

DRAFT Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Report

This form should be completed for each Equality Impact Assessment on a new or existing function, a reduction or closure of service, any policy, procedure, strategy, plan or project which has been screened and found relevant to equality.

Please refer to the 'EIA Report Form Guidance' while completing this form. If you need further support please contact accesstoservices@swansea.gov.uk.

Where do you work?
Service Area: Strategic Delivery Unit
Directorate: Financial Services

(a) This EIA is being completed for a...

Service/ Function <input type="checkbox"/>	Policy/ Procedure <input type="checkbox"/>	Project <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	Plan x	Proposal <input type="checkbox"/>
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(b) Please name and describe below...

Corporate Plan 2017/22 setting out the Council's well-being objectives and the steps to achieve them as required by the well-being of future generations act.

(c) It was initially screened for relevance to Equality and Diversity on 21/06/2017

(d) It was found to be relevant to...

Children/young people (0-18)	x	Religion or (non-)belief.....	x
Any other age group (18+).....	x	Sex.....	x
Disability	x	Sexual orientation	x
Gender reassignment	x	Welsh language	x
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poverty/social exclusion.....	x
Pregnancy and maternity.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carers (inc. young carers)	x
Race	x	Community cohesion	x

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Date (dd/mm/yyyy): 07/08/2017

Section 1 – Aims (See guidance):

Briefly describe the aims of the initiative:

<p>What are the aims? To set the Council’s well-being objectives and key priorities for 2018/22; to outline the steps we will take to meet our well-being objectives; to describe how our well-being objectives, the steps we will take to meet them and the way in which we will meet them will maximise the Council’s contribution to national goals.</p>
<p>Who has responsibility? City & County of Swansea – the plan will be adopted at Council.</p>
<p>Who are the stakeholders? Public, staff, elected Members, Welsh Government, Wales Audit Office, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner.</p>

Section 2 - Information about Service Users (See guidance):

Please tick what information you know about your service users and provide details/evidence of how this information is collected.

Children/young people (0-18)	x	Carers (inc. young carers)	x
Any other age group (18+).....	x	Race.....	x
Disability	x	Religion or (non-)belief.....	x
Gender reassignment	x	Sex.....	x
Marriage & civil partnership	x	Sexual orientation	x
Pregnancy and maternity	x	Welsh language	x

What information do you know about your service users and how is this information collected?

The Corporate Plan does not have a group of service users as such – it is a plan that will be available to all citizens. The steps that the Council will take to meet its well-being objectives will however have, to a greater or lesser extent, a direct or indirect impact on all citizens. All information regarding service users has been derived from the Census equality data and the information incorporated into the Assessment of Local well-Being, which has been used as evidence when setting the well-being objectives.

Any Actions Required?

- None identified.

Section 3 - Impact on Protected Characteristics (See guidance):

Please consider the possible impact on the different protected characteristics. This could be based on service user information, data, consultation and research or professional experience (e.g. comments and complaints).

	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Needs further investigation
Children/young people (0-18)	➡ x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other age group (18+)	➡ x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	➡ x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	➡ x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	➡ x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	➡ x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	➡ x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or (non-)belief	➡ x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sex	➔	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	➔	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh language	➔	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carers (inc. young carers)	➔	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thinking about your answers above, please explain in detail why this is the case.

The well-being objectives in the corporate plan collectively support and are also supported by the Council's equality objectives. The Equality Objectives were cross-referenced against other evidence when determining our well-being objectives.

Our objective *Safeguarding People from Harm* seeks to protect all citizens, including children and young people and other vulnerable adults from harm and exploitation. Among other things, this objective seeks to ensure we:

- involve looked after children in their care through strengths based practice and getting their voice heard about the services they receive (age - children & young people)
- work with partners to tackle domestic abuse and support victims (sex - mainly women).
- work with others to tackle hate crime, modern slavery and deal with bullying in schools (all groups with protected characteristics).
- provide information, advice and assistance to carers, including young carers (carers).
- develop our status as a dementia friendly city and help people to stay healthy and to age well (age - adults, disability).
- promote equitable access to services to promote independence and quality of life (age – adults, disability).

