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Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

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Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal

To consider the proposal that Monmouthshire County Council becomes a signatory to the Placemaking Wales Charter.

The Placemaking Wales Charter has been developed by Welsh Government and the Design Commission for Wales in collaboration with the Placemaking Wales Partnership – a multi-disciplinary group representing professions and organisations working within the built and natural environment. The Charter builds on the strengthening focus on placemaking in policy and practice in Wales and aims to provide a common understanding of the range of considerations that go into placemaking. The charter outlines six placemaking principles that cover the range of considerations that contribute to establishing and maintaining good places. The Placemaking Wales Charter was launched in September 2020 by Julie James, Minister for Housing and Local Government.

Placemaking is the proactive and collaborative process of creating and managing places. This process relates to more than the planning services function of the Council, and in fact relates to multiple service areas across local government that contribute to the creation and management of places. Placemaking is a key process to deliver the duties of the Well Being of Future Generations Act, and its multi disciplinary requirements align well with the Council's collaborative approach and teamwork to ensure the delivery of sustainable development.

The Placemaking Wales Charter seeks to deliver the Council's core purpose to build sustainable and resilient communities that support the well-being of current and future generation and signing the charter reaffirms the Council's commitment to delivering this purpose.

Name of Service area All areas of the Council	Date 01/07/2021
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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 placemaking charter seeks to ensure inclusive design principles when the Council makes development decisions within the built and natural environment. The charter outlines six placemaking principles that cover the range of considerations that contribute to establishing and maintaining good places. One of these is people and community and it seeks to ensure that development is fit for purposes and caters for all people regardless of age profile. Accessible multipurpose places that are suitable and safe for all ages will enhance social cohesion and help tackle isolation and loneliness, which can disproportionately affect older people who may be living alone or leave their homes less frequently.	None.	Ensuring placemaking principles are considered during decision making it will ensure better outcomes and better places for people. Effective community engagement will ensure views of all age groups are heard and considered.

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Disability	The Placemaking charter recognises the importance of the health and well-being and promotes accessible places and spaces for people and aims to create attractive, safe and accessible places to live, work and visit. Accessible multipurpose places that are suitable and safe for all will enhance social cohesion and help tackle isolation and loneliness, and improve mental wellbeing.	None	Ensuring placemaking principles are considered during decision making it will ensure better outcomes and better places for people. Effective engagement with disability groups as well as the wider community will ensure the needs of all are heard and considered.
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A

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Pregnancy or maternity	The Placemaking charter recognises the importance of the health and well-being and promotes accessible places and spaces for people and aims to create attractive, safe and accessible places to live, work and visit. Accessible multipurpose places that are suitable and safe for all will enhance social cohesion and help tackle isolation and loneliness, and improve mental wellbeing. Accessible and safe places to meet others could benefit new parents who feel lonely or have pre- or post natal depression.	None	Ensuring placemaking principles are considered during decision making it will ensure better outcomes and better places for people.
Race	The Placemaking charter recognises the importance of the health and well-being and promotes accessible places and spaces for people and aims to create attractive, safe and accessible places to live, work and visit. Accessible multipurpose places that are suitable and safe for all will enhance social cohesion and reduce the risks of hate crime.	None	N/A
Religion or Belief	The Placemaking charter recognises the importance of the health and well-being and promotes accessible places and spaces for people and aims to create attractive, safe and accessible places to live, work and visit. Accessible multipurpose places that are suitable and safe for all will enhance social cohesion and reduce the risks of hate crime	None	N/A

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Sex	The Placemaking charter recognises the importance of the health and well-being and promotes accessible places and spaces for people and aims to create attractive, safe and accessible places to live, work and visit. Accessible multipurpose places that are suitable and safe for all will enhance social cohesion and reduce the risks of hate crime	None	N/A
Sexual Orientation	The Placemaking charter recognises the importance of the health and well-being and promotes accessible places and spaces for people and aims to create attractive, safe and accessible places to live, work and visit. Accessible multipurpose places that are suitable and safe for all will enhance social cohesion and reduce the risks of hate crime	None	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?

