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<p><b>Name of Service</b></p> <p>Planning</p>	<p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</b></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><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> An efficient development management process is underpinned by a high degree of officer delegation to ensure timely decisions on planning applications and enforcement of planning control are made that can provide economic investment and growth, and can protect acknowledged interests such as local amenity and townscape. In addition, this provides the capacity for Planning Committee to scrutinise and decide larger scale or more contentious proposals that have a strategic dimension or are of more than localised concern.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> The changes proposed in the report reflect new legislation introduced by Welsh Government that will work most effectively where delegation is provided to officers, enabling timely additional enforcement powers to be used, as well as reflecting changes to the titles of officers who have responsibility for pursuing such action.</p> <p><b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> Where necessary, the scheme of delegation allows for consultation with the elected Members of the Council's</p>




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	<p><b>Negative:</b> Delegation of decision-making can lead to a perception that the democratic processes have been circumvented.</p>	<p>Delegation Panel to ensure democratic scrutiny of decision-making takes place.</p>
<p><b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The current scheme of delegation allows for officers who are decision-makers to consider the impacts of decisions on ecological interests. This system would not change as a result of the proposed revisions to the scheme of delegation.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None identified.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Speeds up the delivery of sustainable development.</p> <p><b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> None</p>
<p><b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The revised scheme of delegation would speed up the making of planning decisions and the pursuit of appropriate enforcement action, which could improve Monmouthshire citizens' access to local services, such as shops and health facilities, or prevent inappropriate development from harming the amenity of an area, or indeed the health of local people.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None identified.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> The approval and delivery of development proposals can have a positive impact on health and well-being and foster social and community pride, while taking enforcement action can stop harm occurring which can lead to negative well-being impacts.</p> <p><b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> None</p>
<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> 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 and via enforcement action. Making such decisions in a timely fashion would assist in achieving this well-being goal.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> 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, while taking appropriate enforcement action can</p>

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	<b>Negative:</b> None identified.	prevent harm occurring which can lead to negative well-being impacts.  <b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> None
<p><b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> 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><b>Negative:</b> none.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> None</p> <p><b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> None</p>
<p><b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> Planning decisions promote the value and significance of the historic built environment by ensuring that it is a direct consideration in 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><b>Negative:</b> none.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Timely planning decisions will ensure that proposals foster civic pride through well-designed development in historic areas or through the removal of development that has a negative impact on a heritage designation via enforcement action.</p> <p><b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> None</p>
<p><b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> 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,</p>	None.

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	Achieving Sustainable Accessibility and Respecting Our Environment  <b>Negative:</b> none.	

**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>The revised scheme of delegation 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>Any observations offered by Committee have been taken into account as part of the single cabinet member approval process.</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 data-bbox="338 240 517 427">Involvement Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p data-bbox="546 213 1317 277"><i>Who are the stakeholders who will be affected by your proposal? Have they been involved?</i></p> <p data-bbox="546 312 1301 456">The revised scheme of delegation 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 data-bbox="1352 213 1480 240">As above.</p>
 <p data-bbox="125 496 517 719">Prevention Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="546 496 1301 679">The revised scheme of delegation 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 data-bbox="1352 496 1402 523">N/A</p>
 <p data-bbox="125 799 517 1023">Integration Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p data-bbox="546 756 1301 887"><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 data-bbox="546 927 1301 1070">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 data-bbox="1352 756 2074 887">The revised scheme of delegation 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><b>Positive:</b> The revised scheme of officer delegation within the Development Management service 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, or via the taking of appropriate enforcement action 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, including the making of decisions at Committee or under officer delegated powers.</p>	None	Provision of Scheme of Delegation in Welsh Language.

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>

	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
Safeguarding	None.	None	n/a
Corporate Parenting	None.	None.	n/a

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

The changes are proposed via legislative changes introduced by Welsh Government through The Planning (Wales) Act 2015. Through government policy, including Technical Advice Wales and WG Circular 24/97: Enforcing Planning Control, Welsh Government expects local planning authorities to have delegated processes in place that facilitate timely decision-making on planning (and related) applications and to take vigorous enforcement action to remedy serious breaches of planning control.

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 scheme of delegation would provide an appropriate degree of authority to officers to ensure effective management of the planning process for future generations to facilitate much-needed sustainable 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

<b>What are you going to do</b>	<b>When are you going to do it?</b>	<b>Who is responsible</b>	<b>Progress</b>

**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.**

<b>The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:</b>	Speed of decisions and the scope of delegation are considered as part of the Welsh Government's Annual Performance Report on Welsh planning authorities, and within the WG's Development Management Quarterly Returns and would be taken into account via customer satisfaction surveys all of which will be publicly available.
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