Rhybudd o Gynnig AEI

Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area:N/A

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Directorate: Cllrs Andrea Lewis, Rob Stewart, David Hopkins, Jan Curtice, Des Thomas, Sam Pritchard, Mike Lewis, Wendy Lewis, Cyril Anderson, Mark Child, **Robert Francis-Davies**

Q1 (a) What are you screening for relevance?

New and revised policies, practices or procedures

Service review, re-organisation or service changes/reductions, which affect the wider community, service users and/or staff

- Efficiency or saving proposals

Setting budget allocations for new financial year and strategic financial planning

New project proposals affecting staff, communities or accessibility to the built environment,

construction work or adaptations to existing buildings, moving to on-line services, e.g., new changing location

- Large Scale Public Events
- Local implementation of National Strategy/Plans/Legislation

Strategic directive and intent, including those developed at Regional Partnership Boards and Public Services Board, which impact on a public bodies functions

Medium to long term plans (for example, corporate plans, development plans, service delivery improvement plans) and

Setting objectives (for example, well-being objectives, equality objectives, Welsh language strategy)

Major procurement and commissioning decisions

Decisions that affect the ability (including external partners) to offer Welsh language opportunities and services

(b) Please name and fully describe initiative here:

Notice of Motion - National Energy Crisis

This council recognises the unprecedented energy crisis facing many households across Swansea, Wales and the UK. In the coming months more and more households will see increases of a magnitude never seen before as the price cap is removed or energy deals come to an end.

This comes on top of a cost of living crisis created by the Impacts of Brexit and the Covid Pandemic which have already seen an unprecedented squeeze on peoples incomes.

Inflation remains very high which is putting huge pressure on household budgets as earnings have not kept pace with prices, leaving family budgets squeezed and people worse off.

The additional costs of day to day living are already impacting negatively on every household across Swansea but even more so on families who are living close to the bread line many of whom still need to visit food banks and will now be faced with the terrible choice of heating their home or or putting food on the table.

As a Council, we will continue to do everything within our power to help mitigate energy costs by signposting residents to the number of financial support options available to improve the energy efficiency of residents homes as home owners as well as our significant investment in our Council homes to make them cheaper to heat and live in.

WG are also giving many households £100 each and we welcome this contribution in the interim with the Council processing up to 30,000 such payments to households in Swansea.

However, the help families need to deal with the cost of living crisis can only be fixed by decisive action by the UK Government

This Council therefore calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer and call for the immediate implementation and action for the following :-

- A reduction in VAT for Energy Bills to help families and householders
- An introduction of a new lower price cap on energy bills to protect households from excessive price rises
- Increasing the availability of grants or interest free loans to encourage the take up of renewable energy solutions such as domestic Solar / PV for private home owners and local businesses
- A windfall tax on energy companies to fund a UK wide grant scheme for qualifying households to compliment the work started by the WG £100 scheme

Q2 What is the potential impact on the following: the impacts below could be positive (+) or negative (-)

,	High Impact	Medium Impact	Low Impact	Needs further investigation
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Children/young people (0-18)			\square	
Older people (50+)			\square	
Any other age group			$\overline{\boxtimes}$	
Future Generations (yet to be be	orn) 🔲 🗌		$\overline{\square}$	
Disability			\boxtimes	
Race (including refugees)			$\overline{\boxtimes} \overline{\Box}$	
Asylum seekers			$\overline{\boxtimes}\overline{\Box}$	\square
Gypsies & travellers			$\overline{\boxtimes}\overline{\Box}$	
Religion or (non-)belief			\square	
Sex			$\overline{\boxtimes} \overline{\Box}$	
Sexual Orientation			$\boxtimes \square$	

Gender reassignment		\boxtimes	
Welsh Language		\boxtimes	
Poverty/social exclusion		\boxtimes	
Carers (inc. young carers)		\boxtimes	
Community cohesion		\boxtimes	
Marriage & civil partnership		\boxtimes	
Pregnancy and maternity		\boxtimes	

Q3 What involvement has taken place/will you undertake e.g. engagement/consultation/co-productive approaches? Please provide details below – either of your activities or your reasons for not undertaking involvement

Does not apply to Notice of Motions

Q4 Have you considered the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 in the development of this initiative:

- a) Overall does the initiative support our Corporate Plan's Well-being Objectives when considered together? Yes 🕅 No
- b) Does the initiative consider maximising contribution to each of the seven national wellbeing goals? Yes 🖂
- c) Does the initiative apply each of the five ways of working? Yes 🖂 No

No 🗌

d) Does the initiative meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs? No

Yes	\ge
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Q5 What is the potential risk of the initiative? (Consider the following impacts - equality, socio-economic, environmental, cultural, legal, financial, political, *media, public perception etc...)*

High risk	Medium risk	Low risk

Q6 Will this initiative have an impact (however minor) on any other Council service?

Yes	🖂 No	If yes, please provide details below
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Q7 What is the cumulative impact of this proposal on people and/or communities when considering all the impacts identified within the screening

and any other key decisions affecting similar groups/ service users made by the organisation?

(You may need to discuss this with your Service Head or Cabinet Member to consider more widely if this proposal will affect certain groups/ communities more adversely because of other decisions the organisation is making. For example, financial impact/poverty, withdrawal of multiple services and whether this is disadvantaging the same groups, e.g., disabled people, older people, single parents (who are mainly women), etc.)

This motion outlines the Councils position on energy prices and calls for action to be undertaken at a UK level. The impact as such will be minimal.

Outcome of Screening

- **Q8** Please describe the outcome of your screening below:
 - Summary of impacts identified and mitigation needed (Q2)
 - Summary of involvement (Q3)
 - WFG considerations (Q4)
 - Any risks identified (Q5)
 - Cumulative impact (Q7)

The IIA has identified low positive impacts for all groups. No other impacts identified.

(NB: This summary paragraph should be used in the relevant section of corporate report)

Full IIA to be completed

Do not complete IIA – please ensure you have provided the relevant information above to support this outcome

NB: Please email this completed form to the Access to Services Team for agreement before obtaining approval from your Head of Service. Head of Service approval is only required via email.

Screening completed by:	
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Date: 07/01/22	
Approval by Head of Service:	
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Position:	
Date:	