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## Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

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<p><b>Name of Service</b></p> <p>People Services</p>	<p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation</b> form completed</p> <p>8/03/16</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.

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<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>This People and Organisational Development Strategy aims to bring the many facets of people and organisational development we run and promote into one composite piece. Some of these activities and programmes have achieved great outcomes already, whilst others are a work in progress and that's important because this is a learning process and an investment in continually improving performance. Our people must be enabled with the right tools to operate optimally in what is a permanent state of transition and this is no easily 'measurable' task. The aim is for this strategy to make a key contribution to</p>	<p>Develop bespoke solutions to support both volunteers and staff supporting to improve efficiency and impact measurement.</p>

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	<p>ensuring people development initiatives support our core purpose and business approach in a systematic and sustained way. We aim to provide a cohesive People Services Offer that meets the needs of our people before and throughout their journey with Monmouthshire.</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>The way we support people, our core training and supportive pathways ensures that the appropriate advice, support and guidance is available to help individuals focus on resilience and sustainability.</p> <p>Our Volunteers are active in a variety of different ecological projects across the county from Path care and Bridge surveys, volunteers supported by our countryside department making a positive impact on our county. We have been supporting voluntary groups that have taken ownership of areas in Monmouthshire and are actively reinstating wild flower gardens across the county.</p>	<p>Supporting the collaboration between all parties involved will contribute to future proofing our offer. Sharing expertise, networks and resources will ensure quality is evident.</p>
<p><b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>We aim to increase the level of support for volunteers in Monmouthshire, directly improving the experience for the volunteer through leading Volunteers training and the Volunteer Toolkit. The clear guidance ensures that we are supporting volunteers at the same standard across the authority. Within the programme we</p>	<p>The way in which we support our volunteers through regular supervision sessions will allow us to shape the opportunity to the needs of the individual. Setting agreed goals and reinforcing recognition and achievements. Reduction of barriers to participation is a key aim to the programme, allowing more volunteers to be engaged and</p>

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	<p>will use a distance travelled tool to measure the impact of the opportunity on the Volunteer.</p> <p>In 2009 the University of Ulster carried out a study looking at the impact on volunteers' health the research showing that, under certain circumstances, volunteering has a positive effect on volunteers' health. Some of these health benefits found were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteering supports mental and physical health by providing stimulation, something to do, exercise, as well as routine and structure in life.</li> <li>• The social aspect of volunteering is highly valued. It provides the opportunity to be socially connected thus buffering the effects of depression, loneliness and social isolation.</li> <li>• Volunteering has a positive effect on attitudes, stress and coping style</li> <li>• Volunteering takes people out of their own environment, helps them to gain perspective and broaden their outlook</li> <li>• The additional benefits in terms of positive outcomes for volunteers are the feel good factor of making a contribution to the lives of others and being appreciated and feeling valued for what they do.</li> </ul> <p>Our learning opportunities ensure that managers are able to assess and support colleagues to ensure that their physical and mental wellbeing needs are met.</p>	<p>supported. The level of the support offered will be high and consistent.</p> <p>Wellbeing support and training is available to our colleagues on and off our payroll. Our wellbeing courses have strong emphasis on the benefits of mindfulness and exercise to help ensure our people look after both their mental and physical wellbeing.</p>

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	<p>This programme of support includes positive psychology, emotional resilience and mental toughness workshops as well as workshops focusing on identifying signs and symptoms of stress to help early intervention and support. These learning opportunities are also open to volunteers across the Authority to ensure that they have the same access to wellbeing support.</p> <p>We have plans in place to centralise and improve access to individual coaching and counselling services. Not only will this improve access to mental health support, it will also help to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health challenges.</p>	
<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p><b>Additions and updates to the policy suite – volunteering, capability procedure, mentoring and work experience We are working to integrate WFG into these policies e.g. volunteering has strong links with many of the Wellbeing Goals, especially a Wales of Cohesive Communities, and is a good example of working collaboratively.</b></p>	<p>The regular organisation of networking opportunities for Volunteers and the staff that support them. This reduces the silo mentality often found, agreeing a common purpose and working cohesively.</p>
<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>As part of the research for this project we have highlighted the Cities of Service impact volunteering model as global best practice. Now achieving coalition status with the Cities of Service programme we are supported globally and learning how being part of a global movement can benefit Monmouthshire. We also feed our learning and achievements into the Cities of Service programme therefore</p>	<p>The mentoring we have received through the Cities of Service programme has allowed us to foresee potential concerns. The mentors we have received are four to five years into implementing their models and happy to share their learning. We are also aware that whilst Cities of Service provides a platform we acknowledge that one size does not fit</p>


