

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council - Integrated Impact Assessment

All decisions, policy reviews or policy implementation will now require a completed Integrated Impact Assessment.

- Section 1-Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011
- Section 2-Socio-economic Duty – Sections 1 to 3 of the Equality Act 2010
- Section 3-Corporate Plan
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- Section 5-Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011
- Section 6-Children’s Right “The Right Way”
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| Lead Officer | Head of Service | Service Area & Department | Date |
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| Alun Watkins | | Community – Neighbourhood Services | 6/11/23 |

Briefly outline the proposal indicating what change or decision is to be made, also provide any documentation that may be used to support this.
What is the proposal that needs to be assessed?

The proposal to be assessed is the adoption of a new Council Litter Bin Policy as identified within the outcome objectives of the Fly-Tipping Strategy 2021-2026.

Section 1

Outline how the proposal will impact on any people or groups of people with protected characteristics, please refer to the Equalities Act 2010 (Wales) for further information [Equality Act 2010: guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) and the EHRC guidance [The Essential Guide to the Public Sector Equality Duty: EHRC](#)

Briefly outline below if there will be any positive or negative impacts as a result of the proposal being considered.

| Protected characteristics | Will the proposal have any positive impacts on those with a protected characteristics? | Will the proposal have any negative impacts on those with a protected characteristics? | Outline how the proposal could maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impact. Please indicate any views evidence you have that supports this. |
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| Age (<i>people of all ages</i>) | The proposal will benefit the whole community and in accordance with Equality Act 2010 | No | As detailed within the report the proposed policy will maximise the efficiency of service provision to the benefit of residents and visitors. |
| Disability (<i>people with disabilities/ long term conditions</i>) | As above | As above | As above |
| Gender Reassignment (<i>anybody who's gender identity or gender expression is different to the sex they were assigned at birth</i>) | As above | As above | As above |
| Marriage or Civil Partnership (<i>people who are married or in a civil partnership</i>) | As above | As above | As above |

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| Pregnancy and Maternity (<i>women who are pregnant and/or on maternity leave</i>) | As above | As above | As above |
| Race (<i>people from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities and different racial backgrounds</i>) | As above | As above | As above |
| Religion or Belief (<i>people with different religions and beliefs including people with no beliefs</i>) | As above | As above | As above |
| Sex (<i>women and men, girls and boys and those who self-identify their gender</i>) | As above | As above | As above |
| Sexual Orientation (<i>lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual, other</i>) | As above | As above | As above |

NOTE: Section 2 only needs to be completed if proposals are of a strategic nature or when reviewing previous strategic decisions. See page 6 of the Preparing for the Commencement of the Socio-economic Duty Welsh Government Guidance.

Section 2

Socio-economic Duty (Strategic Decisions Only)

The Welsh Governments [Socio-economic Duty](#) provides a framework in order to ensure tackling inequality is at the forefront of decision making.

.Please consider the below vulnerable groups and consider how the proposal could affect them:

- Single parents and vulnerable families
- People with low literacy/numeracy
- Pensioners
- Looked after children
- Homeless people
- Carers
- Armed Forces Community
- Students
- Single adult households
- People misusing substances
- People who have experienced the asylum system
- People of all ages leaving a care setting
- People living in the most deprived areas in Wales (WIMD)
- People involved in the criminal justice system

| Socio Economic disadvantage definitions. | Will the proposal have a positive, negative or neutral impacts on the below? | How could you mitigate the negative impacts outlined? | Please highlight any evidence that has been considered. |
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| Low Income / Income Poverty <i>(cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing, transport etc.)</i> | Neutral Impact | | |
| Low and/or No Wealth <i>(enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provisions for the future)</i> | As above | | |
| Material Deprivation <i>(unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life</i> | As above | | |



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| <i>insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, hobbies etc.)</i> | | | |
| Area Deprivation <i>(where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of public transport) Impact on the environment?)</i> | The policy will allow more effective management of the Litter and dog bin allocation and decision process. | | |
| Socio-economic Background <i>(social class i.e. parents education, employment and income)</i> | As above | | |
| Socio-economic Disadvantage <i>(What cumulative impact will the proposal have on people or groups because of their protected characteristic(s) or vulnerability or because they are already disadvantaged)</i> | As above | | |




Section 3-Corporate Plan

Please outline any Corporate Plan linkages of the proposal -[BG Corporate Plan 22-27](#)

