



Integrated Impact Assessment document

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

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<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Licensing</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>4th October 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	Protects children by not ‘normalising’ gambling		
Disability	Neutral		
Gender reassignment	Neutral		
Marriage or civil partnership	Neutral		
Pregnancy or maternity	Neutral		

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Race	Neutral		
Religion or Belief	Neutral		
Sex	Neutral		
Sexual Orientation	Neutral		

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	The impacts of gambling addiction can include the inability to function at work, and financial problems which can lead to homelessness.		





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>	Neutral		
<p>Operational</p> <p>Recruitment & Training of workforce</p>	N/A		
<p>Service delivery</p> <p>Use of Welsh language in service delivery</p> <p>Promoting use of the language</p>	N/A		

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	Generally considered that gambling has a negative impact on the personal wealth of participants.	Would not want to encourage wider scale gambling, as could lead to addiction and financial hardship
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)	N/A	
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Could promote excessive gambling, which may impact on those who are vulnerable/addicted to gambling if Casinos are permitted	As Above
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Larger scale gambling can be problematic and have a negative impact on local communities.	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	The proposal has a positive impact by clearly stating casinos will not be permitted in Monmouthshire.	
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	N/A	
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The impacts of gambling addiction can lead to financial problems and poverty, which can lead to homelessness.	

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>A resolution not to permit casinos protects vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.</p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Gambling addiction is well documented.</p>	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>By preventing a casino coming to Monmouthshire protects some of our more vulnerable members of society.</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="349 256 521 517">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p data-bbox="544 256 667 280">As above.</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	The resolution to not permit a casino contributes positively to protecting children		
Corporate Parenting			

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

In their joint report on the '[True Cost of Gambling](#)' – Published 29 January 2019, Public Health Wales and Bangor University highlighted that as well as affecting children and young people, gambling-related harm disproportionately affects certain socio-economic groups, which exacerbates existing inequalities. The report stated that population groups at greater risk of experiencing problem gambling and/or gambling related harms include:

- Children, either because of their own gambling or because of parental or carer gambling.
- Individuals living in most deprived areas, with problem gambling being over seven times higher compared to individuals living in least deprived areas.
- Those with constrained economic circumstances due to unemployment, underemployment, financial difficulties and debt.

The proposed Statement of Gambling Policy sets out how the Council will discharge their functions under the objectives under the Gambling Act 2005 regarding the following.

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime,
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way, and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Regard has been given to the joint report from Public Health Wales and Bango University report above when requesting the resolution to retain within the proposed policy not to permit casinos within the County of Monmouthshire.

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?

Continuing the existing resolution not to permit casinos in the County has a positive impact by protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

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
Incorporate resolution into the Authority's Gambling Policy 2025.	By 31/1/2025	

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
	Full Council	24/10/2024	
	Publication of Gambling Policy	03/01/2025	
	Commencement of Gambling Policy	31/01/2025	