

# **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>	Welsh Government Transport Funding Bids 2021/22
<b>Officer completing Impact Assessment:</b>	Alun Evans
<b>Lead Officer / Project Manager:</b>	Alun Evans
<b>Service:</b>	Community Regeneration
<b>Impact Assessment completion date:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

The report outlines the details of the funding bids to Welsh Government's Transport Funding 2021/22.

## 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><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.</p>	X			The active travel projects improve opportunities for children and young people to travel by sustainable means.	Children and young people are specifically targeted for consultation on the Integrated Network Mapping as part of the Active Travel programme development.
<p><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.</p>	X			The projects aim to create functional and safe infrastructure, improving Merthyr as an attractive destination to live and work.	The bus station and rail stations projects are critical elements and enablers of the wider new town centre masterplan.
<p><b><u>Environmental Well-being</u></b> Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.</p>	X			The projects will improve access to the countryside and include aspects that will improve the environment within the local community.	The projects include landscaping aspects that will form an integral part of wider community enhancement.
<p><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.</p>	X			The active travel projects will improve access to the countryside and provide safe and attractive opportunities for local residents to enjoy good physical and mental health.	Local residents will be consulted on the Integrated Network Mapping as part of the Active Travel programme development.
<p><b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b></p> <p>Local Transport Fund 2020/21 applications</p>					

## 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 Active Travel Act (Wales) 2013 requires Councils to develop long term plans for the delivery of active travel routes for sustainable travel opportunities.	Bid for funding to engage and consult on the review of the Integrated Network Maps in 2021.
<b>Prevention</b> - Preventing problems before they happen.	The new bus station will provide a high quality modern facility that will hopefully prevent the loss of bus service patronage due to the current location and c-19 crisis.	Additional facilities at the new bus station to provide better travel opportunities for local residents.
<b>Integration</b> - Integrating with other strategies.	The project sits within a wider policy and strategy framework at local, regional and national level. These include: Cardiff Capital Region and City Deal, WG Prosperity for All, Valley's Taskforce and local wellbeing plans.	All emerging plans are required to take into account the requirements of the Active Travel Act (Wales) 2013.
<b>Collaboration</b> - Collaborating with others.	Collaboration is a key consideration of the project. The Council will engage with the private sector, local community, the public and national organisations to support delivery and achieve outcomes.	Collaboration with the Cardiff Capital Region and neighboring authorities.
<b>Involvement</b> - Involving people and communities.	Continued consultation and communication will be undertaken with the various projects.	The Council will involve key stakeholders when developing and delivering each project.
<p><b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b></p> <p>Integrated Network Mapping review 2021/22</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			Enhanced opportunities and higher quality facilities for transport journeys affects all age groups.	N/A
Disability	X			The project will take disability into consideration and comply with the Equality Act requirements.	N/A
Gender Reassignment	X			Active Travel and improvements to transport networks can have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Marriage and Civil Partnership	X			Active Travel and improvements to transport networks can have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Pregnancy and Maternity	X			Active Travel and improvements to transport networks can have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Race	X			Active Travel and improvements to transport networks can have a positive affect for all.	N/A

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		
Religion or Belief	X			Active Travel and improvements to transport networks can have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Sex (Gender)	X			Active Travel and improvements to transport networks can have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Sexual Orientation	X			Active Travel and improvements to transport networks can have a positive affect for all.	N/A
Welsh Language	X			All active travel routes and new facilities will be signed and advertised bilingually.	N/A
<b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b>					
Local Transport Plan 2021/22 applications					

#### 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			Using the landscape as a resource is a key element of the enhancements to the active travel network.	One of the core aims will be to improve knowledge about the nature present along green active travel routes.
<b>Sources of evidence to support the above:</b>  Local Transport Plan 2021/22 applications					

## 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>	4 of 4	0 of 4	0 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 proposed projects and programmes identified for Welsh Government Transport Funding 2021/22 bid will improve and enhance the local and regional environment and provide high quality, modern facilities for residents to undertake safe and attractive, sustainable travel journeys.</p> <p>No negative impacts have been identified.</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
1.	Awaiting Cabinet Approval	August 2020	None

## 8. Sign off section

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Approval date: 24/08/20