

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:	Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order
Officer completing Impact Assessment:	Simon Jones
Lead Officer / Project Manager:	Simon Jones
Service:	Legal Department
Impact Assessment completion date:	17 th July 2020

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

To obtain approval from cabinet to undertake a full consultation exercise concerning the proposal to introduce a borough wide public spaces protection order to control dog fouling.

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	This proposal has no bearing on this objective.	N/A
<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	This proposal has no bearing on this objective.	N/A
<p><u>Environmental Well-being</u> Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.</p>	x			If a PSPO was introduced it will enhance the environment and countryside by reducing the amount of dog faeces left in open spaces. It is proven that dog faeces is injurious to health.	N/A
<p><u>Living Well</u> People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.</p>	x			If a PSPO was introduced it will enhance the environment and countryside by reducing the amount of dog faeces left in open spaces. It is proven that dog faeces is injurious to health.	N/A

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Sources of evidence to support the above:					
TASCOMI recorded incidents – 188 in two years and 58 in the last 6 months					

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.	If a PSPO were introduced it would be initially for 3 years but can be extended to longer periods	No
Prevention - Preventing problems before they happen.	If a PSPO were introduced it would be promoted which would lead to a reduction in incidents – thereby stopping the problem before it started.	No
Integration - Integrating with other strategies.	This links to the Council’s Waste, Regeneration, and Public Health strategies.	No
Collaboration - Collaborating with others.	The Council will work in partnership with the police and other agencies when necessary and appropriate.	No
Involvement - Involving people and communities.	N/A	
<p>Sources of evidence to support the above:</p> <p>The PSPO will be a deterrent and will allow the Council to penalise those who breach it</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			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents of all ages.	N/A
Disability	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents regardless of disability.	N/A
Gender Reassignment	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents	N/A
Marriage and Civil Partnership	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents.	N/A
Pregnancy and Maternity	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents.	N/A
Race	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit residents of all races.	N/A
Religion or Belief	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit residents regardless of religious beliefs.	N/A
Sex (Gender)	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents regardless of sex.	N/A
Sexual Orientation	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents regardless of sexual orientation.	N/A
Welsh Language	x			The introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents.- signage will be bilingual	N/A

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Sources of evidence to support the above:					
N/A – the introduction of a PSPO will benefit all residents regardless of protected characteristics.					

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			N/A		
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	2 of 4	0 of 4	2 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 	4 of 5	0 of 5	1 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (<i>including Welsh Language</i>)	10 of 10	0 of 10	0 of 10
4. Biodiversity	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
<p><u>Summary:</u></p> <p>The main positive impact is that introduction of a PSPO will help reduce dog fouling within the County Borough.</p> <p>There are no negative impacts.</p>			

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
No				

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
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8. Sign off section

Approved by: Simon Jones

Job Title: Senior Solicitor

Approval date: 16th June 2020