



<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Craig O'Connor</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644849 E-mail: craigoconnor@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>Review of the Council's pre-application planning advice service including the proposal to increase the charges for this service</p>
<p>Name of Service</p> <p>Planning</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</p> <p>April 2016.</p>

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?
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Positive: An efficient development management process is underpinned by the service having an engaging pre-application advice service that can provide support and guidance for customers to ensure the best development possible for the benefit of local communities and to protect character and appearance of Monmouthshire. Planning can provide economic investment and growth, and can protect acknowledged interests such as local amenity and townscape therefore ensuring that customers are getting advice early in the process is critical in securing positive outcomes and appropriate forms of development.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: The proposed changes to the pre application service proposed in the report reflect new legislation introduced by Welsh Government in March 2016 that introduces a statutory pre application enquiry service across Wales. Monmouthshire's bespoke pre-application advice service provides a customer focused service that enables customers to engage fully within Planning Officers and gain the correct advice to progress their developments and ensure that we receive applications for developments that are of a high standard.</p>



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	<p>Negative: Pre-application advice can be considered to be costly and time consuming by some customers.</p>	<p>Mitigate any negative impacts: Care will be taken to improve the understanding of the positive implications of using the Council’s pre-application advice service which can benefit its customers in speeding up the process when the application is submitted and the financial savings this would save over the cost of the initial pre-application enquiry. The department will continue to monitor the time it takes to respond to enquiries and ensure that they meet the service standard set out on the guidance notes.</p>
<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Positive: The current pre-application advice service allows for officers to consider the implications of any development on biodiversity and ecosystems at an early stage in the application process. Officers who are the decision-makers are able to consider the impacts of decisions on ecological interests. This system would not change as a result of the proposed revisions to the pre-application advice service and increasing the charges.</p> <p>Negative: None identified.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: Speeds up the delivery of sustainable development.</p> <p>Mitigate any negative impacts: None</p>
<p>A healthier Wales People’s physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive: The revised pre-application advice service would provide support and guidance for customers when submitting a planning application and provide the opportunity for officers to enhance schemes and provide acceptable forms of the</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: The approval and delivery of development proposals can have a positive impact on health and well-being</p>

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	<p>development, which could improve Monmouthshire citizens' access to local services, such as shops and health facilities, or prevent inappropriate development form harming the amenity of an area, or indeed the health of local people.</p> <p>Negative: None identified.</p>	<p>and foster social and community pride in their communities.</p> <p>Mitigate any negative impacts: None</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>Positive: The area of work undertaken by the planning section directly and indirectly influences the appearance, viability, safety and connectivity of communities via planning policy, land use planning decisions. Providing guidance and support to customers at an early stage in the planning process enables the best forms of development possible which is critical in providing sustainable communities.</p> <p>Negative: None identified.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: The timely approval and delivery of sustainable development proposals can have a positive impact on the character and appearance of an area, promote well-being and foster social and community pride.</p> <p>Mitigate any negative impacts: None</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>Positive: The area of work undertaken by the planning section directly and indirectly influences local social, economic and environmental well-being via planning policy and land use planning decisions. However, the global-scale effect is acknowledged as being limited.</p> <p>Negative: none.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: None</p> <p>Mitigate any negative impacts: None</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</p>	<p>Positive: Planning decisions promote the value and significance of the historic built environment by ensuring that it is a direct consideration in</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: Timely planning decisions will ensure that proposals foster civic pride through well-designed development in</p>

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<p>Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation</p>	<p>planning policy and land use planning decisions. Planning decisions generally facilitate the provision of playing fields and recreational schemes in general. The Welsh language is now a material planning consideration.</p> <p>Negative: none.</p>	<p>historic areas or through the removal of development that has a negative impact on a heritage designation via enforcement action.</p> <p>Mitigate any negative impacts: None</p>
<p>A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>Positive: Appropriate development management decisions should bring positive benefits to all members of Monmouthshire's population through policies that seek to achieve the five main aims of the Welsh Spatial Plan, namely Building Sustainable Communities, Promoting a Sustainable Economy, Valuing our Environment, Achieving Sustainable Accessibility and Respecting Our Environment</p> <p>Negative: none.</p>	<p>None.</p>