Our objective *Improving Skills & Education* seeks to ensure that every child, young person and adult gains the skills and qualifications they need to succeed in life. Among other things, this objective seeks to ensure we:

- Improving pupil attendance, literacy (in English and Welsh) / numeracy and attainment (age – children and young people, Welsh language).
- Providing apprenticeships (age – adults and young people)
- Supporting looked after children and those disengaged from education to be in school and in employment, education and training (age – children and young people, race, sex)
- Involving children and young people in their education, e.g. Pupil Voice (age – children and young people)
- Meet demand for Welsh medium education and promote the use of Welsh in schools (Welsh language).
- Children not being disadvantaged by poverty when achieving and attaining standards in education (social exclusion)
- Supporting schools to become UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools (age – children & young people).

Our objective *Transforming our Economy & Infrastructure* seeks to ensure that all citizens benefit from plans to regenerate the economy and city. Among other things, this objective seeks to ensure we:

- Create employment and training opportunities for the long-term unemployed and economically inactive through community benefit clauses in contracts (social exclusion).
- Promote public leisure and cultural events to help improve well-being, promote community cohesion and provide economic benefits (race, religion, sexual orientation, gender re-assignment)
- Provide sustainable and low carbon transport and infrastructure providing improved and cheaper connectivity and mobility (disability, social exclusion, age).

Our objective *Tackling poverty* seeks to ensure that poverty is not a barrier stopping citizens from reaching their potential. Among other things, this objective seeks to ensure we:

- Empower local people through the Poverty Strategy to target resources to maximise access to opportunity and prosperity (all groups, social exclusion).
- Work with Health to ensure that children in their early years and at Foundation Phase achieve their expected developmental milestones and are ready for school and learning (age – children & young people, social exclusion, pregnancy & maternity).
- Ensure that young people are not NEET after reaching 16 years of age (age-children & young people).
- Help address the impacts of welfare reform (disability, social exclusion).
- Invest in Council housing and build more energy efficient Council homes (social exclusion).
- Prevent homelessness and support people to maintain their tenancies (race, age, sex, disability, social exclusion).
- Create our own energy venture and provide free energy to homes to tackle fuel poverty (social exclusion, age – older people)
- Help tackle fuel poverty through the ARBED scheme and energy efficiency measures in social housing (social exclusion, age – older people).
- Implement the community cohesion delivery plan to promote cohesive and inclusive communities in Swansea (race, religious belief, community cohesion, gender reassignment, sexual orientation)

Our objective *Transformation & future Council development* seeks to modernise and transform the Council, including getting the public to co-produce and helping to run services and getting more people involved in the decision-making in the Council. Among other things, this objective seeks to ensure we:

- Work to ensure there is better engagement with the third sector to achieve both the Council's and shared priorities and outcomes (all groups)
- Continue to modernise public engagement in Council decision making through accessible meeting times, web broadcasting, electronic voting and e-petitions (all groups).
- Continue to strengthen the Welsh language service and language services generally offered by the Council by providing basic language training for front-line staff (Welsh language, race, community cohesion).
- Make community budgets available so that local people can decide together with their representatives what their local priorities are (all groups).
- Provide the opportunity for local citizens to influence how policies are written and services are developed through the development of a co-production strategy (all groups).

Our objective *Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's Natural Resources and Biodiversity* seeks to, across the range of Council responsibilities, to reduce our carbon footprint, improve our knowledge and understanding of the natural environment and improve well-being. Among other things, this objective seeks to ensure we:

- Provide opportunities for schoolchildren to access and learn about their natural environment (age, children & young people)
- Work towards improving access to and maintaining the quality of our parks and greenspaces (all groups)
- Engage with local communities to encourage volunteering and to support them to take action to enhance and maintain their local greenspaces and wildlife sites (all groups)

What consultation and engagement has been undertaken (e.g. with the public and/or members of protected groups) to support your view? Please provide details below.

The review of our Corporate Plan and well-being objectives for 2017/22 consisted of three different approaches to involving people: (i) focus groups with young people (from 9

different secondary schools), (ii) two focus groups with members of the public (representatives from groups representing people with protected characteristics were invited) and representatives from other organisations centred on identifying current and future challenges, what should be done and 'what does good look like' and (iii) two on-line surveys of members of the public and the Council's citizens panel respectively. The results from this involvement helped shape our revised Corporate Plan and well-being objectives. A summary of the outcome from this consultation is included within the Corporate Plan.

