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Date: 12th December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Rearranged Special meeting of the **Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee** will be held in the **Sirhowy Room, Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach** on **Monday, 18th December, 2017** at **5.30 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris Burns'.

Chris Burns
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

Pages

1 To receive apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest (s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

To receive and consider the following Scrutiny reports: -

3 Draft Budget Proposals for 2018/19.

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REARRANGED SPECIAL HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 18TH DECEMBER 2017

SUBJECT: DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2018/19

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151
OFFICER**

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- 1.1 The attached report setting out details of draft revenue budget proposals for the 2018/19 financial year was presented to Cabinet at its meeting on the 15th November 2017.
 - 1.2 As part of the consultation process on the draft budget proposals the Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment upon the content of the report.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Cabinet Report 15/11/17 – Draft Budget Proposals for 2018/19

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CABINET – 15TH NOVEMBER 2017

SUBJECT: DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2018/19

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & SECTION 151 OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present Cabinet with details of draft budget proposals for the 2018/19 financial year to allow for a period of consultation prior to a final decision in February 2018.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides details of draft budget proposals based on the Welsh Government (WG) Provisional 2018/19 Local Government Financial Settlement.
- 2.2 The report also provides details of draft savings proposals for 2018/19 totalling £7.205m.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The budget setting process encompasses all the resources used by the Council to deliver services and meet priorities.
- 3.2 Effective financial planning and the setting of a balanced budget support the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015: -
- A prosperous Wales.
 - A resilient Wales.
 - A healthier Wales.
 - A more equal Wales.
 - A Wales of cohesive communities.
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language.
 - A globally responsible Wales.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 **Headline Issues in the Provisional Settlement**

- 4.1.1 Published on the 10th October 2017, the key points of the WG Provisional 2018/19 Local Government Financial Settlement are the following: -
- An overall net cash increase of 1.8% in the Aggregate External Finance (Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and Redistributed Non-Domestic Rates) on an all-Wales basis. This cash increase includes specific grants totalling circa £92m that have been transferred into the RSG and £6m funding for new responsibilities in relation to the prevention of homelessness.

- After adjusting for the transfer in of the specific grants and new responsibilities there is an overall net decrease in the Aggregate External Finance of 0.5% on an all-Wales basis (comparing on a like-for-like basis with 2017/18). This varies by Authority due to the funding formula and ranges from minus 1% to plus 0.2%.
- For Caerphilly CBC there is a cash increase of £1.973m in the Aggregate External Finance. However, after adjusting for the transfer in of specific grants and new responsibilities this equates to a net cash reduction of £2.965m (1%) compared to the 2017/18 financial year.
- Caerphilly CBC's element of the £92m specific grants transferred into the Settlement and the £6m for new responsibilities totals £4.937m. Details are provided in paragraph 4.1.2.
- Changes to other passported grants in the Provisional Settlement result in a net reduction of £0.473m as detailed in paragraph 4.1.3.
- An all-Wales indicative reduction in Aggregate External Finance of minus 1.5% has been provided by WG for the 2019/20 financial year.
- The capital allocations available to Caerphilly CBC in the RSG and from the General Capital Grant have decreased by £64k from the 2017/18 financial year.

4.1.2 Table 1 provides details of transfers into the WG Financial Settlement and new responsibilities: -

Table 1 – Transfers In and New Responsibilities 2018/19

	£m
Transfers In: -	
Single Revenue Grant (waste element only)	1.818
Welsh Independent Living Grant	1.010
Social Care Workforce Grant	1.140
Carers' Respite Care Grant	0.180
Looked After Children: -	
• Expanding Edge of Care Service	0.342
• Support for Care Leavers	0.111
• Reflect	0.054
New Responsibilities: -	
Prevention of homelessness	0.282
TOTAL	4.937

4.1.3 Table 2 provides details of changes to other passported grants included in the WG Financial Settlement: -

Table 2 – Other Passported Grants 2018/19

	£m
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	(0.272)
Private Finance Initiative (PFI)	(0.201)
TOTAL	(0.473)

4.1.4 As in previous years, the adjustments in Tables 1 and 2 (both the increases and decreases in funding) will be passed directly to those services that they relate to.

4.2 2018/19 Draft Budget Proposals

4.2.1 The proposals contained within this report will deliver a balanced budget for 2018/19 on the basis that Council Tax is increased by 4.52%. Table 3 provides a summary: -

Table 3 – Summary

Paragraph	Description	£m	£m
4.2.3 – 4.2.9	Whole-Authority cost pressures	8.867	
4.2.10 – 4.2.18	Inescapable service pressures	2.310	
4.1.1	Increase in WG funding		1.973
4.3.1	Draft savings proposals 2018/19		7.205
4.3.3	Contingent sum/savings in advance	1.000	
4.4.1 – 4.4.2	Council Tax uplift (4.52%)		2.999
	TOTAL	12.177	12.177

4.2.2 Cabinet should note that the draft budget proposals assume no growth for Schools in 2018/19 i.e. a cash flat position. There is no requirement in the Provisional Settlement to protect Schools and they will therefore be required to manage their own pay and non-pay inflationary increases in 2018/19 along with other emerging cost pressures. This in effect equates to a real terms cut of £1.644m (1.68%). However, this needs to be considered alongside the need to deliver savings of £7.205m for other services across the Council, which equates to 3.24% of current budgets. This does therefore provide some relative protection to schools from the full extent of savings required to deliver a balanced budget.

4.2.3 The whole Authority cost pressures totalling £8.867m are set out in Table 4 below -

Table 4 – Whole Authority Cost Pressures

	£m
Pay – Weighted average increase of 1.2%	1.383
Living Wage	0.148
Employer pension contributions	0.249
Non-pay inflation at 2%	2.623
Transfers in and new responsibilities	4.937
Other passported grants	(0.473)
TOTAL	8.867

4.2.4 **Pay – Weighted average increase of 1.2%** - The pay award for the 2018/19 financial year is still subject to agreement so the draft budget proposals currently assume a pay award at 2017/18 levels. This presents a risk as the pay claim submitted by the Trade Unions significantly exceeds this sum. A further risk in relation to pay is that pay scale differentials may need to be reviewed as a result of annual increases in the National Living Wage which was introduced by the UK Government from April 2016. Work is ongoing in this area and the position is being kept under review.

4.2.5 **Living Wage** – Caerphilly CBC is a Living Wage Foundation employer so a sum is included in the draft budget proposals to allow for annual increases in the Living Wage hourly rate.

4.2.6 **Employer pension contributions** – Following the outcome of the most recent triennial valuation of the Pension Fund, Caerphilly CBC is required to increase its pension contribution by £249k (0.28%) for the 2018/19 financial year.

4.2.7 **Non-pay inflation at 2%** - The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation rate is currently 3% against the Bank of England’s target rate of 2%. The draft budget proposals only allow for non-pay inflation at 2% so budget holders will need to manage the impact of any shortfall. This is sustainable for 2018/19 but in the longer-term additional funding may need to be set-aside if inflation continues to exceed the Bank of England target of 2%.

4.2.8 **Transfers in and new responsibilities** – As per the table in paragraph 4.1.2.

4.2.9 **Other passported grants** - As per the table in paragraph 4.1.3.

- 4.2.10 It is incumbent upon Council to set a realistic budget each year. Table 5 provides details of the 2018/19 inescapable service commitments/pressures that have been identified and require consideration in respect of funding: -

Table 5 – Inescapable Service Pressures and Other Service Commitments

	£m
Social Services cost pressures	1.500
City Deal partnership revenue contribution	0.060
City Deal debt charges	0.050
Private Finance Initiative (PFI) review	0.700
TOTAL	2.310

- 4.2.11 **Social Services cost pressures** - Cabinet will recall that the 2016/17 budget included additional funding of £2.5m for Social Services cost pressures and a further £3.5m was also set aside in 2017/18. This has been necessary to fund increases in fees for external care providers due in the main to the introduction of the National Living Wage, and additional costs arising from increasing demand for services in both Adult and Children's Services. It is proposed that a further sum of £1.5m should be allocated in the 2018/19 budget to meet ongoing financial pressures for Social Services.
- 4.2.12 **City Deal partnership revenue contribution** – At its meeting on the 31st January 2017, Council agreed an annual revenue contribution of £120k towards the support structure for the City Deal Regional Cabinet. For 2017/18 the contribution was only expected to be £60k due to underspends being carried forward from 2016/17 so £60k was included in the base budget. From 2018/19 onwards there will need to be provision in the base budget to meet the full £120k annual commitment therefore a further £60k will need to be included in the 2018/19 budget.
- 4.2.13 **City Deal Debt Charges** – The City Deal includes a borrowing requirement of £120m for the ten partner Local Authorities. £50k has been included in the 2018/19 draft budget proposals to meet the current anticipated cost for Caerphilly CBC's share of potential early borrowing that may be undertaken during the year. This is being kept under review and will be updated in the final budget 2018/19 budget proposals report that will be presented to Cabinet and Council in February 2018.
- 4.2.14 **Private Finance Initiative (PFI) review** – A review of the Council's PFI contracts is currently being undertaken. These contracts relate to Fleur de Lys (Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymini) and Pengam (Lewis Boys) Secondary Schools, and Sirhowy Enterprise Way (SEW). To assist with this review the services of a company called Local Partnerships have been commissioned. This organisation has a proven track record in relation to supporting public sector bodies through reviews of operational PFI contracts and was recommended by WG.
- 4.2.15 The PFI Schemes are financially managed through two Sinking Funds which profile the anticipated costs and financial contributions over the life of the contracts. At the outset of the contracts the Sinking Funds showed a projected balanced position based on a range of assumptions at that time.
- 4.2.16 Based on updated financial projections completed as part of the ongoing review process the SEW Sinking Fund remains fully funded over the life of the project. However, the latest financial projections for the Schools PFI reveal an anticipated shortfall of circa £22m on the Schools PFI Sinking Fund. The main reasons for this are the following: -
- Financial impact of additional services agreed through the contract benchmarking process i.e. £3.3m.
 - There appears to have been a 'double count' from the outset in relation to the treatment of Free School Meals, with a cost implication of circa £3.5m.
 - Interest on balances is projected to be circa £7.1m less than originally anticipated due to changes in the payment profile and the impact on balances held.

- The remaining balance of £8.1m is due in the main to actual inflationary pressures compared to original assumptions.

