



Integrated Impact Assessment document

(incorporating Equalities, Future Generations, Welsh Language and Socio Economic Duty)

<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation: Huw Owen, Principal Environmental Health Officer</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> <p>For Cabinet to consider the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order, (PSPO), for dog controls in Monmouthshire and approve its adoption.</p> <p>For Cabinet to approve updating the Council’s constitution to give delegated authority to Officers for enforcement powers for breach of the PSPO, namely the Head of Public Protection, the Head of Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Officer People, Performance and Partnerships.</p>
<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Public Protection</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>10th April 2024</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.	Public consultation feedback fully considered in drafting PSPO and in particular restricted access areas.
Disability	Wheelchair users particularly affected by dog fouling on streets, pathways etc.	Concerns for persons with disabilities being able to pick up dog faeces.	Appropriate exemptions in the draft PSPO

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Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A
Pregnancy or maternity	None	Potential accessibility issues for parks, playing fields etc designated Dog Exclusion Areas.	Accessibility of alternative public spaces for dog exercise considered where 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

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	None	None	N/A

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>PSPO and signage will need to be bi lingual – promotes Welsh language.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Operational</p> <p>Recruitment & Training of workforce</p>	<p>No new posts foreseen, but if created communicating in Welsh desirable, not essential.</p>	<p>None</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>This is standard practice and will continue. Letters for example contain:</p> <p>Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu yn y ddwy iaith. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>




	<p>The Council welcomes correspondence in English or Welsh or both, and will respond to you according to your preference. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay.</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!

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 land, river and coastal 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: PSPO will contribute positively to the council's corporate key priorities. It will contribute to a cleaner environment and a reduction in the health and safety risks associated with direct exposure to dog fouling.	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. PSPO will assist in changing behaviour.	
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

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>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>Proposed PSPO is the best way to reduce fouling and other dog control issues in public areas for its duration – 3 years.</p>	<p>Close collaboration with Town and Community Councils to continue particularly through Give Dog Fouling the Red Card Working Group.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Ongoing liaison with stakeholders responsible for public spaces in the county to ensure it is properly publicised to raise full awareness of the dog controls.</p>	<p>Ongoing consideration of impacts, particularly of restricted access areas. PSPO will need appropriate publicity to assist in its introduction.</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>PSPO consideration process has included the following engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports to Strong Communities Select Committee, 12th March 2020, 10th March 2022 - Reports to Place Scrutiny Committee, 19th April 2023, 25th May 2023 and 1st February 2024. - Public consultation 26th July to 26th October 2021 on plans to introduce a PSPO. - Public consultation 2nd October to 25th November 2023 on draft PSPO, 	<p>Phased approach to raising awareness of PSPO including communications in social media and signage setting out controls, dog control awareness days through Give Dog Fouling the Red Card. Residents / key stakeholders feedback will be important to consider throughout the process.</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>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>Intention is to 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>Phased approach to enforcement of PSPO including communications in social media and signage setting out controls, dog control awareness days through Give Dog Fouling the Red Card.</p>
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The PSPO has been amended where considered appropriate following public consultation on the draft Order, feedback from members in Place Scrutiny 1st February 2024 and subsequently with key stakeholders.</p>	<p>Await Cabinet feedback and decision. Ongoing consideration of public feedback will be needed on implementation of PSPO.</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	Having the legislative powers available helps protect the public health of all age groups.	.None	N/A
Corporate Parenting	None	None	N/A

7. 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; Public consultation on draft PSPO 2nd October to the 25th November 2023 - 516 completed questionnaires.

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?

Relevant exemptions to offences required for disabled persons, where disability effects ability to pick up dog faeces; partially sighted; assistance dogs. See PSPO for detail of exemptions.

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
Await and the consider Cabinet decision 10 th April 2024.	April 2024	Huw Owen. Environmental Health

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
5	Cabinet 10 th April 2024	10 th April 2024	Exemptions detailed in proposed PSPO.