## Please ensure that you refer to the Screening Form Guidance while completing this form.

### Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: Gower AONB Team – Planning & City Regeneration Directorate: Place

### Q1 (a) What are you screening for relevance?

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	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
$\boxtimes$	Setting budget allocations for new financial year and strategic financial planning
	New project proposals affecting staff, communities or accessibility to the built environment, e.g., new
	construction work or adaptations to existing buildings, moving to on-line services, 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 and
	improvement plans)
	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 <u>describe</u> initiative here:

High Impact

**Gower AONB Sustainable Development Fund** – we are seeking Cabinet approval to accept an offer of £100,000 for 2021/22, from Welsh Government. This is a small annual grant scheme linked to the AONB, 100% funded by WG and run following WG guidance/criteria – it includes criteria aimed at tackling exclusion.

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

Medium Impact Low Impact

**Needs further** 

	•	•		investigation
	+ -	+ -	+ -	
Children/young people (0-18) Older people (50+) Any other age group Future Generations (yet to be born) Disability Race (including refugees)				
Asylum seekers				
Gypsies & travellers Religion or (non-)belief Sex				
Sexual Orientation Gender reassignment Welsh Language Poverty/social exclusion Carers (inc. young carers) Community cohesion				

Marriage & civil partnership Pregnancy and maternity



# 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

The SDF grant scheme is promoted through the AONB Partnership, and to possible projects from within and adjacent to the AONB – it also features on the AONB & This Is Gower websites/Facebook pages, newsletter and press releases.

While we aim to raise awareness of the scheme, the scheme is currently fully committed for 2021/22, due to existing expressions of interest. One of the aims of the scheme is to increase awareness and engagement with the AONB and sustainable development, and to attempt to tackle barriers to access – we encourage applications, which address this objective.

The scheme applies criteria that specifically link to the Well-being of Future Generations Act, and other Welsh Government strategies addressing sustainability and inclusion.

Welsh Government issue guidance on the assessment criteria and how the scheme is to be managed – the scheme is managed on Welsh Governments behalf by the AONB Partnership, whose terms of reference are set through the Councils Constitution.

## 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
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- b) Does the initiative consider maximising contribution to each of the seven national well-being goals? Yes ⋈ No □
- c) Does the initiative apply each of the five ways of working? Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$

No

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

If yes, please provide details below

This funding will support the management of the Gower AONB, and the Councils GI agenda.

## 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 proposal is only to accept an offer of annual funding from Welsh Government, to enable the Sustainable Development Fund to operate during 2021/22.

The SDF grant scheme is managed locally by Gower AONB Team, on behalf of Welsh Government, who provide the funds (including a management fee for Swansea Council). The scheme is open to any individual, group or organisation, encouraging wider engagement with the AONB and Sustainable Development.

The scheme includes criteria aimed at tackling exclusion, and encouraging wider engagement with the AONB and Sustainable Development. The funding will also support the delivery of Public Service Boards (PSB) Well-being Objectives.

The scheme is focused on sustainability, and uses criteria directly linked to the Well-being of Future Generations legislation.

A copy of the scheme guidance is attached for information.

It is believed that the scheme's cumulative impact will be positive, although relatively low impact (due to the scale of the scheme). For those directly involved, the positive impacts would be far more significant, through the projects and their outcomes. One of the aims of the scheme is to trail approaches and to test ideas, which can be promoted and copied elsewhere.

## **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)

In summary, it is believed that the impact of the acceptance of the offer of funding will be positive overall, but with low impact – it is primarily an administrative issue. It does not appear that any mitigation is required.

As a Welsh Government funded small grant scheme, any opportunities for engagement/consultation are limited. The scheme is promoted to local Councillors and community groups within the AONB, however this is limited due to the high levels of forward financial commitment within the scheme.

The scheme uses specific links to the Well-being goals as eligibility criteria.

As this proposal is primarily administrative, there are not believed to be any significant risks involved in accepting the offer of funding.

The cumulative impact is believed to be positive, but low impact.

It is not believed that an IIA is necessary.

(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.

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Date: 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
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