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	<p>globally we are making an impact on wellbeing through shared learning.</p> <p>Our RESULT Coaching Programme for managers, supervisors and anyone aspiring to leadership roles focuses on decision making within the triple context. By the triple context we mean that decisions take into account, economic, social, environmental and other impacts of decision making on individuals, communities and beyond. This approach to decision making ensures that whilst costs are minimized other impacts are mitigated.</p>	<p>all. We will take the learning and create a bespoke adaptable model for Monmouthshire.</p> <p>We continue to provide training that focuses on the triple context within decision making to ensure that consideration is given to all aspects of global well-being.</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>We aim to produce our literature and online presence bilingually to promote the Welsh language and conform to the Welsh Language legislation (Welsh Language) (Wales) Measure 2011.and accompanying welsh language standards. Volunteering opportunities within Tourism Leisure and culture are strong and well established from Tourism Ambassadors to Young Ambassadors in sport, museums, libraries etc. We aim to build on this platform to improve participation with volunteers supporting the delivery of welsh language and culture to the citizens in Monmouthshire. The Eisteddfod is located in Abergavenny in 2016 therefore we</p>	<p>Clear communication within communities is key to developing a vibrant culture, enabling our residents to make impacts on the priorities within their community. For example in Caldicot they have we have just supported a community led fireworks display. Supported by 110 volunteers giving 1400hours delivering an event for 10,000 people.</p>

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	<p>will be heavily involved in the recruitment and support of volunteers for the event.</p> <p>There are regular opportunities for people to access information bilingually and further opportunities are available on request.</p> <p>Our involvement in this year's Eisteddfod is a great opportunity for us to participate in and promote a thriving welsh culture.</p>	
<p><b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>Volunteering offers a platform for people to gain new skills and experiences, this can often be a taster or a transitional route into a new career. Within our programme we have equal opportunities guidance within the Volunteer toolkit and follow fair and equal recruitment procedures of our volunteers.</p> <p>Our focus across the whole of People Services is upon supporting and enabling individuals to reach their full potential through support, advice, guidance and training. These opportunities are available to all.</p> <p>We also anticipate that our pathways for colleagues, managers and supervisors can assist with succession training and giving everyone equal access to learning opportunities. We measure the impact of all support to ensure that it is relevant and meeting the needs of each individual. We ensure that we appropriately monitor access to our services</p>	<p>All of our policies and procedures are guided by the current local and national equal opportunities guidance and legislation.</p>


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	via completion of equal opportunities questionnaires linked to protective categories.	



**2. 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? Describe how.	If not, what has been done to better meet this principle?
 <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>With the implementation of the programme and strategy we no longer have a scattergun approach to volunteering in Monmouthshire. With strategic investment and working closely with volunteers and communities to enable our rich social capital. The programme will develop and equip our communities effectively to contribute to their priorities. This in turn contributes to our organisational priority of creating resilient sustainable communities. As the programme is linked to strategy it gives it a solid base and credibility and longevity.</p> <p>The sustainability of the programme is supported by the investment in our volunteers and the staff that support them. This investment is through training for both volunteers and staff also the infrastructure with is focused around the developing Volunteer Toolkit. This toolkit sets out guidance for both volunteers and staff and provides the framework to support both parties. Many current volunteering projects contribute to environmental.</p> <p>Our focus is to provide support advice and guidance that is sustainable and linked to long term priorities. Our approach in terms of data led demand and decision making will enable us to keep up to date with current and future trends within the county and communities so that our ongoing planning is always linked to future demand and anticipated changes.</p>	<p>With the funding for the programme being two years we have the opportunity to build a sustainable programme underpinned by a robust infrastructure of support for Volunteers and community groups. The implementation of a Volunteer toolkit coupled with a training programme will give both staff and volunteer's clear guidance and improved confidence in joint working. The closer we can work with our communities the more strength and positive networks will improve the lives of Monmouthshire residents for the challenging future.</p>



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 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The programme will collaborate firstly with communities and volunteers themselves. Internally within the council by promoting joint working and the Volunteering Managers Network supports this ethos. Our strongest partner in co-delivery is Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations, our work is aligned and we are planning to co deliver training for volunteers in Monmouthshire. Currently a joint initiative with Community Connections has led to a Volunteer Coordinator being appointed at Mardy Park Resource Centre. We are working with other local authorities and public bodies both locally and nationally for example Aneurin Beavan Health Board. We are currently supporting WCVA with taking Volunteering forward in the public sector.</p> <p>The Cities of Service coalition is global and our mentoring comes from the United States so our collaboration is also global.</p> <p>People Services work in partnership with both internal and external partners. For example we have a range of internal and external partners that assist with the design and delivery of learning interventions. Our combined strategies involve shared priorities with partners and in many areas of People Services work in collaboration with other public and third sector bodies, private companies and individuals.</p>	

