

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:	Amendments to Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 123 List of Infrastructure
Officer completing Impact Assessment:	Craig Watkins
Lead Officer / Project Manager:	Judith Jones
Service:	Planning and Countryside
Impact Assessment completion date:	23 rd September 2019

Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal:

In June 2014, the Council adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as a mechanism to secure funding towards infrastructure improvements through the planning system. Alongside the CIL Charging Schedule (the document that outlines the rate of CIL charged on different types of development across the County Borough), the Council is also required to produce a Regulation 123 List of Infrastructure that outlines the different types of infrastructure that can be funded through CIL.

The current version of the Regulation 123 List has been in place since CIL was adopted in 2014. As part of work on the Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP), the Planning Policy Section has undertaken work in regard of updating the evidence base of the LDP, including examining the infrastructure required in order to deliver the strategy of the Replacement LDP. During this work, it has become apparent that the infrastructure requirements across the County Borough have evolved and it is now appropriate to make some changes to the Regulation 123 List.

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><u>Best Start to Life</u> 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			<p>CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.</p> <p>In particular, CIL can be used towards funding of education provision (schools), and play facilities that can contribute directly to children's wellbeing.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.</p>
<p><u>Working Life</u> 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			<p>CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.</p> <p>In particular, CIL can be used towards funding of core highway network improvements and strategic public transport infrastructure.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.</p>

<p>Environmental Well-being Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.</p>	x			<p>CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.</p> <p>In particular, CIL can be used towards funding of improving and creating better quality open spaces across the County Borough.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.</p>
<p>Living Well People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.</p>	x			<p>CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.</p> <p>In particular, CIL can be used towards environmental improvements (open space, highway improvements etc.) that can assist in enabling people to live independently in a safe environment.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.</p>
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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?
<p>Long Term - Thinking and planning for the long term.</p>	<p>The infrastructure that CIL can be spent on has been identified as part of the Local Development Plan process. The LDP is the Council's land use plan that runs for 15 years, up until 2031.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on in the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure in order to meet the five ways of working.</p> <p>The LDP AMR, review process, and close monitoring of other evidence will also assist in ensuring that this way of working is adhered to in the future.</p>
<p>Prevention - Preventing problems before they happen.</p>	<p>By identifying and contributing towards the County Borough's infrastructure requirements until 2031, the CIL will help in preventing problems such as highways congestion and over-subscribed schools, before these issues occur.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure in order to meet the five ways of working.</p> <p>The LDP AMR, review process, and close monitoring of other evidence will also assist in ensuring that this way of working is adhered to in the future.</p>

<p>Integration - Integrating with other strategies.</p>	<p>When CIL was initially prepared, all appropriate Council departments were involved to ensure that the infrastructure identified in the Regulation 123 List is consistent and integrates with other Council strategies, such as the Open Space Strategy and 21st Century School building programme.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure in order to meet the five ways of working.</p> <p>The LDP AMR, review process, and close monitoring of other evidence will also assist in ensuring that this way of working is adhered to in the future.</p>
<p>Collaboration - Collaborating with others.</p>	<p>The CIL Steering Group ensures that a collaborative approach is taken by including representatives from the relevant Council departments, and elected members.</p> <p>When CIL was being prepared, work on the evidence base was jointly commissioned with Caerphilly and RCT CBCs, showing collaboration across the South East Wales region.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure in order to meet the five ways of working.</p> <p>The LDP AMR, review process, and close monitoring of other evidence will also assist in ensuring that this way of working is adhered to in the future.</p>
<p>Involvement - Involving people and communities.</p>	<p>Having elected members sit on the CIL Steering Group provides the mechanism for the general public to propose suggestions for projects that CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>Initial preparation of the CIL (and the LDP) was also subject to substantial public consultation.</p>	<p>An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.</p> <p>The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure in order to meet the five ways of working.</p> <p>The LDP AMR, review process, and close monitoring of other evidence will also assist in ensuring that this way of working is adhered to in the future.</p>
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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?

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Age	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.
Disability	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.
Gender Reassignment	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.

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Marriage and Civil Partnership	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.
Pregnancy and Maternity	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.
Race	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.
Religion or Belief	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on.

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Sex (Gender)	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.
Sexual Orientation	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.
Welsh Language	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is

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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?
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Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience	x			CIL will assist in providing infrastructure and facilities that will be able to be used by all groups. There is scope for CIL to be spent on directly enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem resilience when improving open space provision across the County Borough.	An internal CIL steering groups is already setup that considers what CIL can be spent on. The group consists of a range of appropriate Council officers, and elected members to ensure that CIL is spent on appropriate infrastructure.
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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	4 of 4	0 of 4	0 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>)	10 of 10	0 of 10	0 of 10
4. Biodiversity	1 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1

Summary:

The main positive impact(s) against:

- The **Well Being Objectives** is that the CIL will support the provision of infrastructure and facilities that can directly assist in the implementation of the four well being objectives.
- The **Sustainable Development Principles** are that the CIL assists in the long term planning of infrastructure provision in the County Borough, which increases the likelihood of prevention taking place.
- The **Protected Characteristics** and **Welsh Language** is that the CIL will facilitate the delivery of services and infrastructure that can be used by all.
- **Biodiversity** are the CIL can be directly spent on directly enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem resilience when improving open space provision across the County Borough

There are no negative impacts identified.

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
1.0	Cabinet Report	23 rd September 2019	n/a

8. Sign off section

Approved by: _____

Job Title: _____

Approval date: _____