



Future Generations Evaluation (Includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)






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Name of Service Digital and Technical	Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed

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	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	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	The themes of the iCounty Strategy are to use technology to increase digital skills in education and stimulate the digital economy in Monmouthshire, generating wealth and jobs.	Every aspect of the iCounty strategy and associated business plans is to develop a sustainable and economically viable digital economy for future generations.
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Digital economies, including digital infrastructures will enable business and government to communicate without travel and provide information without print and associated consumables, with a positive effect upon climate change. It will also enable businesses to thrive and the economy to improve in digital industries. The use of flexible ICT platforms and a robust and future proof ICT infrastructure and networks will enable businesses and government to provide sustainable, nimble and adaptable services.	

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A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Digital comms and apps improve the accessibility to information and services in the areas of physical and mental wellbeing	
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Sharing MCC's robust ICT infrastructure and networks will assist with the connectivity of local businesses and communities, especially in the areas of super- fast broadband and fibre. Supporting schools to increase digital skills will help with the development of the digital economy in Monmouthshire and will support the viability and sustainability of communities.	The iCounty strategy includes the promotion and achievement of super-fast broadband connectivity across rural areas on Monmouthshire. This will better contribute to the positive impacts.
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Effective digital government services, communications and infrastructure will enable businesses to grow, people to find information and communicate with each other and stimulate the digital economy and jobs in digital industries.	
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	Digital information and services are being improved across our cultural and leisure services, enabling electronic transactions 24/7 through the customer services (channel shift) strategy.	
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Digital services will assist people with protected characteristics to access information and services in our rural community. They will also provide better employment opportunities for people working in digital industries.	

2. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Long-term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>Technology moves fast, and this business plan will enable a robust digital infrastructure is established supported by a strong digital platforms that can flex and evolve.</p>	<p>Providing a robust ICT infrastructure for both public and business use.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>MCC is working closely with its partners the SRS and other local authorities across the country to collaborate on the development and provision of IT applications and infrastructure. This will ensure a sustainable, cost effective, robust, and future proof infrastructure.</p>	<p>We are not just collaborating locally but are working with partners and agencies across the UK and beyond to provide sustainable technology services.</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Our stakeholders include employees of MCC, businesses and the general public. In devising this digital and technology strategy we have involved schools, businesses and employees.</p>	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>Implementation of the ICT strategy will ensure that technology keeps pace and we can build sustainable digital solutions to assist business and community to grow.</p>	
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p>Technology is a vital part of living, learning and working. Implementing the strategy and planning for the next 3 years on a rolling basis will stimulate the digital economy and jobs market at the same time as providing electronic information and services.</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.

<i>Protected Characteristics</i>	<i>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</i>	<i>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</i>	<i>What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</i>
Age	Digital services will assist the elderly to access information and services. Government services can share health, housing and care information for the elderly, enhancing the quality of care. MCC internal digital adult care system will enable workers to have accurate and timely information on client care	No impact	The new social care app, FLO will assist with care of the elderly. Further developments in this system and the sharing of data with other government organisations will further enhance the level of care.
Disability	Digital services will assist people with mobility problems to access information and services.	No impact	
Gender reassignment	No impact	No impact	
Marriage or civil partnership	No impact	No impact	
Race	No impact	No impact	
Religion or Belief	No impact	No impact	
Sex	No impact	No impact	
Sexual Orientation	No impact	No impact	
Welsh Language	Digital communications from MCC systems such as the web site will be provided in English and Welsh	No impact	The Welsh language will continue to be promoted by the Digital Service through all digitally published material.

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	The provision of digital information services and improved social care apps will assist with the provision of care and information and therefore assist with the safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults. An example of this is sharing information between police, health and care workers in order to provide a more rounded picture of individuals and their care/safety needs.	No negative impacts	We will continue to develop apps and digital services in order to provide accurate information to carers and families, even in people's homes, to assist with speedier service provision and assessment of needs. Security of data will be enabled by simple electronic security on mobile devices and apps.
Corporate Parenting	ICT in schools is being updated and a significant investment over the next two years will enable children to increase their digital skills and teachers to be able to use technology in the classroom for teaching and learning. Learning digital skills will increase job prospects for children and assist with their learning.	No negative impacts	

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

Evidence collected over the last two years from Government, Partner organisations, MCC's strategies and plans, employees, businesses, communities and the general public and business cases. Evidence gained prior to the user led development of the new Social Care App. ICT in schools business case.

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?

- i. Digitisation will improve accessibility of information for monmouthshires residents and businesses
- ii. The ICT in schools business case will support digital skills, and increase job prospects in digital industries
- iii. Monmouthshires businesses and communities will benefit from the increase in super-fast broadband connectivity.

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

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:	04/04/2017
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