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>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p><i>We are required to look beyond the usual short term timescales for financial planning and political cycles and instead plan with the longer term in mind (i.e. 20+ years)</i></p> <p>The LDP covers the period 2011-21. The development management function which makes planning decisions seeks to implement the policies of the LDP. By its nature, therefore, it cannot look beyond the next five year period but the SA/SEA of the LDP would have ensured consideration of the impact on future generations.</p>	<p>Ensure that the LDP and its policies have been subject to an appropriate level of scrutiny</p>
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Monmouthshire's bespoke pre-application advice service was developed and developed around the needs for our customers and to meet their needs. It was endorsed and agreed by Members of the Planning Committee and adopted by the Council in April 2014. Members and officers of the Council have a specific interest in the subject to ensure that sustainable forms of development are developed in Monmouthshire.</p>	<p>Any observations offered by Committee have been taken into account as part of the single cabinet member approval process.</p>
 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p><i>Who are the stakeholders who will be affected by your proposal? Have they been involved?</i></p> <p>The pre-application advice service review has been subject to consultation with Members of Planning Committee, whose Members have a specific interest in the subject, as well as senior officers of the Council.</p>	<p>As above.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The revised pre-application advice service would provide the legal basis for designated officers to make timely planning decisions at an appropriate level. The scheme, as amended, should therefore enable sound planning decisions to be made.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p><i>There is space to describe impacts on people, economy and environment under the Wellbeing Goals above, so instead focus here on how you will better integrate them and balance any competing impacts</i></p> <p>The work undertaken by the development management service directly relates to promoting and ensuring sustainable development and its three areas: environment, economy and society.</p>	<p>The revised pre application service would facilitate the implementation of the LDP which has been subject to a Sustainability Assessment that balances the impacts on Social, Economic and Environmental factors.</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.

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?
<p>Positive: The revised pre-application advice service within the Development Management section of the Council should bring positive benefits to all members of Monmouthshire's population through policies that seek to achieve some of the main aims of the Welsh Spatial Plan, namely Promoting a Sustainable Economy, Valuing our Environment and Respecting Our Environment, be it through making timely decisions on planning or related applications to prevent harm to acknowledged interests, such as amenity, public safety or biodiversity.</p>			
Age	None	None	See above
Disability	None	None	See above
Gender reassignment	None	None	See above
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	See above
Race	None	None	See above
Religion or Belief	None	None	See above
Sex	None	None	See above
Sexual Orientation	None	None	See above
Welsh Language	<p><i>Under the Welsh Language measure of 2011, we need to be considering Welsh Language in signage, documentation, posters, language skills etc.</i></p> <p>Welsh is treated on equal terms as English in the planning process,</p>	None	None

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 note <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Equality%20impact%20assessment%20and%20safeguarding.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	None.	None	n/a
Corporate Parenting	None.	None.	n/a

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

When the pre-application advice service was created it was developed on data and evidence gathered from our customers and the service was shaped by this data. The charging schedule has been amended to reflect the charges that have been introduced by the Welsh Government on 16th March 2016 within The Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Services) (Wales) Regulations 2016. Monmouthshire's bespoke pre-application advice service has been developed using evidence and data and will be subject to regular review to ensure that the service is efficient and is customer focused. We aim to collect feedback from our customers on the service over time and carry out regular review our performance.

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?**

This section should give the key issues arising from the evaluation which will be included in the Committee report template.

The work undertaken by the Council's Planning Service, and in particular the Development Management function, directly relates to promoting and ensuring sustainable development. The revised pre-application advice service would enable planning officers to engage with customers at an early stage of the planning process to ensure the most appropriate forms of development are approved within Monmouthshire. The planning process promotes sustainable forms of development, helping to create jobs and investment, while protecting material interests such as amenity, public safety and biodiversity.

In terms of the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, marriage or civil partnership, there are no direct implications as a result of this guidance.

There are no implications, positive or negative for corporate parenting or safeguarding.

7. Actions. As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

N/A

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:	As part of the Annual Performance Report we will report our performance on statutory pre-application advice enquires, which will be submitted to the Welsh Government and be publicly available. With the Monmouthshire bespoke service we will regularly review the service that we provide and report our performance back to committee on an annual basis.
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