

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Integrated Impact Assessment

(includes Equalities, Welsh Language, Sustainability and Biodiversity)



Before completing the Impact Assessment **PLEASE REFER TO THE CORRESPONDING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT** which provides essential background information.

An Integrated Impact Assessment **MUST** be completed for:

1. Any project (i.e. something that has a start and end date and is different from day to day business).
2. Where you are implementing significant change e.g. service provision.
3. For any Council / Cabinet report that is not part of an above mentioned project or significant change.

Title of Project / Report:	Implementation of the Sustainable Drainage Systems Approval Body (SAB)
Officer completing Impact Assessment:	Carwyn Morris
Lead Officer / Project Manager:	Carwyn Morris
Service:	Engineering
Impact Assessment completion date:	04/10/2018

Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal: To inform members of the new statutory function that Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council will be required to undertake in relation to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and to seek Cabinet approval to establish the Sustainable Drainage Approval Body (SAB) within the authority.

1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives

Does your proposal help to deliver any of the Council's Well-being Objectives identified below?

Well-being Objectives	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on the Council's Well-being Objectives? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
<p>Best Start to Life Children and young people get the best start to life and are equipped with the skills they need to be successful learners and confident individuals.</p>			X	N/A	
<p>Working Life People feel supported to develop the skills required to meet the needs of businesses with a developing, safe infrastructure making Merthyr Tydfil an attractive destination.</p>			X	N/A	
<p>Environmental Well-being Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.</p>	X			Environmental Well-being can be met as Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 will ensure sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) are implemented on new developments in Wales. As well as reducing flood risk, these SuDS will enhance the local environment and provide multiple benefits i.e. water quality, amenity and biodiversity. Such enhancements will improve flood resilience to local communities and businesses and provide a richer landscape in which local economies can thrive.	Sustainable drainage will aim to mimic natural drainage systems by controlling water as close to the source and surface as possible. The design of SuDS will take into account climate change and provide multiple benefits in the form of improving water quality, enhancing amenity areas and provide greater biodiversity opportunities.
<p>Living Well People are empowered to live</p>			X	N/A	

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
independently within their communities, where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.					
Sources of evidence to support the above:					

2. Sustainable Development Principles (The Five Ways of Working)

Does your proposal demonstrate you have met the sustainable development principles (five ways of working)?

Five Ways of Working	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met the five ways of working?	Are there any additional actions to be taken to better contribute to the five ways of working and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
Long Term - Thinking and planning for the long term.	The new statutory duty will ensure long term benefits by making the provision of SuDS mandatory for new developments.	
Prevention - Preventing problems before they happen.	The attached report identifies the anticipated work load this new statutory duty will bring and the level of resource required to successfully deliver the function.	
Integration - Integrating with other strategies.	This will be integrated with the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.	

Collaboration - Collaborating with others.	Close working arrangements with internal & external partners will be an essential component of the SuDS approval process. External partners will include NRW, Welsh Water. Internal partners include Planning and Countryside, Legal.	
Involvement - Involving people and communities.	The new statutory function has been subject of a number of national consultations and workshops involving originations concerned. The new SuDS Approving Body (SAB) will liaise and consult with developers, land owners as well as internal partners as part of the approval process.	
Sources of evidence to support the above: Flood and Water Management Act 2010, National standards for sustainable drainage systems.		

3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)

Does your proposal directly impact on service users, employees and/or the wider community, including the nine protected characteristic groups and Welsh language as identified below?

Protected Characteristics	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on service users, employees and/or the wider community, including the nine protected characteristic groups and Welsh language? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Age			X		
Disability			X		
Gender Reassignment			X		
Marriage and Civil			X		

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Partnership					
Pregnancy and Maternity			X		
Race			X		
Religion or Belief			X		
Sex (Gender)			X		
Sexual Orientation			X		
Welsh Language			X		
Sources of evidence to support the above: N/A					

4. Biodiversity

Does your proposal directly impact on Biodiversity?

Biodiversity	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on Biodiversity? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience	X			Biodiversity will be enhanced due to the creation of green spaces and habitat for wildlife within Merthyr as	SuDs will be constructed to effectively lower flow rates, increasing water storage capacity and reducing the

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
				SuD's aim to mimic natural drainage regimes..	transport of pollution to the water environment
Sources of evidence to support the above: Flood and Water Management Act 2010, National standards for sustainable drainage systems.					

5. Summary

As a result of completing this Impact Assessment, how many positive and negative impacts does your proposal have? This section should then be included in the related Council/Cabinet report.

Please see the example provided in the **guidance document**.

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Not Applicable
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	1 of 4	0 of 4	3 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement 	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (<i>including Welsh Language</i>)	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
4. Biodiversity	1 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1

Summary:

The main positive impacts are

- The **Well-being Objectives** in terms of Environmental Well-being can be met as Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 will ensure sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) are implemented on new developments in Wales. As well as reducing flood risk, these SuDS will enhance the local environment and provide multiple benefits i.e. water quality, amenity and biodiversity. Such enhancements will improve flood resilience to local communities and businesses and provide a richer landscape in which local economies can thrive.
- The **Sustainable Development Principles** are that the new statutory duty will ensure long term benefits by making the provision of SuDS mandatory for new developments. Close working arrangements with internal and external partners will be an essential component of the SuDS approval process. External partners include NRW, Welsh Water, other local authorities and developers. Internal partners involve collaboration with Building Control, Legal, Planning and Countryside and Environmental Health.
- **Biodiversity** will be enhanced due to the creation of green spaces and habitat for wildlife within Merthyr as SuDs aim to mimic natural drainage regimes. SuDs achieve this by lowering flow rates, increasing water storage capacity and reducing the transport of pollution to the water environment.

- No negative impacts have been identified against the Well-being Objectives, the Sustainable Development Principles, Protected Characteristics and Welsh Language and Biodiversity.

6. Actions

Based on the summary of your positive and negative impacts, identified in Section 5 above, will you need to make changes to your proposal to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts? Please identify any further actions you will need to undertake to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts.

What are you going to do?	Estimated completion date	Who will be responsible?	Timelines/Milestones e.g. 6 months/over a year, etc.	Progress
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

7. Version Control

The Impact Assessment should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. Please use the table below to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in the sustainable development principles where possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1	Cabinet	24/10/2018	

8. Sign off section

Approved by: _____

Job Title: _____

Approval date: _____