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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>To inform the Cabinet Member of the need to revoke the Usk Air Quality Management Area Order 2005 and agree the principal steps for doing so, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approve the undertaking of a process with a view to revoking the Order:- Endorse a public consultation of four weeks duration, which will notify the residents and businesses in the vicinity of the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) of the intention to revoke the Order and invite representations.- On completion of the public consultation the findings to be presented in a further report to Cabinet member for decision on the revocation of the Order.
<p>Name of Service area</p> <p>Public Protection</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>14th January 2026</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	The process of revoking the Usk Air Quality Management Area Order 2005 will have a neutral impact on people or groups of people with protected characteristics. The consultation though gives the opportunity for feedback to be given on the proposal the findings of which will be considered in a further report for decision on the revocation.	None	N/A
Disability	None	None	N/A
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A
Pregnancy or maternity	None	None	N/A
Race	None	None	N/A
Religion or Belief	None	None	N/A

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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
Policy Making Effects on the use of the Welsh language, Promoting Welsh language Treating the Welsh language no less favourably	Consultation / proposal note will be bilingual	None	N/A
Operational Recruitment & Training of workforce	None	None	N/A
Service delivery Use of Welsh language in service delivery Promoting use of the language	None	None	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	Positive: It is important to revoke an AQMA at the earliest opportunity to properly reflect the air quality conditions and assist in the proportionate allocation of Council resources.	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: Demonstrates improving air quality which is inter related with all ecosystems.	N/A
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive: Demonstrates improving air quality which has a direct link to health and well being.	N/A
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive: Demonstrates improving air quality.	N/A
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Positive: setting an example on what can be achieved locally.	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	No impact	N/A

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 more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	No impact	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>	Steps advocated in the report are in accord with legislation and statutory guidance. Revocation of the Order will help focus on moving to a better air quality improvement plan.	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	The Usk Air Quality Steering Group has been working with the aim of improving air quality for 15+ years and an essential part of helping to improve air quality.	Steering Group will continue post revocation to help focus on improving air quality.
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	Steering Group has a wide representation. The consultation / proposal note will be sent directly to each residential and business property within the boundaries of the AQMA and other stakeholders	Steering Group will continue post revocation to help focus on improving air quality.

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>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>Air quality monitoring since 2007 has been key to support evidence based decisions by the Steering Group and the data has been available to other agencies when considering matters that may have impacted on air quality.</p>	<p>Air quality monitoring will continue post revocation to help support evidence based decisions and focusing on measures that may help deliver improvements in air quality.</p>
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>Revocation of the AQMA will be a clear statement and an example of good partnership working.</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	None	.None	N/A
Corporate Parenting	None	None	N/A

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

Air quality monitoring for approximately 20 years, 2/3 Steering Group meetings including local members since 2009 and annual air quality reports to Welsh Government which have been appraised and approved.

- 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?**

Demonstrates partnership working supported by a strong evidence base (air quality monitoring) and a good news message of improving air quality. Revocation of the Air Quality Management Area will help re focus on improving air quality further.

- 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 decision on the 14 th January 2026 and if recommendations approved consult with residents, businesses and other stakeholders in the vicinity of the AQMA for 4 weeks. Representations received will be considered and findings considered in a further report for ICMD on revoking the Order 2005.	January – March 2026.	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
1.	ICMD 14 th January 2026	14 th January 2026	