



Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Leigh Beach</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644224 E-mail: leighbeach@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>To amend the Table of Fares for all Monmouthshire County Council Licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicles</p>
<p>Name of Service</p> <p>Licensing Public Protection Social Care, Safeguarding and Health</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</p> <p>23/06/2022</p>

NB. Key strategies and documents that may help you identify your contribution to the wellbeing goals and sustainable development principles include: Single Integrated Plan, Continuance Agreement, Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan, People Strategy, Asset Management Plan, Green Infrastructure SPG, Welsh Language Standards, etc

- 1. 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.

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 aim of the proposal is to set a tariff of fares that is reasonable to the travelling public and to the taxi trade who earn a living by owning or driving hackney carriages. The current tariff of fares has not increased since 2011. A number of factors influencing taxi journey costs have</p>	<p>Increasing the tariff will impact on Hackney Carriage users, higher users for whatever reason age, mobility, no access to vehicles etc) will obviously be more affected. However the taxi trade also have to earn a living and if drivers and operators were to withdraw from the sector</p>

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	<p>increased since that time. The average UK cost of diesel has risen from £1.28 a litre in March 2021 to £1.97 a litre in June 2022. The current rate of inflation has increased dramatically. The latest figures for Consumer Price Index (CPI) area 6.2% increase in the last 12 months at February 2022.</p> <p>Tariffs of fares impact on the viability of the licensed hackney carriage vehicle trade and on financial circumstances of those who need to utilise their services.</p>	<p>this would impact availability of taxi services. The tariff has not increased since 2011 and costs associated with providing that service have increased significantly since then.</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>N/A</p>	
<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>People with health and mobility issues require access to an affordable, sustainable transport service if unable to drive themselves or who do not have access to a vehicle.</p>	
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>The licensed taxi trade help 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>N/A</p>	
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People</p>	<p>Tariff information will be bi-lingual</p>	

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are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation		
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	N/A	

2. 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>Long Term</p>	<p>Tariffs need to be set to meet the needs of the passenger and the driver /owner of the hackney carriage to maintain the service in a viable form for both user and provider. Tariffs are reviewed at the request of the trade and generally are in place for a number of years before further review.</p>	<p>Continue to evaluate the Table of fares in the future when the Licensing Authority receive requests from the trade.</p>
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> <p>Collaboration</p>	<p>Comparisons are made with tariffs charged in neighbouring authorities, all Wales and UK wide. Neighbouring Gwent Authorities have been made aware of the request from the trade to review the tariff of fares as this may have a knock on effect in their area.</p>	<p>Discussions on the Table of fares will be discussed at Gwent Licensing Meetings.</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>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p>Involvement</p>	<p>The taxi trade representatives within Monmouthshire requested a review of the tariff of fares and submitted suggested changes. The new proposed Table of fares has been sent to the Taxi Representatives who discussed it with drivers throughout Monmouthshire. A further formal consultation, including publication of proposed fares in a local newspaper will be carried out later in the process.</p>	<p>If approved there will be a 14 day consultation with a legal notice published in a local newspaper as required withing the relevant legislation.</p>
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> <p>Prevention</p>	<p>Not reviewing the tariff could lead to drivers leaving the trade for work in other areas and resulting in insufficient taxi provision in the county.</p>	<p>Continue to evaluate the Table of fares in the future when the Licensing Authority receive requests from the trade.</p>
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p> <p>Integration</p>	<p>The taxi trade also provide services for the Integrated Passenger Transport Unit and Social Services. Viable tariffs are essential to ensure there is sufficient taxi service provision available in the county.</p>	<p>If set following the public consultation the Passenger Transport Unit will be informed of the new Table of fares.</p>

3. 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. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link:<http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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	Surveys indicate that the highest users of Taxis are young people 17 to 29. Women aged 70+ made 61% more trips than men (13 compared with 8) – National Transport Survey 2019 (England). No similar statistics are available for Wales. The increase in tariff will assist the taxi trade to continue to provide a service to all ages.	Increase in tariff will affect all users of this service. However, the taxi trade has also suffered an increase in the cost of living and if the tariff is not increased it may result in their business being unsustainable resulting in a shortfall of this service. There has not been an increase in tariff since 2011.	Continue to evaluate the Table of fares when the Licensing Authority receive requests from the trade.
Disability	Adults with mobility issues use Taxis more than people without mobility issues (21 trips compared to 11 per person) In 2019 the number of trips per person per year with mobility issues increased by 31%. Taxi use makes up 3% of all trips for those with mobility difficulties compared to 1 % for those without mobility difficulties – National Transport Survey 2019 (England). No similar statistics are available for Wales.	As Above	
Gender reassignment	Neutral	As Above	
Marriage or civil partnership	Neutral	As Above	
Pregnancy or maternity	Neutral	As Above	
Race	Neutral	As Above	

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Religion or Belief	Neutral	As Above	
Sex	Women on average take slightly more taxis than men, 12 trips per year compared with 10 trips per year . Women aged 70+ made 61% more trips than men (13 compared with 8) – National Transport Survey 2019 (England). No similar statistics are available for Wales.	As Above	
Sexual Orientation	Neutral	As Above	
Welsh Language	Tariff information will be bi-lingual		

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities? For more information please see the guidance <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Safeguarding%20Guidance.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	All drivers of hackney carriage vehicles are required to conduct intense safeguarding training.	If there is a shortfall in this service sector due to the cost of fuel and living, it may result in the use of unlicensed vehicles and drivers who would not have had the required training or background checks.	Continue to evaluate the Table of fares when the Licensing Authority receive requests from the trade.
Corporate Parenting			

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

National statistics available on the increase cost of fuel and living for all taxi drivers and vehicle/company owners. Written requests received from the taxi trade for Monmouthshire County Council to increase the Table of fares currently set controlling the pricing of transport for all Hackney Carriage vehicles within Monmouthshire.

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 Licensing service can meet customer expectations, and continue to protect the public.

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	Progress
Public Consultation for 14 days with a legal notice	Legal notice following approval for 14 days	Leigh Beach	Cabinet approval

8. MONITORING: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	Following the 14 day public consultation.
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9. VERSION CONTROL: The Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1	Cabinet Report	29/06/2022	