The Council undertook another survey as a guide and 'temperature check' to help inform the refresh of the Corporate Plan and well-being objectives for 2018/22. Respondents were asked their views about the Council's existing well-being objectives and whether they were the right objectives to improve well-being in Swansea now, and in the future. They were also asked their views on a series of steps and actions to achieve each objective.

Overall, the results of the survey show a relatively high level of support amongst the respondents for the Council's existing well-being objectives and the proposed actions the Council are planning to take to realise these objectives; more than 9 out of 10 respondents agreed that the Council's well-being objectives were the right objectives for Swansea

Any actions required (to mitigate adverse impact or to address identified gaps in knowledge).

- None identified.

Section 4 - Other Impacts:

Please consider how the initiative might address the following issues.

You could base this on service user information, data, consultation and research or professional experience (e.g. comments and complaints).

Foster good relations between different groups	Advance equality of opportunity between different groups
Elimination of discrimination, harassment and victimisation	Reduction of social exclusion and poverty

(Please see the specific Section 4 Guidance for definitions on the above)

Please explain any possible impact on each of the above.

Foster good relations between different groups

The Corporate Plan will have a positive impact on fostering good relations between different groups. Our *Safeguarding people from harm* objective seeks, for example, to ensure that all citizens live their lives free from harm and exploitation. This involves, among other things, working with partners to address safeguarding issues in their widest sense, which includes hate crime but also incorporates other issues such as dealing with modern slavery, FGM and domestic abuse, including Black and Ethnic Minority women and children at risk of or suffering domestic abuse.

Our *Improving Education & Skills* objective seeks to ensure that every child and young person in Swansea gains the skills and qualifications they need to succeed in life. This includes among other things a commitment to support looked after children and children disengaged from learning to achieve and experience success in school, employment or training. Through this objective, the Council also want to support schools to become UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools. This aims to support young citizens to respect rights, understand responsibilities and be globally aware and responsible citizens as part of the Council's commitment to the UNCRC. This includes demonstrating that every child has rights, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status.

Through our *Transforming our economy & infrastructure* objective outlines how we will promote public leisure and cultural events to help improve well-being and promote community cohesion. Our *Tackling Poverty* objective describes implementing the community cohesion delivery plan to promote community cohesion and inclusive communities within Swansea. Finally, our *Transformation & future Council* objective seeks to involve all citizens from all groups in engaging in Council decision-making, deciding local priorities with their representatives and influencing how policies are written and services developed through co-production. There is also a commitment to strengthen the Welsh language service and language services generally offered by the Council by providing basic language training for front-line staff. Through our *Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's natural resources and biodiversity* objective we describe how we will reduce inequalities in health and well-being by maintaining a high quality and accessible natural environment and encourage greater use of public access land.

Advance equality of opportunity

The Corporate Plan seeks to ensure that all citizens are treated fairly. Equality considerations were factored into the early development of the Corporate Plan. The Council's Equality Objectives were cross-referenced against other evidence in order to identify opportunities for the Council's well-being objectives to support and be supported by the Council's Equality Objectives and including Welsh language. Our well-being objectives seek to ensure that all people are treated fairly. Some examples from each well-being objective follow:

Our *Safeguarding people from harm* objective makes a commitment to provide people with equal access to preventative services in order to promote independence and improve quality of life. Our *Improving skills and education* objective aims to meet demand for Welsh medium education and promote the use of Welsh language in schools. Our *Transforming our economy & infrastructure* objective seeks to create employment and training opportunities for the economically inactive and long-term unemployed through community benefit clauses in Council contracts. Our *Tackling poverty* objective seeks to pilot 30 hours of free childcare and ensure that every community has a reliable and affordable bus service to help reduce barriers to employment. Our *Transformation & future Council* objective seeks to provide the opportunity for all citizens to influence how policies are written and services are developed through the development of a co-production strategy. Our *Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's natural resources and biodiversity* objective seeks to engage with local communities to encourage volunteering to support them to take action to enhance and maintain greenspaces and wildlife sites.