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| <p>Priority 1 - Maximise learning and skills for all to create a prosperous, thriving, resilient Blaenau Gwent</p> | <p>In line with the Councils Litter and Fly Tipping Strategy, the proposal if supported would aim achieve the outcome themes being: Influence, Engage, Adopt Best Practice and Empower. Although the policy will support the other 3 outcomes, the specific outcome aim of the policy is to adopt best practice as detailed within the report.</p> |
| <p>Priority 2 - Respond to the nature and climate crisis and enable connected communities</p> | <p>Through the outcome objectives of Litter and Fly tipping Strategy, the policy will support those aims to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote behaviours that align with the Strategy outcomes. • align with the behaviour change programme to encourage the transfer of behaviours adopted at home into the school environment or place of work, and promote the objectives of the Council. |
| <p>Priority 3 - An ambitious and innovative council delivering quality services at the right time and in the right place</p> | <p>Refer to Priority 1 The proposal objective is for all stakeholders including council staff, departments and partners to participate to understand and adopt best practices thus decreasing levels of littering and fly tipping to enhance the environment.</p> |
| <p>Priority 4 - Empowering and supporting communities to be safe, independent and resilient</p> | <p>Refer to priority 1 to include: The proposal will allow for the continuation and growth of the support and appreciation given to many volunteers and community groups who give up time litter pick in their community enhancing community pride and resilience.</p> |

Section 4-Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – The Five Ways of Working (ICLIP)
Sustainable development principles. The WBFG Act requires the Council to consider how any proposal improves the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales using the five ways of working as a baseline)

| Five Ways of Working | How have you used the Sustainable Development Principles in forming the proposal? |
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| <p>Long Term</p>  | <p>Consider the long-term impact of the proposal on the ability of communities to secure their well-being.</p> <p>The proposal long term impact objective is achieved through adopting best practices along with educational events and raising awareness through behaviour change campaigns. Encouraging active community participation for all members of the community will improve the health and wellbeing of those participants.</p> <p>Our proposal theme of Influence, Engage, Adopt Best Practice and Empower is aimed to be applicable to all 5 ways</p> |
| <p>Prevention</p>  | <p>Consider how the proposal is preventing problems from occurring or getting worse</p> <p>Adopting best practices and achieving the other outcome objectives of the strategy will improve along with reducing litter and fly tipping.</p> |

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| <p>Integration</p>  | <p>Consider how your proposal will impact on other services provided in our communities (these might be Council services or services delivered by other organisations or groups)</p> <p>As detailed above the proposal involves the collaborative and partnership working with internal and external stakeholders involved in or affected by Litter and fly tipping. Through involving all stakeholders, the proposal will capture a wide and broad audience in its delivery.</p> |
| <p>Collaboration</p>  | <p>Consider how you are working with Council services or services delivered by other organisations or groups in our communities.</p> <p>As above the proposal involves the collaborative and partnership working with internal and external stakeholders involved in or affected by Litter and fly tipping. Through involving all stakeholders, the proposal will capture a wide and broad audience in its delivery.</p> <p>Influence, Engage, Adopt Best Practice and Empower</p> |
| <p>Involvement</p>  | <p>Consider how you involve people who have an interest in this proposal and ensure that they represent the diversity of our communities.</p> <p>As above the proposal involves the collaborative and partnership working with internal and external stakeholders involved in or affected by Litter and fly tipping. Through involving all stakeholders, the proposal will capture a wide and broad audience in its delivery.</p> <p>Influence, Engage, Adopt Best Practice and Empower,</p> |

How does your proposal link to the Welsh Governments Priorities for Wales? Please indicate below.

1. **A PROSPEROUS WALES ...** an innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.

The policy will ensure the efficient use of public resources.

The policy proposal would be applicable to all members of community irrespective of wealth or background.

2. **A RESILIENT WALES ...** a nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change). Think about how your activity will have regard to protecting and enhancing biodiversity.

The policy proposal reflect the importance and priority given to enhance the environment both in the short and long term to benefit future generations.

3. **A HEALTHIER WALES ...** a society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.

The policy proposal's alignment to the litter and fly tipping strategy supports the aim to not only to improve the environment but also to support and enhance the health and well-being of members of the community.

4. **A MORE EQUAL WALES ...** A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).

The proposal within this report will give equal access to the services provided for all residents irrespective of wealth.

5. **A WALES OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES ...** attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.

The proposals within this report will contribute through providing a customer focused sensitive service that remains viable, safe and well connected to local and regional communities. Again the theme of Influence, Engage, Adopt Best Practice and Empower reflects the importance of cohesive communities.

6. **A WALES OF VIBRANT CULTURE AND THRIVING ...** a society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.

7. **A GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE WALES ...** a nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

The recommendations within this report will provide for a community focused service, supporting the well-being of the local community. Subsequently the proposal would support a positive contribution to the global well-being of Wales as a whole.

