

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:	Non Domestic Rates – Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief in Wales 2020-21 (Report)
Officer completing Impact Assessment:	Mark Price
Lead Officer / Project Manager:	Mark Price
Service:	Revenues
Impact Assessment completion date:	18 th June 2020

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

The proposal is a report for Council to discuss the adoption of the Non- Domestic Rates – Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Relief in Wales 2020-2021 to award eligible businesses with a reduction in their rates liability for the financial period 2020-2021 and Covid19 Business Support Grants. It is a statutory requirement that the Council makes a determination to adopt the scheme.

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		
<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.			X	Internal accounting function to comply with legislation and the Authorities Financial Procedure Rules.	N/A
<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.			X	Internal accounting function to comply with legislation and the Authorities Financial Procedure Rules.	N/A
<u>Environmental Well-being</u> Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.			X	Internal accounting function to comply with legislation and the Authorities Financial Procedure Rules.	N/A
<u>Living Well</u> People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.			X	Internal accounting function to comply with legislation and the Authorities Financial Procedure Rules.	N/A
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.	To provide support for eligible businesses.	To invite eligible businesses to apply for relief.
Prevention - Preventing problems before they happen.	To provide support for eligible businesses.	To invite eligible businesses to apply for relief.
Integration - Integrating with other strategies.	N/A	
Collaboration - Collaborating with others.	N/A.	
Involvement - Involving people and communities.	A report must be put to Council to adopt the discretionary scheme. .	
<p>Sources of evidence to support the above:</p> <p>Welsh Government – Non Domestic Rates - Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Relief in Wales 2020-21 (Guidance) Welsh Government – Covid19 NDR Grants Scheme Criteris Final Version (Charities added)</p>		

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 Partnership			X		
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:					

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		
Sources of evidence to support the above:					

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	0 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 	3 of 5	0 of 5	2 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (<i>including Welsh Language</i>)	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
4. Biodiversity	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1

Summary:

The main positive impacts are:

The Scheme will provide support for eligible retail, leisure and hospitality businesses with a rateable value less than 500,000 by offering a Business Rates payment holiday for 2020-21. In addition the scheme will award eligible business upon application a Covid19 Business Support Grant.

The main negative impacts are;

No negative impacts have been identified against the Well-being Objectives, the Sustainable Development Principles 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
Award relief to eligible businesses.	1 st July 2020	Revenues & Benefits Manager	Report to Council adopt the Non Domestic Rates – Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Relief in Wales 2020-21 scheme	Complete

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	Report to Council to adopt the Non Domestic – Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme in Wales 2020-21		

8. Sign off section

Approved by: _____

Job Title: _____

Approval date: _____