4.2.17 To address this anticipated shortfall budgetary growth of circa £700k will need to be built into the Education & Lifelong Learning base budget from 2018/19 to ensure that a balanced position can be achieved for the Schools PFI Sinking Fund. This figure may reduce as part of the ongoing work being undertaken with Local Partnerships as discussions are continuing with the service provider regarding the potential for savings on services such as catering and cleaning.

4.2.18 A separate detailed report on the PFI review will be scheduled for Cabinet prior to final 2018/19 budget proposals being presented to both Cabinet and Council in February 2018.

4.3 2018/19 Draft Savings Proposals

4.3.1 Draft savings proposals have been identified for the 2018/19 financial year totalling £7.205m as summarised in Table 6: -

Table 6 – Draft Savings Proposals 2018/19

Description	2018/19 Saving £m
Savings proposals with no public impact	4.682
Savings proposals with a public impact: -	
• Low impact	1.218
• Medium impact	1.305
TOTAL	7.205

4.3.2 A summary of savings proposals by Directorate/Service Area is provided in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 provides further details of the savings proposals that are likely to have an impact on the public. As in previous years, those savings proposals that are not expected to have an impact on the public have been consolidated into a single line for each service area. These 'nil impact' savings consist in the main of vacancy management, budget realignment and minor changes to service provision.

4.3.3 The proposed savings of £7.205m along with the proposed Council Tax increase of 4.52% will allow for a contingent sum of £1m to be set aside to meet additional cost pressures that may arise from the final pay award for the 2018/19 financial year and potential changes to pay scale differentials. If this contingent sum is not required in full or in part to meet these potential cost pressures then it is recommended that any balance should be treated as savings in advance to assist with further financial pressures that will need to be managed in future financial years.

4.4 Council Tax Implications 2018/19

4.4.1 The draft budget proposals within this report include a proposed increase of 4.52% in Council Tax for the 2018/19 financial year. This will increase the Caerphilly CBC Band D precept from £1,011.96 to £1,057.70 i.e. an annual increase of £45.74 or weekly increase of £0.88.

4.4.2 The proposed increase of 4.52% for 2018/19 will result in the following totals for the Caerphilly CBC element of the Council Tax (the Police & Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Council precepts would be added to these totals when confirmed at a later date): -

Table 7 – 2018/19 Council Tax (CCBC Element) at 4.52% Increase

Band	Council Tax (CCBC Element) £	Weekly Increase £
A	705.13	0.59
B	822.66	0.68
C	940.18	0.78
D	1,057.70	0.88
E	1,292.75	1.08
F	1,527.79	1.27
G	1,762.83	1.47
H	2,115.40	1.76
I	2,467.97	2.05

4.5 Financial Outlook for Future Years

- 4.5.1 The Medium-Term Financial Plan presented to Council in February 2017 showed a potential savings requirement of £22.161m for the three-year period 2019/20 to 2021/22. This assumed a cash flat position in terms of the WG Financial Settlement for each of the three years. As mentioned in paragraph 4.1.1, WG has provided an all-Wales indicative reduction in Aggregate External Finance of minus 1.5% for the 2019/20 financial year. This would increase Caerphilly CBC's savings requirement by a further £3.984m for 2019/20 alone. If this was replicated in 2020/21 and 2021/22 then further savings of £7.789m would be required. This would result in a total savings requirement of circa £34m for the three-year period 2019/20 to 2021/22.
- 4.5.2 The indicative reduction of 1.5% provided by WG for the 2019/20 financial year is based on a current assumption that a proportion of unallocated UK Government savings totalling circa £3.5bn will flow through to WG. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will present his Autumn Budget Statement on the 22nd November 2017 and this will provide further clarity on any unallocated savings that may impact on WG. Details of the Final 2018/19 Local Government Financial Settlement will be issued on the 20th December 2017 and this will include a revised indicative figure for 2019/20 based on the implications of the Autumn Statement.
- 4.5.3 An updated Medium-Term Financial Plan covering the period 2018/19 to 2022/23 will be presented to both Cabinet and Council in February 2018.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 Effective financial planning is a key element in ensuring that the Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 are met.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An equalities impact assessment will be completed for all of the 2018/19 savings proposals that are expected to have an impact on the public. This is to ensure that decisions that affect different individuals and groups are assessed at an appropriate and relevant level and at the correct stage in the process.
- 6.2 Consultation with residents, when done in accordance with the Council's Public Engagement Strategy and the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance, also ensures that every resident, regardless of circumstances, has the opportunity to have their views heard and considered in the Council's decision-making process.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 As detailed throughout the report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Where staff reductions are required as a consequence of savings proposals the Council will firstly try to achieve this through 'natural wastage' and not filling vacancies. However, where this is not possible then every opportunity will be taken to find alternative employment through the Council's redeployment policy. The Council will also utilise other policies as appropriate e.g. voluntary severance.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 Cabinet is asked to agree that the draft budget proposals for 2018/19 should now be subject to a period of consultation prior to final 2018/19 budget proposals being presented to Cabinet on the 14th February 2018 and then Council on the 20th February 2018. The consultation process will run from the 13th November 2017 to the 8th January 2018 and will consist of the following: -

- Online and paper consultation.
- Articles in Newslines.
- Use of Social Media.
- Drop-In Sessions at locations across the County Borough.
- Meetings with the Viewpoint Panel, 50+ Forum, Youth Forum etc.
- Engagement with employees and the Trade Unions.
- Consultation with Town and Community Councils.
- Consultation with the Voluntary Sector.
- Posters at affected establishments.
- Other targeted stakeholder engagement as appropriate.

9.2 As part of the consultation process there will also be a series of Special Scrutiny Committees to focus on the savings proposals. In addition to considering the content of this Cabinet report the Scrutiny Committees will receive further reports providing more detail on the savings proposals that are expected to have an impact on the public. The dates of the Special Scrutiny Committee meetings are as follows: -

- 04/12/17 – Policy & Resources.
- 07/12/17 – Education for Life.
- 11/12/17 – Health, Social Care & Wellbeing.
- 13/12/17 – Regeneration & Environment.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Cabinet is asked to: -

10.1.1 Endorse the draft 2018/19 budget proposals including the proposed savings totalling £7.205m.

10.1.2 Support the proposal to increase Council Tax by 4.52% for the 2018/19 financial year to ensure that a balanced budget is achieved (Council Tax Band D being set at £1,057.70).

10.1.3 Agree that the draft budget proposals should now be subject to consultation prior to final 2018/19 budget proposals being presented to Cabinet and Council in February 2018.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 Council is required annually to approve proposals to set a balanced budget and agree a Council Tax rate.
- 11.2 Council is required to put in place a sound and prudent financial framework to support service delivery.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 The Local Government Acts 1998 and 2003.

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Background Papers:

WG Provisional 2018/19 Local Government Financial Settlement (10th October 2017)
Council (22/02/17) - Budget Proposals 2017/18 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2017/2022

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Summary of 2018/19 Savings Proposals
Appendix 2 - 2018/19 Savings Proposals

Summary of 2018/19 Savings Proposals

Directorate/Service Division	Public Impact				Total Proposed Savings £000's
	Nil £000's	Low £000's	Medium £000's	High £000's	
Education & Lifelong Learning					
- Planning & Strategy	341	0	333	0	674
- Learning, Education & Inclusion	353	0	186	0	539
- Lifelong Learning	108	25	35	0	168
Sub-Total: -	802	25	554	0	1,381
Social Services/Public Protection/Policy					
- Children's Services	385	0	0	0	385
- Adult Services	330	563	0	0	893
- Service Strategy & Business Support	50	0	0	0	50
- Public Protection	134	151	86	0	370
- Corporate Policy	79	14	0	0	93
Sub-Total: -	978	728	86	0	1,791
Communities					
- Regeneration and Planning	288	166	0	0	454
- Engineering	175	180	534	0	888
- Community & Leisure Services	646	40	131	0	817
- Housing Services	117	0	0	0	117
Sub-Total: -	1,226	386	665	0	2,276
Corporate Services					
- Corporate Finance	80	0	0	0	80
- Procurement & Customer Services	85	80	0	0	165
- Information Technology	340	0	0	0	340
- Corporate Property	197	0	0	0	197
- Human Resources & Communications	140	0	0	0	140
- Health & Safety	70	0	0	0	70
Sub-Total: -	912	80	0	0	992
Miscellaneous Finance	765	0	0	0	765
Grand Total: -	4,682	1,218	1,305	0	7,205

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2018/19 Savings Proposals

Savings Proposal	£000's	Comments	Public Impact
EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING			
PLANNING & STRATEGY			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	341.00		Nil
Maintenance of School Buildings - Withdrawal of budget for 50/50 schemes.	333.00	LMS Contingency balances to be used initially. However, In the medium to long-term this would have a significant impact on repairs and maintenance spend on our schools.	Medium
Sub-Total: -	674.00		
LEARNING, EDUCATION & INCLUSION			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	353.00		Nil
Language Support Primary - Vacant posts.	66.00	2 postholders retired end of Summer Term 2017. No impact on statutory provision but some impact for Schools on discretionary provision.	Medium
School Improvement Initiatives - Budget reduction.	120.00	Initially low impact on Schools if Chief Education Officer is able to access Education balances. However, this is not a long-term solution so will rise to medium impact.	Medium
Sub-Total: -	539.00		
LIFELONG LEARNING			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	108.00		Nil
Libraries - Reduction in Book Fund.	25.00	Public unlikely to notice any significant impact, budget currently circa £380k.	Low
Libraries - Reduction in newspapers	20.00	Reduced Open Access provision within our libraries.	Medium
Youth Service - Removal of payment to GAVO for Holiday Scheme Co-ordinator.	15.00	The medium impact assessment is not in relation to the impact on service users but on the potential impact to GAVO. There would be minimal impact on service users as the Youth Service would take up any shortfall in capacity. GAVO would continue to be supported to the value of £25k.	Medium
Sub-Total: -	168.00		
TOTAL: -	1,381.00		
SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC PROTECTION & POLICY			
CHILDREN'S SERVICES			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	385.00		Nil
Sub-Total: -	385.00		
ADULT SERVICES			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	330.00		Nil
Decommission Age Concern Hospital Discharge contract	46.00	Decommissioning of contract for relatively low numbers of people receiving low level non-statutory services for a short period. Links to Information, Advice & Assistance and implementation of the Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 re. promoting independence.	Low

