

Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form – Appendix A

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

Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: **Natural Environment**

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
- 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:

Delivering on Nature Recovery & Climate Change – Status report

This status report provides the new Climate Change Corporate Delivery Committee (CDC) with an overview of the work currently underway to deliver the new Corporate Well-Being Objective. 'Delivering on Nature Recovery & Climate Change' which was agreed by Council on 7th July 2022. This report provides an update on Nature Recovery following on from a report to the first meeting of the CDC in July 22 which focussed more on Climate Change. In particular, it provides information on three emerging Strategies and Action Plans: A Partnership Nature Recovery Action Plan; a Council Biodiversity Duty (Section 6) Plan; and a Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy.

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
	+	-	+	-	+	-	
Children/young people (0-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Older people (50+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other age group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future Generations (yet to be born)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race (including refugees)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum seekers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gypsies & travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or (non-)belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty/social exclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carers (inc. young carers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community cohesion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.

All three of these Strategies/Plans are at relatively early stages and although engagement and consultation plans have been prepared for each, the consultation and engagement process has only recently begun. Both the Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) and the GI Strategy are being developed in partnership/collaboration with a range of external stakeholders including Natural Resources Wales. So far, wider stakeholder engagement has included questionnaires and face to face interviews with participants at the Gower Show, and the 4th Region Green Recovery Conference, a Section 6 questionnaire sent to all Council Heads of Service, a draft NRAP framework sent for comment to all members of the Local Nature Partnership, several meetings of the GI steering Group, plus extensive consultation/engagement previously undertaken in relation to the City Centre GI Strategy and Action Plan which will feed into the County Wide GI Strategy as well as previous internal discussions through the Corporate Climate and Nature Programme Board. The next steps include a series of awareness raising presentations and workshops with key internal and external stakeholder groups during the Autumn, together with targeted community engagement at a local (ward) level.

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 well-being goals?
 Yes No

- c) Does the initiative apply each of the five ways of working?
 Yes 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium risk <input type="checkbox"/>	Low risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Q6 Will this initiative have an impact (however minor) on any other Council service?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details below

All key policy drivers that influence nature recovery are now working as an established Nature Recovery and Climate Change Programme Board which is part of the governance structure to ensure priority is given to meeting agreed targets. As part of this process, each service delivery area will be required to consider the impact of their actions on biodiversity and ways in which they can contribute more to nature recovery.

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 purpose of each of these three Strategic Plans is to gain support for, and commitment to, delivering co-ordinated actions to improve the quality and resilience of the natural environment through increasing Biodiversity and Green infrastructure and the many beneficial ecosystem services they provide. This report relates to the process of preparing the three strategies.

Once agreed these strategies will provide the shared ambition, priorities, delivery framework and reporting mechanisms to ensure effective and collaborative delivery of actions that make a positive contribution to Nature Recovery.

Listening to and acting on stakeholder and community groups ideas will help shape these strategies, involving partners will be paramount to success. We need everyone in Swansea (at home, in the workplace, and across the County) to act now and consider what they can do to reduce their impact on biodiversity.

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Outcome of Screening

Q8 Please describe the outcome of your screening below:

The purpose of each of these three Strategic Plans is to gain support for and commitment to delivering co-ordinated actions that improve the quality and resilience of the local environment through increasing Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure and the many beneficial Ecosystem Services they provide. This report relates only to the process of preparing the three strategies. Therefore, the overall impact of this report is considered positive but relatively low.

Once developed and agreed these strategies will provide the shared ambition, priorities, governance and monitoring framework to ensure the effective and collaborative delivery of actions that make a positive contribution to Nature Recovery. It is anticipated that the draft strategies once prepared will be subject to a further IIA screening as part of their signing off process.

Initial consultation feedback has been very positive. Plans for continuing with more general engagement include a series of awareness raising presentations and workshops with key internal and external stakeholder groups during the Autumn, together with targeted community engagement at a local (ward) level.

The proposed Strategies and Plans are 100% in line with the Well-being of Future Generations Act (in particular the Resilient Wales Goal), as well as the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, the Swansea Well-being Plan, the Council Corporate Plan and Natural Resources Wales' Area Statement for South and West Wales. There are no identified risks in preparing these Strategies and Plans. Risk would arise from not preparing them.

These are essential Strategies and Plans required to meet the Council's legislative, corporate and partnership responsibilities to ensure Nature Recovery and respond to the declared Nature Emergency. There are no significant risks associated with this project, the project has been scored as 'low risk' and the outcomes are all deemed positive, therefore a full IIA is not deemed necessary

(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.

Screening completed by:
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Date: 26/08/22
Approval by Head of Service:
Name: Phil Holmes
Position: Director of Place
Date:

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