

# **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.

<b>Title of Project / Report:</b>	Endorsement of Regional Technical Statement (RTS) - 2020
<b>Officer completing Impact Assessment:</b>	Craig Watkins
<b>Lead Officer / Project Manager:</b>	Judith Jones
<b>Service:</b>	Planning and Countryside
<b>Impact Assessment completion date:</b>	11/11/2020

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

To endorse the Regional Technical Statement (RTS) Second Review – September 2020. Minerals Technical Advice Note 1: Aggregates (2004) (MTAN 1) requires the preparation of Regional Technical Statements (RTS) for the areas covered by both the South Wales and North Wales Regional Aggregates Working Parties (RAWPs). The principal objective of the RTS is to provide adequate reserves of aggregate for construction and other industries in the most sustainable manner reasonably achievable.

## 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		
<b><u>Best Start to Life</u></b> 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	The proposal will have no impact on this well being objective	n/a
<b><u>Working Life</u></b> 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			The proposal will assist in ensuring that certain types of mineral related development take place when and where they are appropriate.	The Replacement LDP contains a policy framework to supplement the approach outlined in the RTS and national policy.
<b><u>Environmental Well-being</u></b> Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.	X			The proposal will assist in ensuring that certain types of mineral related development take place when and where they are appropriate.	The Replacement LDP contains a policy framework to supplement the approach outlined in the RTS and national policy.
<b><u>Living Well</u></b> People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.	X			The proposal will assist in ensuring that certain types of mineral related development take place when and where they are appropriate. This will contribute to a physical environment that benefits physical and mental health.	The Replacement LDP contains a policy framework to supplement the approach outlined in the RTS and national policy.
<b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b>  <a href="https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/media/5642/replacement-ldp-written-statement-final-composite-version-140120.pdf">https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/media/5642/replacement-ldp-written-statement-final-composite-version-140120.pdf</a>					

## 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?
<b>Long Term</b> - Thinking and planning for the long term.	The RTS sets out the nationally approved approach for sustainable management of aggregate resource over at least a 25 year period. The RTS is subject to review every 5years to ensure it can react to any significant change in circumstances.	n/a
<b>Prevention</b> - Preventing problems before they happen.	The aim of the RTS and indeed the LDP which this report influences, is to create sustainable places by influencing a future supply of aggregate in the most sustainable manner.	n/a
<b>Integration</b> - Integrating with other strategies.	The RTS is required by Welsh Government Planning Policy and is integrated into LDP preparation. The RTS take into account changes in approach and policy requirements and this is reflected in the reviewed methodology.	n/a
<b>Collaboration</b> - Collaborating with others.	The RTS will require MTCBC to work within a sub-region in South Wales. This work has been undertaken in collaboration with the mineral industry and other groups including Natural Resources Wales. This collaborative approach will be continued in future reviews of the RTS.	n/a
<b>Involvement</b> - Involving people and communities.	The endorsement of the RTS will finalise the process that has seen involvement from technical and non-technical stakeholders.	n/a

**Sources of evidence to support the above:**



RTS 2nd Review - Main Document - FI Appendix B (South \

**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 proposal contributes to ensuring that minerals development takes place in appropriate locations in a sustainable manner. The positive environmental effects of this are enjoyed by all groups of society.	n/a
Disability	x			As above	n/a
Gender Reassignment	x			As above	n/a
Marriage and Civil Partnership	x			As above	n/a
Pregnancy and Maternity	x			As above	n/a
Race	x			As above	n/a
Religion or Belief	x			As above	n/a
Sex (Gender)	x			As above	n/a
Sexual Orientation	x			As above	n/a

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Welsh Language	x			As above	n/a
Sources of evidence to support the above: <a href="https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/media/5642/replacement-ldp-written-statement-final-composite-version-140120.pdf">https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/media/5642/replacement-ldp-written-statement-final-composite-version-140120.pdf</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			The proposal contributes to ensuring that minerals development takes place in appropriate locations in a sustainable manner. This development must take place in accordance with national and local planning policy which both emphasise the approach of maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem resilience	n/a
Sources of evidence to support the above: <a href="https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/media/5642/replacement-ldp-written-statement-final-composite-version-140120.pdf">https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/media/5642/replacement-ldp-written-statement-final-composite-version-140120.pdf</a>					



## 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
<b>1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives</b>	3 of 4	0 of 4	1 of 4
<b>2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
<b>3. Protected Characteristics</b> ( <i>including Welsh Language</i> )	10 of 10	0 of 10	0 of 10
<b>4. Biodiversity</b>	1 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1
<p><b><u>Summary:</u></b></p> <p>The main positive impacts are that proposal provides adequate reserves of aggregate for construction and other industries in the most sustainable manner reasonably achievable, incorporating long term and collaborative ways of working. The proposal also contributes specifically to the Council's environmental well-being.</p> <p>There are no negative impacts identified with the proposal.</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
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

## 8. Sign off section

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval date: \_\_\_\_\_