



Integrated Impact Assessment document

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

<p>Name of the Officer Linda O’Gorman / Jane Rodgers</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644214 E-mail: lindaogorman@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>Slight uplift in discretionary fees, to fully meet the costs of service provision.</p>
<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Licensing</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>17th January 2025</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	Sustainable fee levels will ensure quality service maintained, protecting vulnerable customers.		
Disability	As above		
Gender reassignment	Neutral		
Marriage or civil partnership	Neutral		

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Pregnancy or maternity	Neutral		
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	Cost recovery in assessing fees.		




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	Fee levels are set on a cost recovery basis, minimising costs to the trade.	
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	The revised fee structure provides for separate safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons training, with the aim of improving awareness and service standards.	
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Fee revenue ensures sustainable Licensing Service maintained, providing public reassurance Licensing standards are complied with.	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing		
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	Fee recovery will ensure certificate and badges displayed to the public is bilingual.	
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Fee levels should not preclude anyone to undertake their business in a fair and safe manner.	

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>Slight fee increases, ensure the Licensing Service provides sustainable provision into the future.</p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>MCC Licensing have ensured reduced cost of additional training – knowledge test and safeguarding – by collaborating with Torfaen Training.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Schedule of fees advertised and any legitimate objections can be brought back to Committee for final decision.</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>Slight increases in discretionary Licensing fees will ensure a continuing service, incorporating preventative measures where necessary.</p>	
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>Key service aim is to ensure safe venues, vehicles, drivers, etc.</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	Fee set – see schedule 5(h) – to cover training of Licensed drivers in safeguarding issues.	Safeguarding is about ensuring that everything is in place to promote the well-being of children and vulnerable adults, preventing them from being harmed and protecting those who are at risk of abuse and neglect.	
Corporate Parenting			

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

All Licensing fees and charges are reviewed annually, to ensure cost recovery in service delivery.

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?

Legal Notice required under Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 giving intention to vary fees for the grant of licences for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles/operators

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
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Comments from taxi trade to be considered. Return to Licensing and Regulatory Committee if required.	March 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
	Consideration of Fees at Licensing and Regulatory Committee	28/01/2025	
	Legal Notice in Paper of Fee increase, if approved at Committee	Feb-March 2025	
	Fee Increase if no objections	1 st April 2025	