Elimination of discrimination, harassment and victimisation

The Council through its well-being objectives seeks to reduce or eradicate unfairness and discrimination. Some examples from each well-being objective follows:

Our *Safeguarding people from harm* objective outlines a commitment to work with partners to address safeguarding issues in their widest sense, which includes hate crime but also incorporates other issues such as dealing with modern slavery, FGM and domestic abuse, including Black and Ethnic Minority women and children at risk of or experiencing domestic abuse.

Our *Improving education & skills* objective seeks to meet demand for Welsh medium education and promote the use of Welsh in schools through the Welsh in Education strategic plan. There is also a commitment to teach young citizens to respect rights, understand responsibilities and be globally aware and responsible citizens by continuing to support schools to become UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools as part of our commitment to the UNCRC.

Our *Transforming our economy & infrastructure* objective contains a commitment to promote leisure and cultural events to help improve well-being, provide economic benefits and promote community cohesion. Our *Tackling poverty* objective commits to implementing the Community Cohesion Delivery Plan to promote cohesive and inclusive communities in Swansea. Our *Transformation & future Council* objective seeks to continue to modernise public engagement in Council decision making through accessible meeting times, web broadcasting, electronic voting and e-petitions. It also contains a commitment to continue to strengthen the Welsh language service and language services generally offered by the Council by providing basic language training for front-line staff. Our *Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's natural resources and biodiversity* objective commits us to reduce inequalities in health and well-being by maintaining a high quality and accessible natural environment and encourage greater use of public access land.

Reduction of social exclusion and poverty

All of our well-being objectives are developed to have a positive impact on social exclusion and poverty. In particular, the *Tackling Poverty* objective aims to address issues with service, participation and income poverty and social exclusion. Some examples from our well-being objectives follow:

Our *Safeguarding people from harm* and *Improving education & skills* objectives help to address participation poverty by involving looked after children and school pupils in their care and education respectively through engagement mechanisms, such as the Fe Fi Forum, Schools Councils and the Big Conversation events.

Our *Transforming our economy & infrastructure*, *Tackling Poverty* and *Transformation & future Council* objectives help deal with service poverty by improving access to services, such as affordable housing, arts and culture and Welsh language and other language services. Our *Tackling Poverty* objective contributes towards dealing with income poverty by helping to address the impacts of welfare reform, helping to reduce fuel bills and providing affordable transport. Our *Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's natural resources and biodiversity* objective seeks to provide free or low cost environmental training and events that are accessible and affordable for people on low incomes.

What work have you already done to improve any of the above?

Using the examples outlined earlier in Section 4:

- The Council co-ordinates a multi-agency response to address domestic abuse in Swansea. Domestic abuse is a key priority for action for the Public Service Board. Swansea is a white ribbon city for its work in tackling violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence. A Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop providing access to information and advice regarding domestic abuse is open in Swansea.
- Swansea was the first UK Council to adopt and embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Schools in Swansea participate in the *Rights Respecting Schools Award*. More than 100 schools have been supported by the Council to become Rights Respecting Schools. More than 15 of our schools have now achieved Level 2 – the highest level of the award granted by UNICEF UK to schools that have fully embedded children's rights in their policies, practice and ethos. YGG Llwynderw has become the first Welsh medium school in Wales to achieve the award.
- Community events are held to increase well-being, contribute to the local economy and promote community cohesion. For example, Eid in the Park is a family event open to all to celebrate the passing of Ramadan. The Council supports other annual events such as Swansea Sparkle, International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT), LGBT History Month, Swansea Pride and Bi Visibility Day.
- The Council initiated 3 Mynediad (basic level) 30 week training programmes for staff identified as requiring Welsh Language skills in the workplace. These were provided in work time and funded by the council. A second stage 30 week course (follow on from Mynediad) started on the same basis. In addition, face-to-face Welsh language awareness courses were run. Lunchtime drop-in sessions for learners (and others) to practise their Welsh language skills are held weekly.

Is the initiative likely to impact on Community Cohesion? Please provide details.