<p>Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice</p>	<p>The Social Justice strategy focuses on three main areas: tackling loneliness and isolation; tackling poverty and promoting equitable economic prosperity; and giving children the best start in life.</p> <p>The placemaking charter seeks to promote a holistic approach to the planning and design of development and spaces, focused on positive outcomes. It draws upon an area's potential to create high quality development and public spaces that promote people's prosperity, health, happiness and well-being in the widest sense. Two of the six principles of placemaking are People and Community and the Public Realm. It seeks to ensure that streets and public spaces are well defined, welcoming, safe and inclusive with a distinct identity. They are designed to be robust and adaptable with landscape, green infrastructure and sustainable drainage well integrated. They are well connected to existing places and promote opportunities for social interaction and a range of activities for all people. The charter would help tackle loneliness by encouraging interact places and it would create well designed places that would give children the best start in life and seek to promote equality.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Placemaking will be embedded into the planning policies within the Replacement Local Development Plan that will ensure that all planning decisions are made in accordance with the placemaking principles.</p>
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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>One of the six placemaking principles is Identity and the Welsh language is a key aspect of this principle. This principle outlines that the positive, distinctive qualities of existing places are valued and respected. The unique features and opportunities of a location, including heritage, culture, language, built and natural physical attributes, are identified and responded to. Ensuring that development proposals reflect the identity of an area could lead to the promotion of the Welsh language within development proposals by the naming of places and spaces (eg street names). The charter explicitly seeks to support and promote the Welsh language. It also seeks to consider language in the makeup of place and what impact development might have on it.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The Welsh Language is already material planning consideration within the placemaking charter. The charter clearly outlines the promotion of the Welsh language and Welsh identity when considering development proposals and decisions relating to the built and natural environment.</p>
<p>Operational</p> <p>Recruitment & Training of workforce</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Service delivery</p> <p>Use of Welsh language in service delivery</p> <p>Promoting use of the language</p>	<p>Documentation used to engage with communities or to publicise development with the public and the consultation along with notices, social media and correspondence will be bilingual. A document will be in English only if it comes from an external source that is not subject to compliance with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.</p>	<p>Not all staff within the council are Welsh speakers, however, there are robust systems in place to deal with phone calls and correspondence without delaying service delivery.</p>	
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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!


<p>Well Being Goal</p>	<p>Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.</p>	<p>What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</p>
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Positive: One of the principles of the placemaking charter is a mix of uses. The charter outlines that places with a range of purposes which provide opportunities for community development, local business growth and access to jobs, services and facilities via walking, cycling or public transport. Development density and a mix of uses and tenures helps to support a diverse community and vibrant public realm. The placemaking charter seeks to improve places so that it encourages investment and economic prosperity.</p> <p>Negative: N/A</p>	<p>The placemaking charter seeks to enhance the functionality and appearance of the built environment and promotes good design to create prosperous places within Wales.</p>
<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and</p>	<p>Positive: The placemaking charter seeks to incorporate green infrastructure and sustainable drainage solutions within the built and natural</p>	<p>To better contribute to positive impacts of the placemaking charter there are detailed planning policies within the exiting LDP and there will</p>



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can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	environment resulting in our places being more resilient and adapting to climate change. Negative: N/A	additional revised planning policies with updated parameters within the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP)
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximised and health impacts are understood	Positive: The charter outlines that the needs, aspirations, health and well-being of all people are considered at the outset of decision making and that decisions should be made that maximises peoples well being and health, as well as promoting active travel. Making decisions about the built and natural environment in accordance with the placemaking principles will benefit the physical and mental well being of people living within Monmouthshire. Having safe and pleasant places to get to on foot, including recreational facilities, open spaces, shops and public transport, means that people of all ages and ability have the opportunity for higher levels of physical activity. Negative: N/A	The ongoing effective bidding for and delivery of Active Travel projects is a key way of supporting this goal.
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive: The charter seeks to make communities more connected, and places promote a sense of community and equality. Negative: N/A	There may be other factors outside of the Council's control that affect community cohesion. The council needs to continue to work with communities and other agencies such as the Police, Health Board and Registered Social Landlords to encourage fully active engagement with development proposals.
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local	Positive: The charter seeks to directly address the climate change challenge and seeks to reduce travel and promote sustainable forms of development.	The council becoming a signatory of the placemaking charter aligns with the council's commitment to tackle climate change and



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social, economic and environmental wellbeing	<p>The placemaking principle will contribute to ensuring that the council can continue to support sustainable development proposals that have social, economic and environmental benefits and enhance our places for the benefit of people within communities.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>contributes to ensuring that development uses space efficiently, encourages multifunctional spaces and ensures sustainable forms of development. The RLDP will have detailed planning policies relating climate change considerations.</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: Identity and the Welsh language is a key aspect of placemaking charter. The unique features and opportunities of a location, including heritage, culture, language, built and natural physical attributes, are identified and responded to. Ensuring that development proposals reflect the identity of an area could lead to the promotion of the Welsh language within development proposals by the naming of places and spaces (eg street names). The charter explicitly seeks to support and promote the Welsh language. It also seeks to consider language in the makeup of place and what impact development might have on it.</p> <p>Negative: N/A</p>	<p>The placemaking principles can be embedded into decision making however people and communities would still need to embrace these places and use them for sport, art and recreation activities.</p>
<p>A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>Positive: Colourful and interesting urban green spaces help build a sense of pride, stimulate community spirit and promote civil society. Incorporating play spaces and parks for children into new developments can create safe quality places for children to play in a rich environment and will ensure that they have a good start in life. Having access to community facilities can help people's wellbeing and</p>	

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	sense of belonging, helping people to thrive and reduce loneliness and isolation. Negative: None.	