Savings Proposal	£000's	Comments	Public Impact
Decommission 2 Luncheon Clubs contract.	12.00	A small number of people attend these 2 Luncheon Clubs. The service may need to cease or different arrangements will need to be put in place if an alternative funding stream cannot be found.	Low
Domiciliary Care Client Income - Realign budget to reflect outcomes from Members Task & Finish Group and Welsh Government Cap.	75.00	There is an expectation that WG will gradually increase the weekly cap on service users contributions for non-residential care which will translate into a small increase in income each year.	Low
Small reduction in externally commissioned Respite Care for older people and adults with physical disabilities.	30.00	The small reduction will be offset by alternative respite arrangements that can be provided through the Carers Respite Grant.	Low
Decommission DEWIS advocacy contract (residential homes).	12.00	Decommissioning of contract with £45k budget retained for spot purchase. Spot contract is more reflective of the level of service demand.	Low
Decommission Care & Repair (Safety at Home) contract.	13.00	Other schemes are available that provide this service.	Low
Decommission GAVO and MENCAP contracts.	57.00	MENCAP contract ended some time ago and the GAVO contract relates to GAVO's central costs.	Low
Decommission Stroke Association contract.	18.00	Alternative services available through the NHS.	Low
Reduce Crossroads (Advocacy) contract by 50%.	36.00	Advocacy services are available from other agencies.	Low
Implications of Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.	264.00	Potential service users for some services to be signposted to alternative low or nil cost services.	Low
Sub-Total: -	893.00		
SERVICE STRATEGY/BUSINESS SUPPORT			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	50.00		Nil
Sub-Total: -	50.00		
PUBLIC PROTECTION			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	133.50		Nil
Meals Direct - Removal of 1 Van Helper post.	7.50	Will require a severance payment.	Low
Schools Catering - Increase price of Secondary School meals by 10p from April 2018 i.e. from £2.15 to £2.25.	50.00	Will not impact on the most vulnerable families due to Free School Meal eligibility.	Low
Schools Catering - Increase price of Primary School meals by 10p from April 2018 i.e. from £1.90 to £2.00.	54.00	Will not impact on the most vulnerable families due to Free School Meal eligibility.	Low
Registrar's - Increase in ceremony fees in line with cost of providing the service.	10.00	To ensure costs of service provision are fully recovered.	Low
Environmental Health - Pest Control/Animal Trespass post	29.00	Vacant post.	Low
Meals Direct - Increase in charge for Meals on Wheels.	11.00	Proposed increase of 20p per meal.	Medium
Environmental Health - Rat Treatment Fees	20.00	Introduction of a £20 charge for household rat treatments.	Medium
Environmental Health - Deletion of vacant Community Safety Warden posts.	40.00	2 vacant posts to be deleted.	Medium
Environmental Health - Reduce Air Quality & Contaminated Land Monitoring & Contractors	15.00	Will result in reduced activity in these areas.	Medium
Sub-Total: -	370.00		
CORPORATE POLICY			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	79.00		Nil

Savings Proposal	£000's	Comments	Public Impact
Voluntary Sector - Reduction in Technical Assistance Budget.	4.00	Reduction in grants available to Voluntary Sector (total budget is currently £19k).	Low
Policy - Reduction in Well-being budget.	10.00	Reduction in grants available (total budget is currently £41k).	Low
Sub-Total: -	93.00		
TOTAL: -	1,791.00		
COMMUNITIES			
REGENERATION & PLANNING			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	288.00		Nil
Business Support & Funding - Reduction in Community Regeneration Fund.	137.00	Community Regeneration Fund underspend of £115k in 2016/17. Budget for 2017/18 is £232k.	Low
Business Support & Funding - Reduction in Business Grants Budget.	12.00	Business Grants underspend of £4k in 2016/17. Budget for 2017/18 is £62k.	Low
Destinations & Events - Review of events at Llancaiach Fawr.	10.00	A review of events will be undertaken and some of those which are financially unviable will not be hosted in the future.	Low
Urban Renewal - Reduction in Publicity & Promotion budget.	7.00	Reduced frequency of Town Centre banner replacement and change-over and reduced expenditure on "Choose the High Street" campaigns.	Low
Sub-Total: -	454.00		
ENGINEERING			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	174.50		Nil
Highways Operations - Traffic Management minor works budget reduction.	6.00	Reduced programme and maximising grant applications for main schemes.	Low
Highways Operations - Reduction in Winter Maintenance budget.	35.50	This represents a 3.1% reduction in the budget and will be achieved through a review of gritting routes.	Low
Highways Operations - Street Lighting non-routine maintenance budget reduction.	5.00	New contract with external provider provides some efficiency with an increased fixed element, but with more items included in fixed element the non-routine can be reduced.	Low
Highways Operations - Consultancy/road survey budget reduction	4.00	Reduce the frequency of road condition reports	Low
Highways Operations - Reduction in Structures Service Level Agreement (SLA) budget.	20.00	Requires a new programme of inspection on a risk basis.	Low
Transportation - Road Safety salary budget reduction	25.00	Restructure of Team resulting in removal of 1 Road Safety post that transfers to School Crossing Patrol Supervisor (based on retirement).	Low
Transportation - School Crossing Patrol salary budget reduction.	38.00	Based on current vacant posts accumulated over time due to not meeting the ROSPA criteria when sites assessed after employee leaves/retires.	Low
Transportation - Accident Studies budget reduction.	10.00	New contract with external provider reduces the minimum fixed contract element and gives more flexibility to use as and when. This does reduce the detailed information across the whole borough but focus can be on target/risk areas.	Low
Transportation - Traffic Signal maintenance budget reduction.	11.00	Efficiency savings on existing maintenance contract (£4k). Reduction in planned works (£7k) which will reduce ability to replace life expired equipment.	Low

Savings Proposal	£000's	Comments	Public Impact
Transportation - Highways Act S38 etc. fee increase in income budget.	15.00	Due to economic improvement in recent years increased scope to improve external fees. Risks relate to sustainability of existing developments and economic climate.	Low
Transportation - Concessionary Fare Grant support service element increased income budget.	10.00	Due to planned regional collaboration, Caerphilly CBC will look after smaller operator reimbursement for all SE Wales. As we won't have to process large operators this should be maintained within existing support costs but produce more income.	Low
Highways Operations - Reduction in Highways Maintenance budget.	524.00	This represents a 11.3% reduction in the budget and will be achieved through a range of measures including a reduction in the carriageway surface dressing programme and a reduction in the frequency of gully cleansing.	Medium
Transportation - Bus shelter maintenance budget reduction.	10.00	Reduced maintenance programme, assisted by recent Capital grant in Caerphilly Basin. Assets replacement will be affected in the long-term.	Medium
Sub-Total: -	888.00		
COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	646.00		Nil
Caerphilly Adventures Service - increase in income.	20.00	This will be achieved through a review of the pricing structure for the service.	Low
Waste Strategy & Operations - Introduction of "admin" fee for Duty of Care Transfer notes for Commercial Waste Customers.	20.00		Low
Sport & Leisure Services - Closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre.	81.00	This proposal is currently subject to consultation.	Medium
Waste Strategy & Operations - Review of charges for bulky waste.	50.00	Charge of £16 for 1 to 3 items with each item thereafter being charged at £5 per item. This will apply to all items other than fixtures and fittings.	Medium
Sub-Total: -	817.00		
HOUSING SERVICES			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	117.00		Nil
Sub-Total: -	117.00		
TOTAL: -	2,276.00		
CORPORATE SERVICES			
CORPORATE FINANCE			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	80.00		Nil
Sub-Total: -	80.00		
PROCUREMENT & CUSTOMER SERVICES			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	85.00		Nil
Customer First - Staffing reductions.	80.00	This will be achieved through vacancy management linked to the delivery of the approved Customer Services Strategy.	Low
Sub-Total: -	165.00		
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	340.00		Nil
Sub-Total: -	340.00		

Savings Proposal	£000's	Comments	Public Impact
<i>CORPORATE PROPERTY</i>			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	197.00		Nil
Sub-Total: -	197.00		
<i>HUMAN RESOURCES & COMMUNICATIONS</i>			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	140.00		Nil
Sub-Total: -	140.00		
<i>HEALTH & SAFETY</i>			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	70.00		Nil
Sub-Total: -	70.00		
TOTAL: -	992.00		
<i>MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE</i>			
Savings proposals with no public impact.	765.00		Nil
TOTAL: -	765.00		
TOTAL 2018/19 PROPOSED SAVINGS: -	7,205.00		

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REARRANGED SPECIAL HEALTH SOCIAL WELL-BEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18TH DECEMBER 2017

**SUBJECT: 2018/19 DRAFT SAVINGS PROPOSALS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with details of the 2018/19 draft savings proposals for Social Services and Public Protection.
- 1.2 To seek views from the Scrutiny Committee prior to final 2018/19 budget proposals being presented to Cabinet and Council in February 2018.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 At its meeting on the 15th November 2017, Cabinet was presented with details of draft revenue budget proposals for the 2018/19 financial year, including savings proposals across the Council amounting to £7,205k.
- 2.2 This report provides details of the proposed 2018/19 savings for the Social Services Directorate and Public Protection. As part of the consultation process on the draft budget proposals the Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment upon the content of the report prior to final 2018/19 budget proposals being presented to Cabinet and Council in February 2018.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The budget setting process encompasses all the resources used by the Council to deliver services and meet priorities.
- 3.2 Effective financial planning and the setting of a balanced budget support the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015: -
 - A prosperous Wales.
 - A resilient Wales.
 - A healthier Wales.
 - A more equal Wales.
 - A Wales of cohesive communities.
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language.
 - A globally responsible Wales.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 Summary of Savings Proposals for Social Services and Public.

4.1.1 The 2018/19 savings proposals for the Social Services Directorate and Public Protection total £1,777k as summarised below: -

Savings Proposals	Social Services £000's	Public Protection £000's	Total £000's
Savings proposals with no public impact	765.0	212.5	977.5
Savings proposals with a public impact: -			
• Review of voluntary sector contracts	194.0		194.0
• Realign domiciliary care client income budget	75.0		75.0
• Externally commissioned respite care for older people and adults with physical disabilities.	30.0		30.0
• Implications of Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.	264.0		264.0
• Meals Direct - Deletion of 1 Van Helper post		7.5	7.5
• Increase price of Primary and Secondary school meals by 10p from April 2018.		104.0	104.0
• Increase in ceremony fees in line with cost of providing the service		10.0	10.0
• Environmental Health – Deletion of a vacant Pest Control/Animal Trespass post.		29.0	29.0
• Meals Direct - Increase in charge for Meals on Wheels.		11.0	11.0
• Environmental Health – Introduce a Rat Treatment Fee.		20.0	20.0
• Environmental Health - Deletion of vacant Community Safety Warden posts.		40.0	40.0
• Environmental Health - Reduce Air Quality & Contaminated Land Monitoring & Contractors.		15.0	15.0
Total Proposed Savings: -	1,328.0	449.0	1,777.0

4.2 Savings Proposals with no Public Impact (£977.5k)

4.2.1 As in previous years, those savings proposals that are not expected to have an impact on the public have been consolidated into a single line for each service area. These 'nil impact' savings consist in the main of vacancy management, budget realignment and minor changes to service provision.