There is likely to be a positive impact on community cohesion from our well-being objectives. For example, our *Safeguarding people from harm* objective contains a commitment to work with partners to address safeguarding in its widest sense, including hate crime. Our *Improving Education & Skills* objective contains a commitment to teach young citizens to respect rights, understand responsibilities and be globally aware and responsible citizens by continuing to support schools to become UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools as part of our commitment to the UNCRC. Our *Transforming our*

economy & infrastructure objective contains a commitment to promote leisure and cultural events to help improve well-being, provide economic benefits and promote community cohesion and also to provide affordable housing and transport, including in rural areas. Our *Tackling poverty* objective commits to implementing the Community Cohesion Delivery Plan to promote cohesive and inclusive communities in Swansea. Our *Transformation & future Council* objective contains a commitment to make community budgets available so that local people can decide together with their representatives what their local priorities are. Our *Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's natural resources and biodiversity* objective seeks to engage with local communities to encourage volunteering to support and maintain their local environment.

How will the initiative meet the needs of Welsh speakers and learners?

There are specific commitments within our well-being objectives to meet the needs of Welsh speakers and learners. The Council aims to meet the demand for Welsh medium education and promote the use of the Welsh language in schools through the *Welsh in Education* strategic plan. The Council also commits to strengthening the Welsh language and other language services offered by the Council and provide basic language training for front line staff.

Actions (to mitigate adverse impact or to address identified gaps in knowledge).

- None identified.

Section 5 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC):

In this section, we need to consider whether the initiative has any direct or indirect impact on children. Many initiatives have an indirect impact on children and you will need to consider whether the impact is positive or negative in relation to both children's rights and their best interests

Please visit <http://staffnet/eia> to read the UNCRC guidance before completing this section.

Will the initiative have any impact (direct or indirect) on children and young people? If not, please briefly explain your answer and proceed to Section 6.
Yes

Is the initiative designed / planned in the best interests of children and young people? Please explain your answer.

Best interests of the child (Article 3): The best interests of children must be the primary concern in making decisions that may affect them. All adults should do what is best for children. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children. This particularly applies to budget, policy and law makers.

The Council's well-being objectives have been planned to be in the best interests of children and young people. Our *Safeguarding people from harm* objective seeks to take steps to ensure that children are safe from harm and stay with their families or be supported in family settings where it is safe for them to do so. Our *Improving education & skills* objective seeks to ensure that every child and young person in Swansea gains the skills and qualifications they need to succeed in life. Our *Transforming our economy & infrastructure* objective seeks to promote biodiversity and protect Swansea's green spaces, including parks, for recreation, play and to promote health & well-being. Our *Tackling Poverty* objective, among other steps in children's best interests, contains a commitment to ensure that young people are able to access employment, education or training after reaching 16 years of age. Our *Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's natural resources and biodiversity* objective seeks to provide opportunities for schoolchildren to access and learn from their natural environment.

Actions (to mitigate adverse impact or to address identified gaps in knowledge).

- None identified.

Section 6 - Monitoring arrangements:

Please explain the arrangements in place (or those which will be put in place) to monitor this initiative:

Monitoring arrangements: Performance Monitoring Report and Annual Review of Performance to Cabinet

Actions: None identified

Section 7 – Outcomes:

Having completed sections 1-5, please indicate which of the outcomes listed below applies to your initiative (refer to the guidance for further information on this section).

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| Outcome 1: Continue the initiative – no concern | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Outcome 2: Adjust the initiative – low level of concern | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Outcome 3: Justify the initiative – moderate level of concern | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Outcome 4: Stop and refer the initiative – high level of concern. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

For outcome 3, please provide the justification below:

For outcome 4, detail the next steps / areas of concern below and refer to your Head of Service / Director for further advice:

Section 8 - Publication arrangements:

On completion, please follow this 3-step procedure:

- 1. Send this EIA report and action plan to the Access to Services Team for feedback and approval – accesstoservices@swansea.gov.uk**
- 2. Make any necessary amendments/additions.**
- 3. Provide the final version of this report to the team for publication, including email approval of the EIA from your Head of Service. The EIA will be published on the Council's website - this is a legal requirement.**

Action Plan:

Objective - What are we going to do and why?	Who will be responsible for seeing it is done?	When will it be done by?	Outcome - How will we know we have achieved our objective?	Progress

*** Please remember to be 'SMART' when completing your action plan (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely).**