







<p><b>Name of the Officer</b> completing the evaluation</p> <p>Mark Howcroft  <b>Phone no:</b>01663 644740  <b>E-mail:</b>markhowcroft@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p><b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b></p> <p><b>This proposal seeks to evaluate the effect of increases to fees &amp; charges in 2017/18 as part of the Revenue Budget Proposals</b></p>
<p><b>Name of Service</b></p> <p>Councilwide</p>	<p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation</b> form completed</p> <p>01/12/16</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.

<b>Well Being Goal</b>	<b>How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)</b>	<b>What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>The provision of local authority services can involve paying a fee or a charge, to part contribute to the funding of such services, appreciating that revenue support grant and Council tax receipts would not be sufficient to retain the level of services on offer. This paper seeks to identify the charges proposed to apply for 2017/18 for member consideration. The motivation to review charges is not based on protected characteristics, but by association public services will tend to be utilized by the vulnerable, e.g. aged, disabled, children etc however the revision of charges</p>	<p>The Council undertakes a variety of “means testing” considerations in the evaluation of levying fees and charges, mainly around statutory provision. This safety mechanism exists to assess the economic ability of individuals to pay for services, and where such means tests indicate, such services will continue to be provided at a concessionary rate.</p> <p>Managers have considered whether a rise in activity or a rise in fee is the more appropriate way of meeting 2017/18 budgeted income targets</p>

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	allows for services to these groups to be maintained.	
<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>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>		<p>Leisure service managers are intent address income increases through activity changes rather than fee and charge increases at leisure centres.</p> <p>Reduction in social care income levels have been factored into budget setting process</p>
<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</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><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>Leisure service managers are intent address income increases through activity changes rather than fee and charge increases at leisure centres.</p>
<p><b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</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>Long-term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p><i>It is difficult to balance short term financial necessity against longer term implications as clearly raising charges will mean customers having to part with a greater proportion of their disposable income. However the raising of fees &amp; charges annually does ensure that services have a greater probability of being available into the future.</i></p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>		
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>		
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>		

<b>Sustainable Development Principle</b>	<b>How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?</b>	<b>What has been done to better to meet this principle?</b>
 <p data-bbox="145 343 313 375">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="324 215 526 399">Positively impacting on people, economy and environment</p> <p data-bbox="123 406 504 438">and trying to benefit all three</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?
Age		Negative in relation to care charge fees, Community Meals etc and any fee increase due to inflationary increase in the charge built within the MTFP	Means testing mechanism for statutory charges
Disability		Negative in relation to care charge fees, Community Meals etc and any fee increase due to inflationary increase in the charge built within the MTFP	Means testing mechanism for statutory charges
Gender reassignment			
Marriage or civil partnership			
Race			
Religion or Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			
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 <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>

	<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	<i>This report considers external fees and charges. It is not been authored to directly impact upon either safeguarding or corporate parenting of Monmouthshire residents. It may have some indirect application in considering individual's financial circumstances, but the means testing safety measure identified above would still apply</i>	.	
Corporate Parenting	<i>As safeguarding</i>		

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

2016-17 fees and charges schedule  
 Revenue MTFP proposals  
 Feedback from Select Committees and engagement events

**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?**

Due to a trend in reducing government settlements across public sector, and increasing trend in costs, the Council has a responsibility to reduce its net budget by circa £5m per annum. Previous examination suggests that most Council service areas are provided to a very economic unit cost of provision. The uplift in fees and charges annually mitigates the effect of that £5m pressure, allows sustainability of services to be maintained and avoids an alternate need to remove or reduce services.

**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:	December 2016
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