4.3 Review of voluntary sector contracts. (Proposed Saving of £194k)

4.3.1 **Decommissioning of Hospital Discharge Contract currently held by Age Cymru (£46k)**
This proposal is to decommission the current contract let jointly with Health, which provides services for a relatively low number of people receiving non-statutory services for a short period of time. The implementation of the Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 means these people should be sign-posted via the Council's Information, Advice & Assistance Team to promote their independence and choice and to control their own needs. The current contract comes to an end in March 2018. The impact on the public will be in relation to people

being discharged from hospital and will be mitigated via the provision of information, advice and assistance including literature being produced by Health.

4.3.2 Decommissioning of 2 Luncheon Club contracts (£12k)

Two Luncheon Clubs currently operate in Panside (Newbridge) and Nelson. Only 3 people currently attend the Panside Club and 11 people attend Nelson. The savings proposal is to cease funding to both these Clubs and offer people services of a community connector to look at other options in their communities. Alternatively the provider may be able to find a different funding stream.

4.3.3 Decommission DEWIS advocacy contract, residential homes (£12k)

This contract ended in March 2017 and £45k was retained (a budget reduction of £12k) to enable the spot purchase of advocacy services to meet identified needs, using the arrangements Newport City Council have in place. This reduction reflects demand on the advocacy service.

4.3.4 Decommission Care & Repair Safety at Home contract (£13k)

The current contract comes to an end in March 2018 and it is proposed that it is not recommissioned. The contract provides minor adaptations in peoples' own homes but there are many other options to providing this service. The implementation of the Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 means these people should be sign-posted via the Council's Information, Advice & Assistance Team to promote their independence and choice and to control their own needs. Mitigation could be via application for Integrated Care Fund grant. In 2017/18 Care & Repair have been successful in securing circa £60k from the Integrated Care Fund across the Gwent region but will need to bid for funding in 2018/19. The Council has a separate minor adaptations budget which provides support for those most in need.

4.3.5 Cease contribution to Stroke Association contract (£18k)

The Health Board let this contract to which Caerphilly CBC currently makes an £18k contribution. In the last few years Health have received significant funding via the Integrated Care Fund to develop services for neurological conditions, hence alternatives are available.

4.3.6 Reduce Advocacy Contract currently held by Carers Trust (£36k)

The current value of this contract is £72k. It is proposed to re-tender on a lower value of £36k to reflect demand as advocacy services are available from a number of other sources. There is the option of potentially looking to commission services on a regional footprint to achieve better value for money when the contract ends in October 2018.

4.4 Realign domiciliary care client income budget. (Proposed Saving of £75k)

4.4.1 Some people will see an increase in their charge in 2018/2019, however all people are subject to a financial assessment so those with limited disposable income will not see an increase in their charge.

4.5 Externally commissioned respite care for older people and adults with physical disabilities. (Proposed Saving of £30k)

4.5.1 This is a 14% reduction in the overall budget which will look to be off set by alternative respite arrangements that can be commissioned from the carers grant. Feedback from these carers has indicated they want more day respite opportunities for themselves as opposed to traditional respite care for their cared for.

4.6 Implications of Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. (Proposed Saving of £264k)

4.6.1 The Implementation of the Social Services and Well-Being Act means people should be signed posted via Information Advice and Assistant to promote their independence choice and control to meet their own outcomes. This proposal looks to reassess/review individuals who are currently in receipt of a commissioned domestic cleaning or laundry service as part of a

package of care and support. 190 people are currently recorded as in receipt of this service they would be reviewed or reassessed and sign posted to agencies/services to commission this service privately or look to utilising their existing networks thus promoting their independence choice and control. No neighbouring local authority has provided these services for several years. If in exceptional circumstances there is no other way of achieving an individual's identified outcomes we will commission the service externally or provide the service via Home Assistance Reablement Team (HART) as part of a package of care and support. Previous budgetary proposals in 2016/2017 to cease domestic support provided via supporting people and the withdrawal of a shopping service unless there was exceptional circumstances, were successfully implemented.

4.7 Meals Direct - Deletion of 1 Van Helper post. (Proposed Saving of £7.5k)

4.7.1 This proposal relates to the removal of 1 of 5 Van Helper posts from the Meals Direct meals on wheels service. The post is 17.5 hours a week (0.47 fte) and would result in an annual saving of £7.5k. All 5 posts are currently occupied and so it would be necessary to consider redeployment or a one-off severance payment. The deletion of this post could result in increased meal delivery/waiting time as a result of our reduced ability to get to homes where we need to be double staffed, but the public impact is considered to be low.

4.8 Increase price of Primary and Secondary school meals by 10p from April 2018. (Proposed Saving of £104k)

4.8.1 It is estimated that increasing the price charged for a Secondary school meal by 10p, from £2.15 to £2.25, from April 2018 would result in £50k additional income a year. It is estimated that increasing the price of a Primary school meal from £1.90 to £2.00 in April 2018 would result in £54k additional income a year. The proposed increase will mean that a parent/guardian will pay an additional 50 pence per week per child. This will not impact on the most vulnerable families due to Free School Meal eligibility. The overall impact upon the public of the proposal is considered to be low. School meal prices in Caerphilly have not increased since 2014 and will remain amongst the lowest in Wales even if the proposed increase is implemented.

4.9 Increase in ceremony fees in line with cost of providing the service. (Proposed Saving of 10k)

4.9.1 An analysis has been undertaken of activities in the Registration Service to ensure costs of service provision are fully recovered. Some fees are set centrally by the General Register Office, others, such as Ceremony fees can be determined locally in order to recover the cost of providing that particular service and the proposal is to increase these fees accordingly. It is estimated that increasing fees for all Marriage and Civil Partnership ceremonies held at Ty Penallta and weekend /Bank Holiday ceremonies at external venues would result in additional income of £10k per year. Whilst paying an increased fee will have a financial impact on the service users it can be seen that the ceremonies in question tend to be infrequent life events such that no individual service user would be paying out for ceremony fees on a regular basis. The public impact of this proposal is considered to be low. Comparisons with neighbouring and other districts in Wales indicate that the proposed fees are reasonable.

4.10 Environmental Health – Deletion of a vacant Pest Control/Animal Trespass post. (Proposed Saving of £29k)

4.10.1 This fulltime post (1 fte) has been vacant since March 2017 and is located within a small team that deal with pest control, dog warden matters and animal trespass. In 2016, the team consisted of 6 fte, however one member of staff (with specialised dog warden skills) retired and the post was not re-filled. Since then another member of staff (with specialist animal trespass skills and knowledge) has retired due to ill health, creating a vacant post. To mitigate for the loss of the specialist dog re-homing function, a technical assistant (0.4 fte) has been allocated to the team. Deletion of the vacant post will reduce the size of the team from 5.4 fte to 4.4 fte saving £29k per year. The team currently deals with approximately 5,000 service

requests a year; should the proposed rat treatment fee of £20 be introduced in 2018/19 it is estimated that the number of service requests will fall by 1400 per year. This proposal is considered to have low public impact.

4.11 Meals Direct - Increase in charge for Meals on Wheels. (Proposed Saving of £11k)

4.11.1 It is estimated that increasing the price from April 2018 of a meal provided by Meals Direct by 20p, from £3.10 to £3.30 for a subsidised hot meal, for example. This would result in additional income of £11k. Many of the services customers are vulnerable and affordability will be a consideration. A comparison with other Local Authorities in the area demonstrates that our subsidised meal prices would remain amongst the lowest even with this proposed increase. Customer numbers have fallen over a period of years. A number of alternative options are available, but some customers, and their families, continue to opt for a daily visit from Meals Direct and the delivery of a freshly prepared hot meal. A further price increase may result in further loss of customers and this has been accounted for in the overall estimate of £11k per year additional income. The public impact of this proposal is considered to be medium.

4.12 Environmental Health – Introduce a Rat Treatment Fee. (Proposed Saving of £20k)

4.12.1 Rat treatments in domestic premises are currently undertaken free of charge. It is proposed to introduce a £20 (plus VAT) charge. Customers in receipt of means tested Universal Credit or Guaranteed Pension Credit receive a 50% discount on the Council's Pest Control charges and so would pay £10 (plus VAT). At £20 the Council would still be subsidising the service. By way of comparison the Council's current charge for treating a mouse infestation is £50 (plus VAT). Experience from other local authorities has demonstrated that following the introduction of such charges there has subsequently been a significant decline in the number of service requests processed. Income from the introduction of a £20 charge is therefore estimated to be £20k per year.

4.12.2 There is some risk of public health implications due to infestations left untreated. Members of the public may try to undertake treatments themselves which can lead to the improper placing of rodenticides. The introduction of charging and a decline in service uptake is likely to create some increase in the workload of environmental health officers as they have to investigate the cause of rat infestations, neighbour disputes, and to take enforcement action to remedy problems, including the service of notices and undertaking works in default. The public impact of this proposal is considered to be medium.

4.13 Environmental Health - Deletion of vacant Community Safety Warden posts. (Proposed Saving of £40k)

4.13.1 The current Community Safety Warden establishment is 9.3fte with 1.8fte being vacant. Deleting the vacant post would result in a saving of £40k. The Community Safety Warden service provides a uniformed patrolling presence in communities dealing with low level crime and anti-social behaviour. Each Warden is authorised by the Chief Constable of Gwent Police with powers that include traffic management and the issue of Police penalty notices. The service works very closely with the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams tackling issues in communities ranging from youth annoyance and disorder, persons under the influence of substances, enviro crime issues, defects in infrastructure, dog fouling and littering etc. As Neighbourhood Policing Teams are being depleted the service is increasingly the first line of response.

4.13.2 It will be necessary for the Community Safety Warden Service to prioritise proactive patrols and responses to service requests as a result of any reduction in staffing establishment. It is considered that this proposal would have a medium public impact.

