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

Which service area and directorate are you from? Cultural Services

Service Area: Leisure, Partnerships, Health and Wellbeing 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
\square	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 <u>describe</u> initiative here:

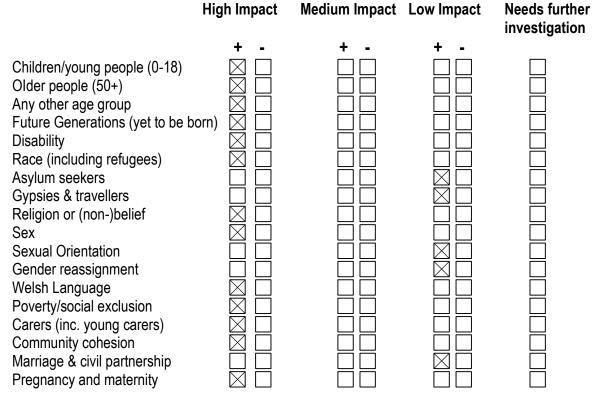
2022/2023 funding and support strategy for Leisure and Cultural Partnerships following the Covid-19 pandemic. Support due to losses and the requirement of a financial recovery plan related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, when significant support was provided to our partnerships under previous Cabinet Reports, for continued sustainability and monitoring of these partnerships, the recovery partnership liaison has continued on a monthly basis or at relevant board meetings and working groups set up to specifically monitor current and future operations and costs.

Whilst good recovery has been made across a number of areas, it is a reality that all Welsh Government Covid-19 loss of income claims and other support has diminished and it would be remiss to think that the legacy impact of Covid-19 from a financial and business planning perspective, plus other pressures and risks are gone.

Whilst some income lines across the portfolio have seen good growth, other elements have suffered greatly with continued nervousness in the sector. In addition, there has been a change of habit related to aging populations and 'working from home' blended approach continuing and become 'the norm'. As a result, income lines such as gym membership, car parking and indoor event/hires are taking longer to recover. This is compounded by the significant hikes in utilities and staffing costs/shortages which all have a significant and long term impact on financial performance of the venues. These culminating factors mean that partners are projecting that they will need support in the short/medium term to aid recovery.

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



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

We have consulted with national agencies such as the WLGA, Sport Wales and Welsh Govt. as well as industry sector representatives regarding the challenges facing the Leisure sector.

In direct dialogue with Freedom Leisure we have assessed the financial needs. Freedom Leisure have consulted with Members and where applicable, their boards, on immediate implications for the facilities and staff.

The report relates to the Council's ability to financially support the partnership in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent cost of living and energy crisis to the end of March 2023, with no intention to undertake public consultation or other stakeholder consultation as it does not at this stage affect service users as the funding will ensure that services are maintained to the current contracted 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	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

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 report is to inform a decision to sustain the current leisure and cultural services so that there is no negative impact on the users. Not acting or supporting our partners would impact on the service and facilities provided to the residents and visitors of Swansea.

The facilities operated by the partner contained within the report are varied and provide a range of services to all groups of society and the general public which support their wellbeing, health and cultural experiences in a variety of ways.

The impact of the Council not supporting this partner will ultimately mean that the services are put at risk of failure or cessation. Intervention through funding support from the council now provide partners with greatest chance of fully recovering, and reduce the future financial impact on the Council longer term. Losing or significantly reducing such services provided could therefore have a significant impact on the groups of the communities that they serve. The types of groups that use these facilities vary greatly but include disabled people, older people, single parents (who are mainly women) children and young people and engagements with those most vulnerable and need supporting in our society by providing engaging and welcoming spaces and places to use and feel comfortable. This extends to religious groups and ceremonial activities in the Leisure Centres.

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 Cabinet report sets out the financial implications following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the subsequent cost of living and energy crisis being felt by Freedom Leisure who operate Council services and facilities on a day to day basis, and directly deliver shared wellbeing goals, and vital community, public and education facilities on behalf of the Council. The report sets out the levels of financial support that the operator requires during the recovery phase in 2022/2023 to sustain the current challenges and in order to return to a pre Covid-19 trading position

(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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