



<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Huw Owen</p> <p>Phone no: 01873 735433 E-mail: huwowen@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> To inform Members on the findings of engagement with relevant stakeholders on dog controls being considered in a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Monmouthshire.> To seek endorsement from Members for a draft PSPO, when progressed, to include the offence of a person in charge of a dog which has defecated on any public space in the county failing to remove the faeces from the land.> Request Members to consider and decide on the potential inclusion in a draft PSPO of an offence if a person in charge of a dog does not have the appropriate means to pick up any faeces deposited by that dog.> to seek endorsement from Members to continue consultation with stakeholders on controls in particular Dog Exclusion and Dogs on Leads Areas.
<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Public Protection</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>19th April 2023</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	Young children are most likely to be exposed to dog fouling through their outside play activities and potential health impacts if personal hygiene has not fully developed.	Concern regarding impact of restricting access to parks, playing fields etc may have on elderly dog owners, particularly those with mobility issues.	Implications to be considered by stakeholders responsible for public spaces. For example accessibility of alternative public spaces for dog exercise where Dogs on Leads / Exclusion areas are proposed.
Disability	Wheelchair users particularly affected by dog fouling on streets, pathways etc.	Concerns for persons with disabilities being able to pick up dog faeces.	Application of appropriate exemptions in any draft PSPO
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A
Pregnancy or maternity	None	Potential accessibility issues if parks, playing fields etc are designated Dog Exclusion Areas.	For consideration by stakeholders responsible for public spaces if Dogs on Leads / Exclusion areas are proposed.
Race	None	None	N/A
Religion or Belief	None	None	N/A
Sex	None	None	N/A
Sexual Orientation	None	None	N/A
Welsh Language	Future public consultations and PSPO signage will need to be bi lingual	None	N/A





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Poverty	None	None	N/A


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?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	Positive: Aim is to ensure the Council uses legislative tools available to be efficient and effective in carrying out its responsibilities to help provide a clean, healthy environment.	N/A
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Positive: To help secure a behavioural change so that dog fouling is socially unacceptable and reduce pressure on the county, town and community councils to deal with it. Resources then freed up to deal with other priorities.	N/A
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive: Further appraisal promotes consideration of the best way to deal with dog control issues which negatively affect the community's quality of life, in a proportionate and efficient manner.	N/A
A Wales of cohesive communities	Positive: dog fouling is considered to be the environmental problem which has the greatest	N/A

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Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	impact on the look and feel of a neighbourhood. Further appraisal of options will help guide officers in the best way to help deliver behavioural change.	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Positive: setting an example for developing communities which are attractive, viable and safe.	N/A
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	Positive: aim is to ensure sports and play areas in Monmouthshire are free from dog fouling	N/A
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	N/A	N/A

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 ongoing considerations are aimed at guiding officers / members on the best way to reduce fouling and other dog control issues in public areas both in the short and long term.</p>	<p>To be considered, but will need to include appropriate exemptions.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Ongoing consultation with stakeholders responsible for public spaces in the county on the controls needed and locations.</p>	<p>Consultation feedback to be fully considered.</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Ongoing consultation with stakeholders responsible for public spaces in the county on the controls needed and locations.</p>	<p>Consultation feedback to be fully considered.</p>
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>Intention is to consider and where appropriate use the legislative tools available with the aim of helping to achieve behavioural change in the small percentage of dog owners who are not acting responsibly.</p>	<p>Further consultation feedback to be fully considered in due course.</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>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The findings of the wide ranging public consultation and ongoing stakeholder consultation to inform a proportionate, properly considered draft PSPO.</p>	<p>Consultation feedback to be fully considered</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	Public Spaces Protection Order powers being considered enable a proportionate response / penalty for an offence.	Further consultation feedback to be fully considered in due course.	
Safeguarding	Having the legislative powers available helps protect the public health of all age groups.		
Corporate Parenting			

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

Complaints received by Environmental Health, Waste and Street Services and participants in Give Dog Fouling The Red Card Working Group; Public consultation 26th July to 26th October 2022 – 1334 responses; Ongoing stakeholder consultation.

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?

Proposals will help consider further the dog control issues in the county and how best to use the legislation available to improve the situation and secure cleaner, healthier public areas.

A further report to Place Scrutiny Committee is proposed with a draft PSPO to be endorsed for public consultation.

Following public consultation on a draft PSPO a report is then provided to Place Scrutiny Committee for pre-decision scrutiny before the Order goes to Cabinet or Individual Cabinet Member, (Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Economy), for decision.

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
Further consultation with stakeholders responsible for public spaces particularly with regard to Dog Exclusion / Dogs on Leads Areas.	Ongoing. To be completed early May 2023	Huw Owen. Environmental Health; Waste + Street Services section.

Provide a draft PSPO	In readiness for report to Place Scrutiny Committee on the 25 th May 2023.	Huw Owen. Environmental Health; Waste + Street Services section.

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	Place Scrutiny Committee	19 th April 2023	