4.14 Environmental Health - Reduce Air Quality & Contaminated Land Monitoring & Contractors. (Proposed Saving of £15k)

- 4.14.1 The Environmental Health service discharges statutory responsibilities in respect of Local Air Quality Management and investigation of contaminated land and also manages the Authority's closed landfill sites. This activity is supported by the use of specialist monitoring equipment, laboratory services, and environmental consultants. This includes 6 real time air quality monitoring stations, 3 of which are located within the Hafod-yr-ynys and Caerphilly Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs). There are also 58 passive diffusion tubes which are located in various streets and towns. This monitoring network is used to review and assess air quality across the county borough. External expert advice, modelling, and assessment is also engaged to assist in bringing forward the Air Quality Action Plans required for the 2 AQMAs and in meeting the Council's obligations for Local Air Quality Management.
- 4.14.3 In relation to contaminated land, there are number of sites throughout the borough which will require specialist expert help when they are developed. The service also manages 7 of the Council's closed landfill sites. Environmental monitoring and sampling has been scaled back on many of these sites, however, the sites require regular maintenance and drainage clearance works. The Council's contaminated land consultants are currently developing options to address the potential for leachate breakout out at one site and for eliminating the ongoing trade effluent discharge costs at another.
- 4.14.4 The budget currently allocated for air quality is £46,857 and for contaminated land assessment is £18,562, totalling £65,419. Therefore a reduction of £15k would leave a remaining combined budget of £50,419 and environmental monitoring activity will need to be prioritised accordingly. This proposal is assessed as having medium public impact.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 Effective financial planning is a key element in ensuring that the Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 are met.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Equality Impact Assessments have been undertaken in respect of the proposed 2018/19 savings described above and are attached as Appendices to this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 As identified throughout the report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The personnel implications of any agreed savings will be managed in accordance with the Council's HR Policies.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 It is recommended that Members consider and comment upon the savings proposals presented in this report.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 To ensure that Members of the Scrutiny Committee are provided with an opportunity to comment upon the draft savings proposals prior to final 2018/19 budget proposals being presented to Cabinet and Council in February 2018.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 The Local Government Acts 1998 and 2003.

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Background Papers:
Cabinet (15/11/17) – Draft Budget Proposals for 2018/19.

- Appendices: -
- Appendix 1 – Equality Impact Assessment for Decommissioning Contract – Age Cymru
 - Appendix 2 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed cessation of grant to Luncheon Clubs.
 - Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment for Decommissioning Contract – DEWIS Advocacy
 - Appendix 4 – Equality Impact Assessment for Decommissioning Contract – Care & Repair Safety at Home
 - Appendix 5 – Equality Impact Assessment for Decommissioning Contract – Stroke Association
 - Appendix 6 – Equality Impact Assessment for Decommissioning Contract - Carers Trust
 - Appendix 7 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed reduction in externally commissioned respite care budget
 - Appendix 8 – Equality Impact Assessment for the implications of the Social Services and Well-Being Act 2014
 - Appendix 9 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed removal of 1 Van Helper from Meals Direct
 - Appendix 10 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed increase in Primary School meal prices
 - Appendix 11 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed increase in Secondary School meal prices
 - Appendix 12 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed increase in Registration Service Ceremony Fees
 - Appendix 13 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed deletion of a vacant Pest Control/Animal Trespass Operative post
 - Appendix 14 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed price increase of a meal from Meals Direct
 - Appendix 15 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed introduction of charges for rat treatments
 - Appendix 16 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed deletion of a vacant Community Safety Warden post
 - Appendix 17 – Equality Impact Assessment for the proposed reduction in Air Quality & Contaminated Land Monitoring & Contractors budgets

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

April 2016

THE COUNCIL'S EQUALITIES STATEMENT

This Council recognises that people have different needs, requirements and goals and we will work actively against all forms of discrimination by promoting good relations and mutual respect within and between our communities, residents, elected members, job applicants and workforce.

We will also work to create equal access for everyone to our services, irrespective of ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, religious beliefs or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality, responsibility for any dependents or any other reason which cannot be shown to be justified.

NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Decommissioning Contracts
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Adults
CONTACT OFFICER	Jo Williams
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	December 2018

***Throughout this Equalities Impact Assessment Form, 'proposal' is used to refer to what is being assessed, and therefore includes policies, strategies, functions, procedures, practices, initiatives, projects and savings proposals.**

INTRODUCTION

The aim of an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is to ensure that Equalities and Welsh Language issues have been proactively considered throughout the decision making processes governing work undertaken by every service area in the Council as well as work done at a corporate level.

The form should be used if you have identified a need for a full EIA following the screening process covered in the [Equalities Implications in Committee Reports](#) guidance document (available on the [Equalities and Welsh Language Portal](#) on the Council's intranet).

The EIA should highlight any areas of risk and maximise the benefits of proposals in terms of Equalities. It therefore helps to ensure that the Council has considered everyone who might be affected by the proposal.

It also helps the Council to meet its legal responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011, the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and supports the wider aims of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. There is also a requirement under Human Rights legislation for Local Authorities to consider Human Rights in developing proposals.

Specifically, Section 147 of the Equality Act 2010 is the provision that requires decision-makers to have 'due regard' to the equality implications of their decisions and Welsh Language Standards 88-97 require specific consideration of Welsh speakers under the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015.

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales has also published 'Good Practice Guidance for Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessments and Scrutinising Changes to Community Services in Wales' to ensure that Local Authorities, and other service providers, carry out thorough and robust impact assessments and scrutiny when changes to community services are proposed, and that every consideration is given to mitigate the impact on older people and propose alternative approaches to service delivery.

The Council's work across Equalities, Welsh Language and Human Rights is covered in more detail through the [Equalities and Welsh Language Objectives and Action Plan 2016-2020](#).

This approach strengthens work to promote Equalities by helping to identify and address any potential discriminatory effects before introducing something new or changing working practices, and reduces the risk of potential legal challenges.

When carrying out an EIA you should consider both the positive and negative consequences of your proposals. If a project is designed for a specific group e.g. disabled people, you also need to think about what potential effects it could have on other areas e.g. young people with a disability, BME people with a disability.

There are a number of supporting guidance documents available on the [Equalities and Welsh Language Portal](#) and the Council's Equalities and Welsh Language team can offer support as the EIA is being developed. Please note that the team does not write EIAs on behalf of service areas, the support offered is in the form of advice, suggestions and in effect, quality control.

Contact equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for assistance.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>Decommissioning the following contract :</p> <p>Decommissioning of Hospital Discharge Contract currently held by Age Cymru Current value 46 K</p> <p>Decommissioning of current contract let jointly with health, which provides services for a relatively low number of people receiving non statutory services for a short period of time. The Implementation of the Social Services and Well-Being Act means these people should be sign posted via Information, Advice and Assistance to promote their independence choice and control of their own needs.</p> <p>The current contract comes to an end in March 2018, and we propose it is not retendered for in its current format, as health have indicated they need to review specification.</p> <p>Total value of the contract to be reduced by 20K</p> <p>Impact on the public will be in relation to people being discharged from hospital and will be mitigated via provision of information, advice and assistance including literature being produced by health. This will bring working practice in line with other people contacting the service in terms of implementation of the Social Services and Well-Being Act 2014.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>The public, in terms of people who are being discharged from hospital who are not deemed as requiring statutory services.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>The proposal will impact on potential new service users not those in receipt of this short term low level service. All new potential services users will be given information</p>
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	advice and assistance by ward staff, volunteers or members of the joint hospital discharge team on admission to hospital to enable them to plan for any short term needs they may have when they return home.
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Use of DEWIS information portal to ensure accurate up to date information re services available.</p> <p>Health to produce information leaflets for preadmission as well as ward based information.</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>Everybody will be subject to an individual proportionate assessment, regardless of protected characteristic.</p> <p>In response to your question these would not be the most vulnerable people, these are people not eligible for services again it links to the Act and people meeting their own needs.</p>
	Actions required:

5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>If someone was to request a service through the medium of Welsh this will be delivered in accordance with that need and request</p> <p>The Active Offer is implemented at the first point of contact people are asked their language of choice this is recorded on the IT database.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Discussion with the Health Authority to consider recommissioning a revised service on a regional foot print.</p>

CONSULTATION

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	<p>Actions required:</p>

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8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>Following discharge from hospital if people feel their needs weren't met they can complain via the customer services team, who will monitor all representations and complaints received, these are reported annually to scrutiny committee. Customer services records data including equalities categories.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Customer services to monitor record and report annually Contract Monitoring staff to receive performance data from successful tenderer.</p>
9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Annual report to scrutiny committee Quarterly monitoring reports to Senior Management Team</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Appropriate reports to be completed</p>
10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Nothing identified</p>
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11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>Where the only way to achieve an individuals outcome to facilitate their safe discharge we will look at referral to reablement in the first instance to promote someone's independence.</p>
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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Cease grant to luncheon clubs
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Adults
CONTACT OFFICER	Jo Williams
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	December 2018

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>Decommissioning the following contract :</p> <p>Cease grant to 2 Luncheon Club Contracts Current value 12K 2 Luncheon clubs currently operate in Panside Newbridge and Nelson, only 3 people currently attend Panside and 11 at Nelson. Proposal looks to cease funding to both these clubs and offer people services of a community connector to look at other options in their communities, if provider cannot find an alternative funding stream This service impacts on a very small number of residents and numbers have dwindled steadily over the years as more community options are available for people.</p>
2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>Currently 14 older people uses these luncheon clubs and any future potential members of the public.</p>

IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>All 14 current attendees will be reviewed to explore other options to meet their perceived needs.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Use of DEWIS information portal to ensure accurate up to date information re options available.</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people’s disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>Everybody currently attending will be subject to an individual review. Future potential attendees would go via Information Advice Assistance and be advised by a Community Connector.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Individuals to be reviewed.</p>

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	<p>Actions required:</p>

CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>This proposal was one of the options considered as part of the Viewpoint Panel Consultation which took place on 13.11.17.</p> <p>Further consultations have been undertaken via the Consultation Workshops CCBC's Communications Team have been leading on and via the Consultation exercise undertaken in the last edition of Newline.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Customer services to monitor record and report annually</p>

9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Annual report to scrutiny committee Quarterly monitoring reports to Senior Management Team</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Appropriate reports to be completed.</p>

10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Nothing identified</p>
	Actions required:

11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>Each person will be subject to an individual review to ascertain how their outcomes can be met.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>People identified as requiring advocacy services who reside in a residential home , this is primarily older people.</p>

IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>All individuals requiring advocacy services will have it commissioned on a spot contract basis using Newport City Council framework</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Continued use of Newport City Council Advocacy framework</p>
4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>Everybody will be subject to an individual care and support plan which is reviewed at least annual where the need for advocacy is identified it will be commissioned for existing and new residents.</p>

	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Individuals including self funders to be subject to or offered reviews and access to independent advocacy services.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.</p> <p><i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>If someone was to request a service through the medium of Welsh this will be delivered in accordance with that need and request.</p> <p>The Active Offer is implemented at the first point of contact people are asked their language of choice this is recorded on the IT database.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Commissioning of advocacy to be on a spot contract basis with monitoring being undertaken by Contracting and Commissioning Team.</p>

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Commissioning team to monitor usage of spot contracts.</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Regular budget report to Adult Services Divisional Management Team</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Appropriate reports to be completed.</p>

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Continue to implement "More Than Just Words" and the Active Offer.</p>

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	<p>Actions required:</p>

	Use of DEWIS information portal and authorities approved contractor list.
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	Actions required:
	Use of DEWIS information portal and sign posting to IAA

CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>This proposal was one of the options considered as part of the Viewpoint Panel Consultation which took place on 13.11.17.</p> <p>Further consultations have been undertaken via the Consultation Workshops CCBC's Communications Team have been leading on and via the Consultation exercise undertaken in the last edition of Newslines.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>Following decommissioning of the service if people feel their needs weren't met they can complain via the customer services team, who will monitor all representations and complaints received, these are reported annually to scrutiny committee. Customer services records data including equalities categories.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Customer services to monitor record and report annually</p>
9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Annual report to scrutiny committee Quarterly monitoring reports to Senior Management Team</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Appropriate reports to be completed</p>

10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Nothing identified</p>
	Actions required:

11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>Where an individual has been assessed as requiring minor adaptations and the only way to achieve provision is via the council commissioning, we hold a minor works budget to do this, which is administered via the Communities Directorate.</p> <p>Care and Repair have been successful this year in obtaining Integrated Care Fund for minor adaptations they can apply again in future years.</p>
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April 2016

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DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Adults
CONTACT OFFICER	Jo Williams
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	December 2018

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>Decommissioning the following contract :</p> <p>Cease contribution to Stroke Association Contract 18K contribution</p> <p>The health authority let this contract to which the authority make an 18K contribution, in the last few years Health have received significant funding via the Integrated Care Fund to develop services for neurological conditions hence alternatives are available. Health have developed a specific stroke pathway to ensure correct management of people who have suffered a stroke. Propose we cease our contribution to this contract for 18/19.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>People identified as having suffered a stroke.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>All people are offered information advise and assistance to meet their own needs and promote their independency, where they cannot achieve their outcomes they will be referred for a further assessment or to a commissioned service if it advice around benefits etc</p> <p>Community Resource Team CRT (frailty) would accept referrals for people who had suffered a stroke to enable them to have a period of assessment and reablement with a view to them regaining skills.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Use of DEWIS information portal and referrals to Community Resource Team where applicable</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people’s disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>The 18K contribution is to a contract let by health . Aneurin Bevan University Health Board have been allocated a significant amount of Integrated Care Fund funding to develop services for people with a neurological condition so alternatives existing in the community.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Sign posting as appropriate.</p>

5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>If someone was to request a service through the medium of Welsh this will be delivered in accordance with that need and request</p> <p>The Active Offer is implemented at the first point of contact people are asked their language of choice this is recorded on the IT database.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p>

INFORMATION COLLECTION

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None</p>

CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>This proposal was one of the options considered as part of the Viewpoint Panel Consultation which took place on 13.11.17.</p> <p>Further consultations have been undertaken via the Consultation Workshops CCBC's Communications Team have been leading on and via the Consultation exercise undertaken in the last edition of Newslines.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>Following ceasing of our contribution to the contract of the service if people feel their needs weren't met they can complain via the customer services team, who will monitor all representations and complaints received, these are reported annually to scrutiny committee. Customer services records data including equalities categories.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Customer services to monitor record and report annually.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Appropriate reports to be completed.</p>

10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Nothing identified</p>
	Actions required:

11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>Health have accessed significant Integrated Care Fund money to develop specific services for this client group. All other services are available to people based on an individual assessment not clinical diagnosis in relation to meeting their outcomes.</p>
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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>Reduce the following contract :</p> <p>Reduce Advocacy Contract currently held by Carers Trust 36K Current contract value is 67,470 K propose re tendering on a lower value of 36K to better reflect demand as advocacy services are available from a number of other sources. Current contract ends March 2018 with no option to extend ,there is the option of potentially looking to commission services on a regional footprint to achieve better value.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>Carers of people who have a mental health issue or carers with a mental health issue with an identified need for advocacy.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

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	<p><u>Actions required:</u></p> <p>Promotion of services available , identification of carers and completion of carers assessments. Funding is available via the regional carers agenda to promote and offer support.</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people’s disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>The proposal is to re tender the current contract at a lower value to reflect the usage of the current contract or considering using Newport City Council framework for spot purchasing .Where advocacy needs are identified they will be met even if new contract is exceeded.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Exploring regional contracting with other Local Authority’s and or Health to achieve value for money.</p>

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Analysis of contract monitoring reports.</p>

CONSULTATION

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MONITORING AND REVIEW

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Annual contract monitoring reports.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Continue to implement “More Than Just Words” and the Active Offer.</p>

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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Reduction in externally commissioned respite care budget
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>Carer who have an identified need for respite.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

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	<p><u>Actions required:</u></p> <p>Promotion of services available , identification of cares and completion of carers assessments.</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p>
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	The proposal is to reduce the external budget and develop alternative forms of respite to meet outcomes of carers and the individuals they support.
	<p>Actions required: Promotion of services available , identification of cares and completion of carers assessments.</p> <p>Use of carers grant and carers forums to look to develop alternatives.</p> <p>Promote use of carers support worker to engage people in their local communities.</p>

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Regular budget monitoring.</p>

CONSULTATION

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Completion of returns.</p>
9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Regular budget monitoring at Divisional Management Team and Senior Management Team Feedback from carers quality questionnaire Quarterly monitoring reports for Integrated Care Fund</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Completion of quarterly reports.</p>

10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Nothing new identified.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>To continue to promote the active offer.</p>

11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>In house respite provision will remain at the same level.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA, when completed, to be returned to equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for publishing on the Council's website.

Completed by:	Jo Williams
Date:	November 2017
Position:	Assistant Director
Name of Head of Service:	Dave Street

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April 2016

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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Implications of the Social Services and Well-Being Act 2014
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Adults
CONTACT OFFICER	Jo Williams
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	December 2018

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>The Implementation of the Social Services and Well-Being Act means these people should be sign posted via Information Advice and Assistance to promote their independence choice and control to meet their own needs. This proposal looks to reassess/review individuals who are currently in receipt of a commissioned domestic cleaning or laundry service as part of a package of care and support. 190 people are currently recorded as in receipt of this service, they would be reviewed or reassessed and sign posted to agencies/services to commission this service privately, thus promoting their independence choice and control. No neighbouring authority has provided these services for several years unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where there is no other way of achieving an individuals identified outcomes, we will commission or provide the service via Home Assistance Reablement Team (HART). Previous budgetary proposals to cease domestic support via supporting people was successfully implemented. 16/17 budget proposal saw the withdrawal of a shopping service unless there was exceptional circumstances, again this has been successfully implemented.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>The public, in terms of people who have previously been assessed as being eligible for provision of a domestic and/or laundry service, and future members of the public who request such services.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>The proposal will be implemented by each existing service user being reviewed or reassessed to determine if there are other ways of achieving their outcomes in terms of provision of domestic cleaning and laundry services. Everyone will be treated equitably and according to their needs and they will be assisted to meet their own outcomes via provision of sign posting, information, advice and assistance if required.</p>
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	<p>All new potential service users will initially go via the Information Advice Assistance (IAA) Team where all options will be explored in terms of promoting their independence choice and control to meet their outcomes, if this is not possible they will be referred through to the area teams for an assessment.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Use of DEWIS information portal to ensure accurate up to date information re services available.</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people’s disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>Everybody will be subject to an individual assessment regardless of protected characteristics.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Individual review or reassessment of existing service users.</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>No impact.</p> <p>If someone was to request a service through the medium of Welsh this will be delivered in accordance with that need and request.</p> <p>The Active Offer is implemented at the first point of contact people are asked their language of choice this is recorded on the IT database.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p>

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Is full information and analysis of users of the service available? <i>(Is this service effectively engaging with all its potential users or is there higher or lower participation of uptake by one or more groups? If so, what has been done to address any difference in take up of the service? Does any savings proposals include an analysis of those affected?)</i></p> <p>190 people are currently in receipt of these services from all client groups.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Individual review or reassessment.</p>

CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>This proposal was one of the options considered as part of the Viewpoint Panel Consultation which took place on 13.11.17.</p> <p>Further consultations have been undertaken via the Consultation Workshops CCBC's Communications Team have been leading on and via the Consultation exercise undertaken in the last edition of Newline.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>Following assessment or review, if individuals remain unhappy with the outcome they can appeal via the customer services team, who will monitor all representations and complaints received. These are reported annually to scrutiny committee. Customer services records data including equalities categories.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Customer services to monitor record and report annually.</p>

9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Annual report to scrutiny committee Quarterly monitoring reports to Senior Management Team</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Appropriate reports to be completed</p>

10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Nothing new identified.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Continue to implement “More Than Just Words” and the Active Offer.</p>

11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>Where the only way to achieve an individuals outcome we will commission or provide the appropriate service subject to further reviews and reassessments.</p>
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Completed by:	Jo Williams
Date:	November 2017
Position:	Assistant Director
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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Removing 1 Van Helper post from Meals Direct
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Catering Services
CONTACT OFFICER	Marcia Lewis
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	29/11/2018

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>To rationalise the delivery service to 1 delivery driver on nominated route this will contribute £7.5k.</p> <p>The Service currently has 5 Van Helper posts to accompany 5 Van Drivers within Meals Direct. Van Helpers accompany Drivers on routes where there is a requirement to handle cash from customers or when risk assessments are in place that require two handed calls.</p>
2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>The service users who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing service users • New service users

IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This change will impact on the times of delivery to the individual users' lunch. • If an emergency situation arises may delay the meals to other service users as the delivery driver will need to stay with the client. • We encourage customers to pay by other means, but there may be occasions when an individual member of staff would be required to collect and carry cash which could increase the risk for the individual as currently there are two members of staff on each van.
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Monitor impact and adjust service provision as required. Ensure appropriate risk assessments and controls are in place.</p>
4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>No consequences for specific groups.</p>
	<p>Actions required: Nil</p>

5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.</p> <p><i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>No effects</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>N/A</p>

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Is full information and analysis of users of the service available?</p> <p>This does not seem to be service user data or related to Van Helpers?</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Monitor impact and adjust service provision as required</p>

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Consultation feedback is awaited.</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored?</p> <p><i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>We have a management system in place that allows us to monitor meal up-take. There is a risk that meal take up may drop. Further monitoring would be required and adjustments made to the service to ensure the full saving could be achieved.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Continual monitoring of meal uptake</p>

9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>We have a management system in place that allows us to monitor meal up-take. There is a risk that meal take up may drop. Further monitoring would be required and adjustments made to the service to ensure the full saving could be achieved.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Continual monitoring of meal uptake</p>

10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Nil at present</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Nil at present</p>

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Completed by:	Marcia Lewis
Date:	29/11/17
Position:	Principal Officer Catering
Name of Head of Service:	Rob Hartshorn

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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Increase Primary School meal prices by 10p from April 2018.
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Catering Services
CONTACT OFFICER	Marcia Lewis
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	20/11/2018

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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>The service users who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary School Pupils • Parents/guardians • Teaching staff

IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a greater financial impact for parents/guardians of multiple children of school age which could affect equal access. • Free school meals are available for eligible parents/guardians.
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Monitor impact and adjust service provision as required</p>
4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>There are no consequences for specific groups.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Nil</p>

5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.</p> <p><i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>No effects</p>
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Completed by:	Marcia Lewis
Date:	20/11/17
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April 2016

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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Increase the price of Secondary School meals by 10p from April 2018
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Catering Services
CONTACT OFFICER	Marcia Lewis
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	20/11/2018

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>Increase the price of a Secondary School meal by 10p from April 2018 i.e. from £2.15 to £2.25 which will result in additional income of £50k.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Monitor impact and adjust service provision as required</p>
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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Increase Registration Service Ceremony Fees
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Public Protection- Trading Standards, Licensing & Registrars Group
CONTACT OFFICER	Jacqui Morgan
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	Fees are reviewed annually.

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>The proposal will affect persons booking Marriage, Civil Partnership ceremonies and will apply equally to everyone.</p>

IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>Fees apply across the board to everyone. Arrangements exist for home visits for taking of notice and conducting of ceremonies where circumstances prevent persons attending the register office or ceremony rooms. For marriage /Civil Partnership couples are required to give notice in the district where they live. The notice fee is set centrally by GRO and so applies to all.</p> <p>Once notice has been given and approval to marry received, couples may have the ceremony in another district if they wish. Many choose religious premises others prefer civil ceremonies. Legislation changed in 2014 to enable Same Sex Marriage in addition to Civil Partnerships. The service has promoted the ability to choose either option on its web site and in various press releases. Same Sex couples contacting the service are made aware of the options open to them. .</p> <p>Legislation in England and Wales requires all processes to be through the medium of Welsh or English but we provide opportunities for all using various forms of support through the processes. Where there is a language requirement we provide it. We</p>
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	have Welsh speakers available for all aspects of the service; a BSL support officer for hearing or speech impaired people and would hire foreign language interpreters where necessary.
	Actions required: None

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>The fees apply to everyone and so would not have consequences for specific groups. Comparisons with neighbouring and other districts in Wales indicate that the proposed fees are reasonable. The authority is also required to provide a statutory ceremony (for marriage and Civil Partnership) at a centrally set fee, currently £46</p>
	Actions required: None

5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>No effect as proposal relates only to the fee charged. The service has Welsh speakers available for all aspects of the service.</p>
	Actions required: Ongoing Welsh language training for officers within the Registration Service, maintaining competency of some officers and developing Welsh language skills of others.

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Is full information and analysis of users of the service available? <i>(Is this service effectively engaging with all its potential users or is there higher or lower participation of uptake by one or more groups? If so, what has been done to address any difference in take up of the service? Does any savings proposals include an analysis of those affected?)</i></p>
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	<p>Members of the public are required by law to register a birth, death or marriage where it occurs and to give legal notice based on residence so nobody could be precluded as a potential user of the service.</p> <p>The service deals with a large number of customers from all ethnic backgrounds, of all ages and with various needs either due to disability or language but other than the information recorded through the response to customer surveys, Registrars do not monitor those various elements. The Service developed an Engagement Strategy in 2017 which is published on the website. The service is also developing additional feedback options on the website.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Monitor feedback comments and responses to customer satisfaction surveys.</p>

CONSULTATION

<p>7</p>	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>The proposal is included in reports to the relevant Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet in December 2017. The proposal is also included in the corporate public consultation exercise from November 13th 2017 to 8th January 2018.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Consider any feedback received as a result of the above consultation.</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

<p>8</p>	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>Fees are reviewed annually but ideally set for two to three years in advance so that customers pre booking ceremonies can be made aware of the cost. Numbers of ceremonies are reported in the Statutory Annual Service plan and comparisons can be made year on year to assess any impact as a result of fee increases. Customer satisfaction surveys are issued after each ceremony with general comments sections where persons can make any comment they like on the service. They also include an analysis of age, ethnic background and disability so we are able to monitor any responses based on equalities categories. These are analysed yearly and changes implemented where appropriate.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Analyse any changes in numbers, customer base and compare trends.</p>
9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>As above and consider any action required in light of results.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>A/A</p>
10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Officers have already attended a variety of Equalities training sessions; the service also hosted specific training sessions for South Wales districts on Same Sex Marriage. A plan is already in place to improve Welsh Language skills within the service.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None</p>
11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>N/A</p>
12	<p>What wider use will you make of this Equality Impact Assessment? <i>(What use will you make of this document i.e. as a consultation response, appendix to approval reports, publicity etc. in addition to the mandatory action shown below?)</i></p> <p>The EIA is being used as supporting evidence for the decisions on savings proposals in the 2018/19 MTFP.</p> <p>The EIA could also be included as an appendix in the Service Annual Report.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA, when completed, to be returned to equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for publishing on the Council's website.

Completed by:	Jacqui Morgan
Date:	13.11.2017
Position:	Group Manager
Name of Head of Service:	Rob Hartshorn

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

April 2016

THE COUNCIL'S EQUALITIES STATEMENT

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We will also work to create equal access for everyone to our services, irrespective of ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, religious beliefs or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality, responsibility for any dependents or any other reason which cannot be shown to be justified.

NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Environmental Health – Pest Control/Dog Warden/Animal Trespass Operative vacant post to be deleted - £29k
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Public Protection – Environmental Health
CONTACT OFFICER	Ceri Edwards
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	Following the Council's Budget Setting Meeting

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INTRODUCTION

The aim of an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is to ensure that Equalities issues have been consciously considered throughout the decision making processes of the work undertaken by every service area in the Council and work done at a corporate level.

The form should be used if you have identified a need for a full EIA following the screening process covered in the Equalities Implications in Committee Reports Guidance document (available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal on the intranet).

The EIA should highlight any areas of risk and maximise the benefits of proposals in terms of Equalities. It therefore helps to ensure that the Council has considered everyone who might be affected by the proposal.

It also helps the Council to meet its legal responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Welsh Language Measure 2011. There is also a requirement under Human Rights legislation for Local Authorities to consider Human Rights in developing proposals.

The Council's work across Equalities, Welsh Language and Human Rights is covered in more detail through the Strategic Equalities Objectives and Action Plan 2012.

This approach strengthens work to promote Equalities by helping to identify and address any potential discriminatory effects before introducing something new or changing working practices, and reduces the risk of potential legal challenges.

When carrying out an EIA you should consider both the positive and negative consequences of your proposals. If a project is designed for a specific group e.g. disabled people, you also need to think about what potential effects it could have on other areas e.g. young people with a disability, BME people with a disability.

There are a number of supporting guidance documents available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal (the Committee report guidance mentioned above, the Consultation and Monitoring guidance) and the Council's Equalities and Welsh Language team can offer support as the EIA is being developed - the contact email is equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>Environmental Health – Pest Control/Dog Warden/Animal Trespass Operative vacant post to be deleted – saving £29k</p> <p>This post is located within a small team that deal with pest control, dog warden matters and animal trespass. Operatives are generically trained to cover the aforementioned areas of work. In 2016, the team consisted of 6 FTE, however one member of staff (with specialised dog warden skills) retired and the post was not re-filled. Since then another member of staff (with specialist animal trespass skills and knowledge) has retired due to ill health, creating a vacant post. To mitigate for the loss of the specialist dog re-homing function, a technical assistant (0.4 FTE) has been allocated to the team. Deletion of the vacant post will reduce the size of the team from 5.4 FTE to 4.4 FTE, with 4 FTE delivering the service and 0.4 FTE re-homing dogs etc.</p> <p>The Pest Control /Dog Warden/ Animal Trespass Team protect public health by providing prompt investigations of service requests relating to pests, dogs and animal trespass.</p> <p>Since the post became vacant in March 2017, the service has worked with colleagues in the Countryside team to relocate the animal trespass pound from Ty Trostant Farm in Penybryn to Ynys Hywel in Cwmfelinfach, thus releasing Ty Trostant Farm as a capital asset for the authority. Colleagues from the Ynys Hywel Farm are also able to assist with specialist animal trespass matters as necessary.</p> <p>Some pest control infestations are often complicated, and time consuming to investigate and remedy. Straying dogs pose serious problems associated with dog fouling in public spaces, the potential to cause road traffic accidents and the possibility of becoming stressed and aggressive. Straying large farm animals including sheep, cattle, pigs and horses, etc. also pose a serious threat to road safety. Therefore, any reduction in service may cause communities to be subjected to environmental, financial and social impacts.</p> <p>The Council's household survey and Viewpoint Panel indicates that enviro-crime issues such as cleanliness of streets and dog fouling remains a priority for residents of the Borough.</p> <p>The team deals with excess of 5,000 service requests per year, relating to the above matters. However, should the proposed rat treatment fee of £20 be introduced in 2018/19 it is estimated that the number of service requests will fall by 1400 per year.</p> <p>A reduction of five to four posts does inevitably have an impact on the volume of service requests that may be responded to (particularly when members of the team are on leave or sick) and inevitable time delays providing the response and investigations.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>The team deals with excess of 5,000 service requests per year.</p> <p>Anyone that would normally utilise the service for a pest control service, dog warden matter or a straying animal may be affected. This may include residents, the business community and farmers.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>All service users have equal access to the service. Environmental Health ensures that it treats all service users, individuals and organisations, as efficiently and comprehensibly as possible and with respect.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>In general, changes to service delivery would apply equally to all service users. See also 3 above.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None</p>

