

## **Integrated Impact Assessment document**

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

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	To consider the Council's Licensing Act 2025 Policy Statement
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Name of Service area	Date
Licensing	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2025

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	Neutral		
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	It seeks to improve prosperity through employment, tourism and culture		

## 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
Policy Making	Neutral		
Effects on the use of the Welsh language,			
Promoting Welsh language			
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably			
Operational	N/A		
Recruitment & Training of workforce			
Service delivery	N/A		
Use of Welsh language in service delivery			
Promoting use of the language			

**<sup>4.</sup> 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	Alcohol and entertainment along with late night refreshment can add a vibrancy and wealth to the County. However, we also need to consider the negative impact of alcohol related anti-social behavior. The policy concentrates on measures that are available through legislation, partnership working to deal with crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and protection of children from harm. These are the licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003	A range of measures is highlighted in the policy to mitigate the negative impact of this licensing regime.
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 policy recognizes the benefits of licensed venues for job opportunities and progression. But also, looks at the problematic impacts of alcohol related illness, crime and fear of crime and also the health implications of nuisance, pollution and harm to children.	As Above
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	The policy addresses measures that can be taken by licensees and statutory partners to work towards a cohesive and attractive community and promoting the ethos of the Act to have a café culture.	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local	The proposal has a positive impact by working with licensees and further partnership working. The policy provides advice on how the Council will	

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social, economic and environmental wellbeing	discharge their functions under the Licensing Act 2003 and other Integrated Strategies.	
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	As above	

## 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?
Long Term	Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future	Integrating strategies will look at the long-term effects of licences when dealing with permissions for alcohol sales, entertainment and late night restaurants and takeaways. Looking at the infrastructure of the area when dealing with applications and enforcement.	

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?
Collaboration	Working together with other partners to deliver objectives	Working in partnership with a number of agencies for example, Police, Fire Service, Public Health, Immigration, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Social Services and Planning. This is required under the Act.	
	Involving those with an interest and seeking their views	As above.	
Involvement  Prevention	Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse	As above.	
Integration	Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies	As above.	

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 Protection of Children from Harm is a Licensing Objective under the Licensing Act 2003 and as such, all decisions made and how the Authority will discharge its functions will consider this objective.		
Corporate Parenting			

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

Working closely with neighbouring Authorities namely, Torfaen County Borough Council, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and Newport City Council. Also working closely and the provision of data from Public Health, Police and Environmental Health in the drafting of this revised Policy.

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?

Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires a Licensing Authority to prepare and publish a statement of licensing policy every five years. This is the revised policy. The policy of adopted will be implemented and will be reviewed.

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 changes to the revised Licensing Act Policy 2025.	By 01/07/2025	

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	26/06/2025	
	Commencement of Licensing Act Policy	01/07/2025	