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>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>The principles of placemaking help to create and sustain better places. Placemaking promotes walking, cycling, public transport, mixed use developments, public space, community infrastructure and identity, which can have a positive effect for people and the planet, as well as the monetary value of a development or local area. Decisions made on development proposals and places that are underpinned by placemaking principles ensure that the built and natural environment is fit for purposes and is multifunctional and suitable for all people within society and considers the implications of development on longer term challenges such as climate change.</p>	<p>Becoming a signatory of the placemaking charter would ensure that when making decisions on places the council will consider the implications of the development on people and the environment and not just consider short term solutions due to monetary value however consider the longer implications and financial cost of not providing innovative design solutions that are underpinned by placemaking principles.</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="331 352 510 579">Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> <p data-bbox="129 563 293 592">Collaboration</p>	<p data-bbox="544 256 1305 675">The placemaking charter puts people at the heart of decision making and encourages that development proposals are shaped and formed with communities. The charter seeks consultation and engagement with communities. It outlines that all representatives of all groups being affected by the decisions are engaged, including young people, BAME communities, older people and people with disabilities. It promotes community ownership and the council will work with other partners to deliver the objectives of the placemaking charter and enhance places within the county.</p>	
 <p data-bbox="349 935 517 1121">Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p data-bbox="141 1158 297 1187">Involvement</p>	<p data-bbox="544 716 1328 978">The placemaking charter has been developed by the Design Commission for Wales in association with the Welsh Government and other interested parties. It has been designed to create and sustain better places and ensure that development decisions have a positive effect for people and the planet as well as the monetary value of a development or local area.</p> <p data-bbox="544 1015 1317 1313">When making decision on planning application full consultation exercises will take place with local residents and the community as well as internal and external parties to seek their views on development proposals. The placemaking charter and ensure developments meet the placemaking principles will enable development to be multifunctional and deliver a high form of development for people within that area.</p>	

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 <p data-bbox="152 596 291 624">Prevention</p> <p data-bbox="344 357 506 655">Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="544 253 1328 790">The principles in the charter seek to prevent adverse impact on climate change and prevent additional costs in society.. Locating development in the right place and ensuring it is well-connected and close to amenities, reduce the need to travel. By not development on floodplains, future flood risk is not unnecessarily increased. Encouraging active travel reduces emissions and being physically active reduces the risks of obesity and chronic conditions. Creating spaces where older people can keep active can reduce their risk of falling, which affects their independence and can be a significant avoidable cost for health and social care services. Integrating green infrastructure assets and sustainable drainage schemes offsets carbon emissions, encourages biodiversity and reduces flood risk. Well-designed streets and public spaces can be designed to be easy and cost effective to maintain.</p>	<p data-bbox="1350 253 2103 488">To better contribute towards ensuring that these preventive measures are in place it may be appropriate to challenge historical ways of thinking and working. Placemaking is about multidisciplinary functions working together to find solutions and ensuring the best development possible. This may require a more collaborative approach to budget decisions.</p>
 <p data-bbox="152 1214 300 1241">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="344 968 517 1230">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p data-bbox="544 799 1328 1098">The placemaking charter has been developed by the Design Commission for Wales and Welsh Government with the Well-being of Future Generations Act fully embedded in its creation. If the Council does decide to become a signatory of the charter it further evidences our commitment to ensuring that the well being goals are being considered as part of our decision making process within the built and natural environment.</p> <p data-bbox="544 1139 1328 1369">A placemaking approach should be fully aligned with the goals and ways of working of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015. Placemaking is enshrined in planning at the national level in Wales, and this guide seeks to support and elaborate on the policy set out in Planning Policy Wales (PPW) where placemaking is the central theme.</p>	<p data-bbox="1350 799 1406 826">N/A</p>

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

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

- Future Wales 2040: The National Plan (Feb, 2021) <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/future-wales-the-national-plan-2040.pdf>
- Planning Policy Wales (Edition 11, Feb 2021) [Planning Policy Wales - Edition 11 \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11.pdf)
- Building Better Places : The planning system delivering resilient and brighter futures July 2020 [Building Better Places: The Planning System delivering Resilient and Brighter Futures - placemaking and the Covid-19 recovery \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-07/building-better-places-the-planning-system-delivering-resilient-and-brighter-futures.pdf)
- Placemaking Guide 2020 Design Commission for Wales [Placemaking Charter - Design Commission for Wales \(dcfw.org\)](https://www.dcfw.org.uk/placemaking-charter/)

7. 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 Placemaking Charter aligns with the Council's core purpose to build sustainable and resilient communities that support the well-being of current and future generations.

Negative –

None.

8. 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
Recommend to Cabinet that the Council becomes a signatory of the placemaking charter.	Council Cabinet meeting on 15 th September 2021	Head of Placemaking, Regeneration, Highways and Flooding

9. 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
0.0	Enterprise DMT	01/07/2021	Draft for Enterprise DMT 12 th July 2021
1.0	Cabinet	01/09/2021	Reworded to be more concise