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 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p><b>Involvement</b></p>	<p>The programme involves a variety of groups for development and feedback. We are linked with community networks to better understand priorities. Internally staff have been involved through network groups and other avenues. We continually seek involvement and views through Monminds, the staff conference, staff surveys and individual feedback. We also link in with national bodies like WCVA and SOLACE to better understand and take into account additional perspectives.</p>	
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> <p><b>Prevention</b></p>	<p>Preventative measures can be implemented and supported by our connected programmes of work through early identification of priorities. Our updated People Services offer and method for performance appraisal (check In Check Out) ensures that priorities are established and any barriers and challenges are identified at the earliest opportunity and plans put in place to ensure ongoing and continuous improvement.</p>	

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 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>With the development of MCC's Coaching Model we have ensured that more managers, supervisors and volunteers than ever have undertaken learning and development which is underpinned by our equal opportunities policy, supports the ethos of the Future Generations Act, by ensuring that all business and personal decisions are undertaken within the wider context and recognise the impact on people.</p> <p>Our priorities and actions have clear social, economic and environmental benefit and working with our partners will ensure an integrated approach. The way in which we support individuals and through our collaborative approach both internally and externally will maximise the impact of wellbeing goals.</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. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link: <http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or [alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

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	We aim to engage with all members of the community using a variety of channels without discrimination.		

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Disability	We aim to tailor all opportunities to ensure access for all without discrimination. Meeting the needs of the individual and providing the relevant support where required.		
Gender reassignment	We aim to tailor all opportunities to ensure access for all without discrimination. Meeting the needs of the individual and providing the relevant support where required.		
Marriage or civil partnership	We aim to tailor all opportunities to ensure access for all without discrimination. Meeting the needs of the individual and providing the relevant support where required.		
Pregnancy or maternity	We aim to tailor all opportunities to ensure access for all without discrimination. Meeting the needs of the individual and providing the relevant support where required.		
Race	We aim to tailor all opportunities to ensure access for all without discrimination. Meeting the needs of the individual and providing the relevant support where required.		

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Religion or Belief	We aim to tailor all opportunities to ensure access for all without discrimination. Meeting the needs of the individual and providing the relevant support where required.		
Sex	We aim to tailor all opportunities to ensure access for all without discrimination. Meeting the needs of the individual and providing the relevant support where required.		
Sexual Orientation	We aim to tailor all opportunities to ensure access for all without discrimination. Meeting the needs of the individual and providing the relevant support where required.		
Welsh Language	We aim to set up Welsh speaking volunteering opportunities within the county to add value and better meet the needs of the Welsh speaking residents of Monmouthshire. Access to guidance and training can be available in the Welsh Language upon request.		

- 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>

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	<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	<p>Safeguarding has been a priority and we have implemented safe recruitment processes and guidance across Monmouthshire. Through the wider training programme, volunteers have undertaken training for Safeguarding Level 1 and POVA for Volunteers in regulated activity. For young people volunteering under 16 we have implemented both safeguarding protocol and bespoke training.</p> <p>Our Safe Recruitment workflow and video help support our approach to safeguarding and provide the tools to do the job.</p>	<p>There is a risk that Safeguarding protocol could be seen as a barrier to Volunteering, however when working with children, young people and vulnerable adults there is little room for negotiation.</p>	
Corporate Parenting		<p>This has not currently implemented but has been highlighted as a potential area for future development.</p>	

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

The very ethos of our approach is based on data and evidence to make informed decisions. The data and evidence has been captured through staff surveys, conferences, service interventions and feedback from managers and colleagues. Monminds continues to provide wider perspectives and keeps us in touch with the thoughts and views of our colleagues.

**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?**

Our collective work as People Services and our collaboration with the wider organisation has a positive impact on all of the wellbeing goals, and has been developed collaboratively help support our colleagues and communities and to maximise their contribution to improving social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing in Monmouthshire. There are no negative impacts. We are confident that we are delivering a model that is in response to what is required by our organisation, our colleagues and our communities.

**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:	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2016
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9. **VERSION CONTROL:** The Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
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