Section 5-Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and Welsh Language Standards

(The Welsh Language Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards require the Council to have 'due regard' for the positive or negative impact that any proposal may have on opportunities to use the Welsh language. [Welsh Language Standards](#))

| Requirement | Does the proposal have any positive, negative or neutral impacts in regards to the below? | What can be done to mitigate any negative impacts? | Please demonstrate any evidence used to form this opinion. |
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| <p>Compliance with the Welsh Language Standards. <i>Specifically Standards 88 - 93</i></p> | No | | |
| <p>What opportunities are there to promote the Welsh Language? <i>e.g. status, use of Welsh language services, use of Welsh in everyday life in work / community</i></p> | In compliance with the Standards all media and communications of events and campaigns will be bilingual | Policy would be available bi-lingually to be completed and submitted | |
| <p>What opportunities are there for a person or person to use the Welsh Language? <i>e.g. staff, residents and visitors</i></p> | No | | |
| <p>Has the Welsh Language been considered in order to treat the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?</p> | No | As above | |

Section 6 – Children’s Rights Approach - [The Right Way](#)

The Children’s Rights Approach – The Right Way is a framework for working with children, grounded in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It places the UNCRC at the core of planning and service delivery and integrates children’s rights into every aspect of decision-making, policy and practice. The Right Way focuses on three main them Participation, Provision and Protection.

| Protected characteristics | Will the proposal have any positive impacts on the Children’s Rights Approach? | Will the proposal have any negative impacts on the Children’s Rights Approach? | Outline how the proposal could maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impact. Please indicate any views evidence you have that supports this. |
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| Participation (child or young person as someone who actively contributes to society as a citizen) | The proposal supports the adopted strategy that identifies the requirement to engage, educate and empower the community including children. The proposal’s outcomes are dependant on the contribution of children. | No | As the proposal aligns to the adopted strategy, the objectives and outcomes of the Strategy require the inclusion of Children to succeed and achieve a sustainable environment. As part of the proposal children will be represented as Stakeholders via School councils, Youth Services etc |
| Provision (the basic rights of children and young people to survive and develop) | The proposal allows for children to be educated and empowered to create a legacy for environmental issues for their and future generations | No | As above and refer to positive impact section |
| Protection (children and young people are protected against exploitation, abuse or discrimination) | All protective legislation will be strictly adhered to. | No | |

Section 7– Community Safety

Duty to Consider Crime and Disorder Implications

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the local authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder, anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, re-offending and serious violence.

| Impacts | Will the proposal have any positive impacts on crime and disorder? | Will the proposal have any negative impacts on crime and disorder? | Outline how the proposal could maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impact. Please indicate any views evidence you have that supports this. |
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| Crime (consider impact on each: victims, offenders and neighbourhoods) | As the policy forms part of Strategy, the proposal will develop links with stakeholder partners such as the Police, Youth Services and the probation service to adopt best practices that will support Anti-Social Behaviour Projects within the community. | No | Raising awareness, educating and empowering those involved in the proposal will highlight the impact litter and fly tipping has on the community and environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent partnership events with the Police within a town centre area was extremely successful. • The Probation service are supporting volunteer groups undertake litter picks in “hot spot” areas which has been appreciated by the volunteers and community |
| Anti-Social Behaviour and behaviour adversely | As Above | No | As above |

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| <p>affecting the local environment (consider impact on each: victims, offenders, neighbourhoods and green spaces)</p> | | | |
| <p>Misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances (Think vulnerable children, adults, families and communities)</p> | As Above | No | |
| <p>Re-offending (Think young people and adults, victims, families, communities)</p> | As Above | No | |
| <p>Serious Violence (Think vulnerable young people, vulnerable adults, victims, families, communities)</p> | No | No | |
| <p>Counter Terrorism (People and places that are vulnerable to terrorism or violent extremism)</p> | No | No | |

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| Community Cohesion (Asylum seekers, Migrants, Victims or Hate Crime, Community tensions) | No | No | |
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Section 8- Armed Forces Covenant Duty [AFC Draft Statutory Guidance - Final.pdf](#)

