

# Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form – Appendix B

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

## Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: Property

Directorate: Place

### 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, 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
- X  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 describe initiative here:

South West Wales Regional Energy Strategy

As part of the public sector response to the challenges and opportunities created by climate change, the 'net zero' carbon agenda and the 'green industrial revolution', the Welsh Government has supported the development of Regional Energy Plans across Wales.

The South West Wales Region Energy Strategy was commissioned by the Welsh Government and supported by the Welsh Government Energy Service - established in 2018 to provide stimulus to drive forward a vision for a new energy system. It has been developed by the South West Wales Energy Core Group, a sub-group of the Regional Directors' forum from the Swansea Bay City Region local authorities of Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Swansea with additional support from an Advisory Panel and regional stakeholders.

The overall objective of the strategy is to develop a strategic pathway identifying key interventions to deliver on the region's ambitions for decarbonising its energy system. An Energy Vision scenario has been modelled to set out a potential decarbonisation route that will put the region on track to achieve a net zero energy system by 2050 (2030 for the public sector).

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**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)        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Older people (50+)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Any other age group                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Future Generations (yet to be born) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Disability                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Race (including refugees)           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Asylum seekers                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Gypsies & travellers                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Religion or (non-)belief            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Sex                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Sexual Orientation                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Gender reassignment                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Welsh Language                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Poverty/social exclusion            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Carers (inc. young carers)          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Community cohesion                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Marriage & civil partnership        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| Pregnancy and maternity             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | x <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>    |

**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**

Effective governance will be critical to take this plan forward into implementation. The core group is supplemented by a wider advisory and stakeholder groups from across the public, private and third sectors which, over the last nine months, has undertaken engagement and energy and economic modelling activity which underpins the plan.

Responsibility for monitoring the South West Wales Regional Energy Strategy is likely to feature as part of the economic well-being function in the governance structures being developed to support the South West Corporate Joint Committee (CJC). The strategy is likely to require a cross cutting number of experts given the specialist knowledge required in its implementation. As such, Welsh Government Energy Service and the core group are jointly committed to delivering this strategy.

**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  x      No
- b) Does the initiative consider maximising contribution to each of the seven national well-being goals?  
Yes  x      No
- c) Does the initiative apply each of the five ways of working?  
Yes  x      No

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d) Does the initiative meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?

Yes  x No

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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

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Low risk

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

x  Yes

No

If yes, please provide details below

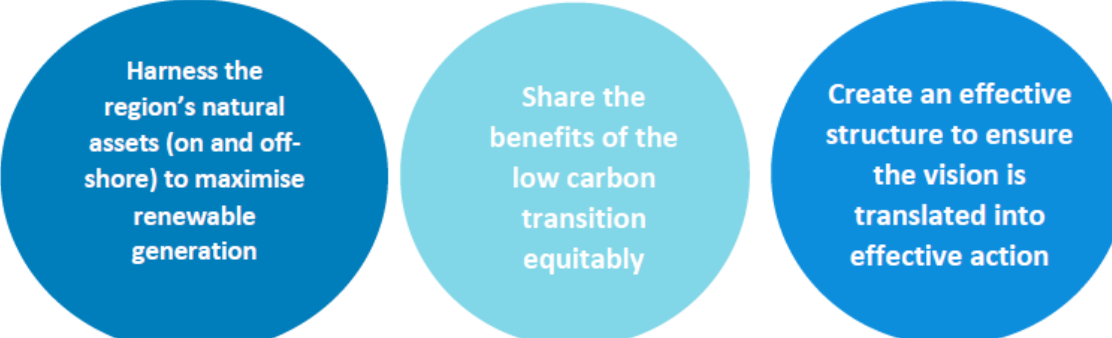
Climate change and nature group programme board, including a sub group working on carbon emissions working towards net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and this will impact on service delivery –ie transport (ie. moving towards electric fleet); waste, energy

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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.)*

The South West Wales Energy Plan creates a regional vision and provides a broad context in which local and regional decisions can be made that foster a healthy environment, a vibrant economy, and a high quality of life for all residents. The vision balances regional population, housing, and employment growth with habitat preservation, agriculture, open space, energy, and other infrastructure needs. The intent of the vision is to move Swansea Bay Region towards a sustainable future with more choices and opportunities for all residents guided by three core principles:



Harness the region's natural assets (on and off-shore) to maximise renewable generation

Share the benefits of the low carbon transition equitably

Create an effective structure to ensure the vision is translated into effective action

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## Core principles

- Optimise the wide range of regional natural resources such as solar, wind (on and off-shore, including floating off-shore wind (FLOW)), biomass, hydro and marine (including wave, tidal stream and tidal range technologies), to maximise low carbon electricity generation and help achieve a de-carbonised economy.
- The transition to a low carbon economy needs to improve lives for all and for benefits to be shared in an equitable way. The vision will support inward investment to the region; encourage the growth of sustainable local supply chains, including cutting edge research and development; the creation of resilient manufacturing, construction, operations and maintenance jobs; and affordable energy and energy efficient housing across the region.
- Led by a proactive and effective regional delivery vehicle - Our vision will be achieved by an effective regional delivery mechanism able to convert the vision into action.

## 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)**
- **Summary of impacts identified and mitigation needed (Q2) –**  
The Plan requires harnessing of the region’s low carbon energy potential across its on and offshore locations, to deliver a prosperous and equitable net zero carbon economy which enhances the well-being of future generations and the region’s ecosystems, at a pace which delivers against regional and national emissions reduction targets by 2030 and 2050.

The vision is supported by six regional priorities:

- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy generation
- Distribution of heat
- Decarbonisation of transport
- Local energy generation and ownership
- Flexibility and smart energy

Impacts could be very direct for citizens and businesses across the region going forward, more renewable energy sources, reducing fuel poverty and improving health, well-being and prosperity for all. Investment in new technologies could also offer green jobs and reskilling opportunities to help support such a new and emerging sector.

- **Summary of involvement (Q3)**

Stakeholder feedback from seminars and webinar sessions on the overall ambition of the plan is very positive and supportive. Across the regions there has been progress made across all the above priorities with major projects supported by the Swansea Bay City Deal complementing the work that each local authority is doing through their respective ‘net zero’ plans. In addition, the work that Public Service Board partners, communities and, crucially, business and industry are engaged in through a number of projects and initiatives – from neighbourhood micro-level up to macro-level transformational schemes – is helping to build momentum.

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- **WFG Consideration (Q4)**

The Well-being of Future Generations is a pivot part of the Plan and its governance structure.

- **Any risks identified (Q5)**

The significant risk to the plan is securing financial investment from National Government, Welsh Government, Regions and private institutions that will be required to fund the projects to realise the ambitious of the plan.

- **Cumulative impact (Q7)**

An exciting opportunity to maximise the Wellbeing of Future Generation and equality plan principles and to deliver a strategic approach to energy across South West Wales focusing on decarbonising the energy system across the region with renewable technologies and energy.

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

Full IIA to be completed

X  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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| <b>Screening completed by:</b>      |
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| <b>Date:</b>                        |

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