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| <p><b>Name of Service</b><br/>         Green Infrastructure &amp; Countryside</p>   | <p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</b><br/>         13/02/2017</p>   |




***NB. Key strategies and documents that may help you identify your contribution to the wellbeing goals and sustainable development principles include: Single Integrated Plan, Continuance Agreement, Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan, People Strategy, Asset Management Plan, Green Infrastructure SPG, Welsh Language Standards, etc***



**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   | Does the proposal contribute to this goal?<br>Describe the positive and negative impacts.  | What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?  |
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| <p><b>A prosperous Wales</b><br/>           Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p> | <p>The Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience forward plan promotes efficient use of natural resources which supports the economy through activities such as conservation habitat management and tourism.</p> | <p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximized by collaborative working with external partners delivering common benefits.</p> |
| <p><b>A resilient Wales</b><br/>           Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and</p>           | <p>The Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience forward plan has been developed specifically to help Monmouthshire County Council to meet this goal as</p>  | <p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximized by collaborative working with external partners delivering common benefits.</p> |

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| can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)   | it outlines ways in which the Council shall maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience.  |   |
| <b>A healthier Wales</b><br>People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood   | Through a Green Infrastructure (multiple benefit) approach, improvement of biodiversity and ecosystem resilience will have mental and physical health benefits for staff, volunteers and the wider community of Monmouthshire. | There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximized by collaborative working with external partners delivering common benefits.   |
| <b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b><br>Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected   | Through a Green Infrastructure (multiple benefit) approach, improvement of biodiversity and ecosystem resilience will promote cohesive communities by encouraging working with community groups to improve public places.      | There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximized by collaborative working with external partners delivering similar benefits.  |
| <b>A globally responsible Wales</b><br>Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing                                | The Biodiversity and Ecosystem resilience forward plan makes a commitment to global responsibility particularly in Objective One. Procurement of sustainable products is identified as a key area.                             | There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximized by raising awareness of global responsibility through consultation with staff who have the potential to have the biggest impact on biodiversity and ecosystem resilience. |
| <b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b><br>Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation | Through a Green Infrastructure (multiple benefit) approach, improvement of biodiversity and ecosystem resilience will promote culture and heritage and increased recreation.   | There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Welsh names are available for priority species listed in the forward plan.   |
| <b>A more equal Wales</b><br>People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances   | The Biodiversity and Ecosystem resilience forward plan encourages environmental education to all in society.   | There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Positive effects will be maximized by collaborative working with external partners delivering similar benefits.  |

## 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? 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?   |
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|  <p>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p> | <p>There is a requirement for Monmouthshire County Council to report to Welsh Government on the delivery of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience duty in 2019 and every three years thereafter.</p>  | <p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. A continuation of existing resources and collaboration with external partners will make long term goals more achievable. Inclusion of the objectives in business planning for the Authority will ensure commitments are embedded for the long term.</p> |
|  <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>       | <p>Collaboration of departments across Monmouthshire County Council and external partners is promoted throughout the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience forward plan.</p>  | <p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Development of a Local Nature Partnership as suggested by the forward plan may help to secure increased collaboration.</p>  |
|  <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>          | <p>Significant consultation has been undertaken in developing the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience forward plan. This includes interviews and consultation with individuals across the authority and consultation with organisations such as Natural Resources Wales, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Gwent Wildlife Trust, Bee Friendly Monmouthshire, Monmouthshire Meadows Group, Botanical Society for the British Isles, Gwent Ornithological Society, Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Canal and Rivers Trust, RSPB (Living Levels Project), Farming Connect (Glastir), Wye and Usk Foundation, Keep Wales Tidy and Monnow Rivers Association.</p> | <p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects. Service Areas that have been involved in developing the forward plan will continue to be involved in the development of action plans.</p>   |

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|  <p><b>Prevention</b></p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>   | <p>Identifying potential conflicts between the Public Authority's duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 will prevent offences being committed by the Authority under other legislation such as the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. The forward plan also promotes work that will use nature based solutions to reduce the effects of climate change.</p> | <p>Maintaining existing resources to ensure compliance.</p>   |
|  <p><b>Integration</b></p> <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p> | <p>Balancing impacts will be undertaken via a Green Infrastructure (multiple benefit) approach to delivery.</p>   | <p>There are unlikely to be any negative effects.</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? |
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| Age                       | N/A   | N/A   | N/A   |

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| Disability                       | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Gender reassignment              | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Marriage or civil partnership    | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Pregnancy or maternity           | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Race                             | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Religion or Belief               | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Sex                              | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Sexual Orientation               | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Welsh Language                   | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |

- 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> |
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| Safeguarding        | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Corporate Parenting | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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

Information that has been used to develop the plan includes;

- Interviews and consultation with Service areas at Monmouthshire County Council including: Building Control, Development Management, Planning Policy, Rural Development Programme, Grounds Maintenance and Waste, Estates including County Farms, Licensing and events, highways, countryside & green infrastructure.
- Interviews and consultation with external partners including: Natural Resources Wales, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Gwent Wildlife Trust, Bee Friendly Monmouthshire, Monmouthshire Meadows Group, Botanical Society for the British Isles, Gwent Ornithological Society, Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Canal and Rivers Trust, RSPB (Living Levels Project), Farming Connect (Glastir), Wye and Usk Foundation, Keep Wales Tidy and Monnow Rivers Association.
- Habitats and species that have been identified by Welsh Government as Principle Importance for Conservation in Wales.
- The State of Natural Resources Report published by Natural Resources Wales in 2016
- Nature Recovery Plan for Wales published by Welsh Government 2015

**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?**

If the forward plan is adopted it shall have positive effects on all well-being goals and shall meet all of the sustainable development principles.

**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 |
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| N/A                      |                              |                    |          |
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**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.

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| The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on: | By May 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019 |
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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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| 1           | Strong Communities Select | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017 |  |
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