 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>	N/A	
<p>A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>The proposed amendment to the vehicle specification will allow all licensed drivers in the borough the opportunity to take advantage of the trial. The trial includes free electric charging, insurance, vehicle licensing, breakdown etc.</p>	

5. 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 data-bbox="327 392 510 612">Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p> <p data-bbox="147 608 277 635">Long Term</p>	<p data-bbox="544 253 1328 751">Welsh Government are introducing a Green Fleet Pilot scheme in three areas across Wales including the Authorities within the Cardiff Capital Region. The scheme will operate a ‘try before you buy’ initiative, allowing taxi drivers to try fully electric, wheelchair accessible vehicles for 30 days free of charge. The initiative is likely to last for 2-3 years. Its aim is to encourage taxi drivers in Monmouthshire to realise the financial and environmental benefits of zero-emission vehicles and in turn contribute to the transition from diesel/petrol vehicles to zero emission vehicles. The pilot is intended to assist Welsh Government in achieving its target of de-carbonizing the taxi fleet entirely by 2028.</p>	
 <p data-bbox="333 919 510 1139">Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> <p data-bbox="129 1134 293 1161">Collaboration</p>	<p data-bbox="544 788 1301 1008">The pilot is intended to assist Welsh Government in achieving its target de-carbonizing the taxi fleet entirely by 2028 as it is hoped it will help taxi drivers to realise the financial and environmental benefits of zero-emission vehicles and in turn contribute to the transition from diesel/petrol vehicles to zero-emission vehicles.</p> <p data-bbox="544 1050 1296 1270">Welsh Government have worked in partnership with Local Authorities, Cardiff Capital Region and vehicle/charging point providers to implement the trial. Vehicles are available for 2-3 years and could be used by drivers carrying out services for integrated transport, schools and Social Services.</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="141 480 297 507">Involvement</p> <p data-bbox="349 256 517 440">Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p data-bbox="544 256 1328 480">The trial will be publicized to make the public aware that it is taking place and in turn also increase awareness of the de-carbonisation agenda. If taxis can be seen to work well with electric vehicles then they may encourage take up by others. This is why the signage and livery markings are important and should be allowed.</p>	
 <p data-bbox="152 759 293 786">Prevention</p> <p data-bbox="349 520 517 815">Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="544 520 1328 815">The proposal to amend the council's vehicle specification to allow WG/CCR signage will enable the use of these vehicles to encourage taxi drivers in Monmouthshire to realise the financial and environmental benefits of zero emission vehicles and in turn contribute to the transition from diesel/petrol to zero emissions vehicles. This will help to improve pollution levels and support environmental and health agendas.</p>	
 <p data-bbox="159 1102 300 1129">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="349 860 517 1118">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p data-bbox="544 860 1328 951">The Licensing Team has informed the taxi trade of the role out of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure that is required to facilitate their use.</p>	

6. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: 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?
Safeguarding			
Corporate Parenting			

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

Without the provision of the trial vehicles provided by Welsh Government, it would be unlikely that a try before you buy scheme at the same level could have been offered by Monmouthshire County Council.

The proposal seeks to permit the use of signage/logo's and roof light relating to WG and CCR on the trial vehicles. There will be 'no loss' to the trade as these vehicles are being provided of a free 30 day trial basis to each driver and the vehicles will be available for 2-3 years. There is a minor revision of the vehicle specification required to avoid a technical breach of specification. There are clear benefits of allowing the signage to be displayed on the trial vehicles and little if any negative impacts. Drivers in the County of Monmouthshire will get an opportunity to experience zero emission vehicles in action.

8. 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 amendment is only relevant to this project and specific vehicles and will no longer apply when the project ends. Any complaints or feedback on the livery of the vehicles will be monitored though considered unlikely to occur

9. 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
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If complaints, requests for amendments to vehicle requirements are received they can be considered in relation to any need to amend the vehicle policy and consultation would take place with the trade at that	At the end of the 2-3 year project or if general vehicle policy is next reviewed.	Principal Licensing Officer
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10. 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
	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	18/15/2021	