| Impacts | Will the proposal have any positive impacts on the armed forces community? | Will the proposal have any negative impacts on the armed forces community? | Outline how the proposal could maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impact. Please indicate any views evidence you have that supports this. |
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| Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of services • Planning and funding • Co-operation between bodies and professionals <p>These healthcare functions are within scope of the Duty in the following settings:</p> | <p>The proposal will support and comply with the Armed Forces Covenant to give 'Due Regard' in respect of the Armed Forces Community and the challenges they face.</p> | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LEQ Officer who has been appointed to deliver the litter and Flytipping strategy and its subsequent outcomes is ex Armed Forces. • The response and feedback from schools, volunteers and the community to him and his delivery has been extremely positive |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Primary Care services, including general practice, community pharmacies, NHS dental, NHS optometry services and public health screening services. • NHS Secondary Care services, including urgent and emergency care, hospital and community services, specialist care, mental health services, and additional needs services (as applicable). • Local authority-delivered healthcare services, including sexual health services and drug and alcohol misuse services | | | |
| <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions • Educational attainment and curriculum • Child wellbeing • Transport • Attendance • Additional needs support | As above | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Service Pupil Premium funding (England only) <p>These education functions are within scope of the Duty in compulsory education settings, that is, primary, secondary, and, for England only, compulsory further education. The Duty does not cover nursery (early years education), higher education, or other voluntary adult education settings</p> | | | |
| <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocations policy for social housing • Tenancy strategies (England only) • Homelessness • Disabled Facilities Grants | <p>No</p> | | |

Section 9-Data-Please outline any data or evidence that has been used to develop the proposal, this can be previous consultations, local/national data, pilot projects, reports, feedback from clients etc.

| Data/evidence –What data/evidence was used? - provide any links. | What were the key findings? | How has the data/evidence informed this proposal? |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BGCBC Adopted Waste & Recycling Strategy • BGCBC Adopted Litter & Fly Tipping Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public consultation undertaken in the preparation of the Strategy ○ Data from Welsh Government’s Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS). • BGCBC Corporate Plan objectives • Keep Wales Tidy “Caru Cymru” project objectives | <p>The key findings of the evidence and data detailed is that to succeed the and outcome objectives must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Raise Awareness • Change Behaviour • Adopt Best Practice, and • Empower <p>The recommendations of the proposal is to achieve each of the objectives over the short, medium and long term</p> | <p>The evidence and data has identified the need to introduce additional resources to enable the related strategies to be delivered successfully to the community to both improve the environmental quality of Blaenau Gwent and also to ensure BGCBC meets WG’s recycling targets.</p> |
| <p>Are there any data or information gaps and if so what are they and how do you intend to address them?</p> | | |
| <p>No</p> | | |

Section 10-Consultation. Please provide details of consultation undertaken to support the proposal. Please consider the Gunning Principles: -

Principle 1: Consultation must take place when the proposals are still at a formative stage. You must not have already made up your mind.

Principle 2: Sufficient reasons must be put forward to allow for intelligent consideration and response. Have people been given the information and opportunity to influence?

Principle 3: Adequate time must be given for consideration and response. Is the consultation long enough bearing in mind the circumstances?

Principle 4: The product of consultation must be conscientiously taken into account when finalising the decision

Briefly describe any planned consultations or consultations that have been carried out to date. Please consider the above principles.

Please consider the following questions; -

1. Who did you consult?

Refer to Section 9 to include Staff, Keep Wales Tidy, Volunteers & Community Groups, OD

2. When did the consultation take place and was adequate time given for a response?

2019 using external independent consultants (WG funded via KWT)

3. Was there enough information provided to respond effectively?

Yes

4. What were the findings?

To identify the necessary resource to achieve each Strategy's outcome aims to; **Influence, Engage, Adopt Best Practice and Empower**

The resource identified is detailed in the proposal with specific reference to the need to Adopt Best Practice by adopting a Litter and Dog Bin Policy

5. Have the findings been considered in regards to the decision?

Yes

| Section 11-Monitoring and Review | |
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| How will the implementation of the proposal be monitored, including the impacts or changes made? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor MCS (My Council Services) data & requests • Annual review of Policy to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partner/Stakeholder feedback ○ Member feedback • Monitor Data analysis (LEAMS) • Monitor against Strategy Outcome Aims – short, medium, long term |
| What monitoring tools will be used? | <p>MCS report data LEAMS Strategy Outcome aims</p> |
| How will the results be used for future development? | <p>Continual monitoring and evaluation of impact</p> |
| How and when will it be reviewed? | <p>Ongoing evaluation to ensure proposal aims are achieved and identify gaps or where improvements are required</p> |
| Who is responsible for ensuring this happens? | <p>Line Management</p> |

Section 12 - Decision

Using the information you have gathered from sections 1-9 please state in the table below whether you are able to proceed with the proposal.

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| Continue with the proposal in its current form | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Continue with proposal but take into account reasonable steps to mitigate any negative impacts of the proposal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Name of person completing the IIA | |
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| Date: | 09/11/2023 |

| Head of Service Approval | | | |
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