5	<p><u>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.</u></p> <p><u>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</u></p> <p>The proposals do not impact on the use of the Welsh language.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required:</u></p> <p><u>None</u></p>

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Is full information and analysis of users of the service available? <i>(Is this service effectively engaging with all its potential users or is there higher or lower participation of uptake by one or more groups? If so, what has been done to address any difference in take up of the service? Does any savings proposals include an analysis of those affected?)</i></p> <p>No. The service is equally available to all. We do not currently monitor service users. The service does not hold a breakdown of the service users based on people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>We will be reviewing our approach to monitoring service users.</p>

CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p>
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	The proposal was included in a report to Cabinet on the 15 th November 2017; therefore publicly available. The Equalities team were consulted on the report.
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>NONE</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>Environmental Health monitors the numbers of service requests it receives, together with performance data; this practice will continue. Environmental Health follows the corporate complaints procedure for logging and investigating any complaints.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None</p>

9	<p>How will the above be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Service request data and corporate complaint data will be monitored to assess detrimental impacts.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None</p>
10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equality training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>None</p>

	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>Training will be provided if identified and deemed to be necessary.</p>
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11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>Training will be provided if necessary.</p>
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12	<p>What wider use will you make of this Equality Impact Assessment? <i>(What use will you make of this document i.e. as a consultation response, appendix to approval reports, publicity etc. in addition to the mandatory action shown below?)</i></p> <p>This EIA will be used as supporting evidence in the decisions being made around the savings proposals.</p>
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	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA, when completed, to be returned to equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for publishing on the Council's website.
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Completed By:	Ceri Edwards
Date:	27.11.2017
Position:	Environmental Health Manager
Name of Head of Service:	Robert Hartshorn

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

April 2016

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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Increase the price of a meal from Meals Direct by 20p from April 2018.
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Catering Services
CONTACT OFFICER	Marcia Lewis
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	20/11/2018

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It also helps the Council to meet its legal responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011, the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and supports the wider aims of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. There is also a requirement under Human Rights legislation for Local Authorities to consider Human Rights in developing proposals.

Specifically, Section 147 of the Equality Act 2010 is the provision that requires decision-makers to have 'due regard' to the equality implications of their decisions and Welsh Language Standards 88-97 require specific consideration of Welsh speakers under the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015.

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales has also published 'Good Practice Guidance for Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessments and Scrutinising Changes to Community Services in Wales' to ensure that Local Authorities, and other service providers, carry out thorough and robust impact assessments and scrutiny when changes to community services are proposed, and that every consideration is given to mitigate the impact on older people and propose alternative approaches to service delivery.

The Council's work across Equalities, Welsh Language and Human Rights is covered in more detail through the [Equalities and Welsh Language Objectives and Action Plan 2016-2020](#).

This approach strengthens work to promote Equalities by helping to identify and address any potential discriminatory effects before introducing something new or changing working practices, and reduces the risk of potential legal challenges.

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There are a number of supporting guidance documents available on the [Equalities and Welsh Language Portal](#) and the Council's Equalities and Welsh Language team can offer support as the EIA is being developed. Please note that the team does not write EIAs on behalf of service areas, the support offered is in the form of advice, suggestions and in effect, quality control.

Contact equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for assistance.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>Increase price of Meals Direct by 20p from April 2018 i.e. from</p> <p>£3.10 hot or frozen subsidised meal to £3.30 £5.45 hot or frozen unsubsidised meal to £5.65 £1.50 sandwich subsidised to £1.70 £2.10 sandwich unsubsidised to £2.30 £5.33 luncheon club subsidised to £5.53 £5.45 luncheon club unsubsidised to £5.64</p> <p>which will result in a £11k contribution to medium term financial plan.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>The service users who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing service users • New service users
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial impact on current service users and possible impact on current staffing levels if meal numbers decrease. • The service is open to all; eligible clients can access a subsidised service.
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Monitor impact and adjust service provision as required.</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>The Meals Direct service tends to be accessed by older people. Eligible clients can access a subsidised service.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Nil</p>
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5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.</p> <p><i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>No effects</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>N/A</p>

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Is full information and analysis of users of the service available?</p> <p>We collect management information on meal uptake and monitor our sales targets. No analysis is included on those affected as we are aware that current we offer a very competitively price meal in comparison to other Welsh authorities. Please refer to table below for comparison data.</p>																											
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CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>Consultation meetings have taken place with Catering staff. The proposal is included within the Council's draft 2018/19 Budget consultation.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Review any consultation feedback received.</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>We have a management system in place that allows us to monitor meal up-take. There is a risk that meal take up may drop. Further monitoring would be required and adjustments made to the service to ensure the full saving could be achieved.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Continual monitoring of meal uptake.</p>

9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>We have a management system in place that allows us to monitor meal up-take. There is a risk that meal take up may drop. Further monitoring would be required and adjustments made to the service to ensure the full saving could be achieved.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Continual monitoring of meal uptake.</p>

10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>Nil at present</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Nil at present</p>
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11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>N/A</p>
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12	<p>What wider use will you make of this Equality Impact Assessment? <i>(What use will you make of this document i.e. as a consultation response, appendix to approval reports, publicity etc. in addition to the mandatory action shown below?)</i></p> <p><i>The Equality Impact Assessment will be made available of the councils web page and attached to all MTFP documentation</i></p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA, when completed, to be returned to equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for publishing on the Council's website.

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Date:	29/11/17
Position:	Principal Officer Catering
Name of Head of Service:	Rob Hartshorn

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

April 2016

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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Introduction of charges for rat treatments £20k
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Public Protection – Environmental Health
CONTACT OFFICER	Ceri Edwards
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	Following the Council's Budget Setting Meeting

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>Introduction of a £20 charge for rat treatments to generate £20k income</p> <p>Rat treatments in domestic premises are currently undertaken free of charge.</p> <p>The public would have to pay for pest control services such as rats within domestic premises. At current volumes a £20 charge would generate annual income of £48,000. Experience from neighbouring authorities has demonstrated that following the introduction of such charges there has subsequently been a significant decline in the number of service requests processed.</p> <p>A fall in the number of service requests is therefore anticipated as a result of the introduction of a charge. Net increased income is therefore estimated to be £19,200. There is some risk of public health implications due to infestations left untreated, particularly impacting on low-income households. Members of the public may try to undertake treatments themselves which can lead to the improper placing of rodenticides and expose non target species to risk.</p> <p>There is also an additional risk if the income target is not realised. The equivalent amount of money will need to be found from elsewhere in the budget and may ultimately impact on the number of posts within the team.</p> <p>Experience from neighbouring authorities has also demonstrated that the introduction of charging and a decline in service uptake has created an increase to the workload of environmental health officers as they have to investigate the cause of rat infestations, neighbour disputes, and to take enforcement action to remedy problems, including the service of notices and undertaking works in default. Some members of our communities may be unable to fund the treatment, resulting in untreated problems that may give rise to issues of public health and uncontrolled rodent infestations.</p> <p>In addition we would advise that one comparative valley authority have now re-instated their free service due to the increase in public health concerns, and a second is also giving this due consideration. Aside from Caerphilly, of the other Local Authorities in Wales 6 provide a free treatment for rats, 10 do so for a charge, and 5 provide no pest control service at all.</p> <p>Some pest control infestations are often complicated, and time consuming to investigate and remedy; the proposed £20 charge by no means meets the cost of providing the service. Communities will therefore be subjected to environmental, financial and social impacts.</p> <p>The workload is demanding and requires a toolbox of skills to address the many and varied situations they deal with on a day to day basis. Such skills include education and encouragement through to warnings or providing evidence to Environmental Health Officers for them to serve notices or take legal action. They work with partner organisations including amongst others: Welsh Water, and other council services such as housing, catering and schools.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p> <p>The team deals with excess of 5,000 service requests per year, including approximately 3,500 for rats, relating to the matters detailed in 1 above.</p> <p>An introduction of a £20 (plus VAT) charge for rat treatments will inevitably have an impact for service users including the public generally, vulnerable individuals and those on lower incomes although for those in receipt of relevant benefits the charge is £10 (plus VAT). There is also an additional risk if the income target is not realised. The equivalent amount of money will need to be found from elsewhere in the budget and may ultimately impact on the number of posts within the team.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>All service users have equal access to the service. Environmental Health ensures that it treats all service users, individuals and organisations, as efficiently and comprehensibly as possible and with respect. However, some members of our communities may be unable to fund such treatment, resulting in untreated problems that may give rise to issues affecting public health and uncontrolled rodent infestations.</p> <p>Rat treatments in domestic premises are currently undertaken free of charge. It is proposed to introduce a £20 (plus VAT) charge. Customers in receipt of means tested Universal Credit or Guaranteed Pension Credit receive a 50% discount on the Council's Pest Control charges and so would pay £10 (plus VAT).</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>Consideration will need to be afforded to imposing a concessionary charge for individuals in receipt of means tested universal credit or guaranteed pensions credit .</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people’s disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>In general, changes to service delivery would apply equally to all service users. See also 3 above.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None</p>

5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>The proposals do not impact on the use of the Welsh language.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None</p>

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Is full information and analysis of users of the service available? <i>(Is this service effectively engaging with all its potential users or is there higher or lower participation of uptake by one or more groups? If so, what has been done to address any difference in take up of the service? Does any savings proposals include an analysis of those affected?)</i></p> <p>No. The service is equally available to all. We do not currently monitor service users. The service does not hold a breakdown of the service users based on people’s disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p>

CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>The proposal was included in a report to Cabinet on the 15th November 2017; therefore publicly available. The Equalities team were consulted on the report.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>NONE</p>

MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>Environmental Health monitors the numbers of service requests it receives, together with performance data; this practice will continue. Environmental Health follows the corporate complaints procedure for logging and investigating any complaints.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None</p>

9	<p>How will the above be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Service request data and corporate complaint data will be monitored to assess detrimental impacts.</p>
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	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None</p>
10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equality training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>None</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>Training will be provided if identified and deemed to be necessary.</p>

11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>Training will be provided if necessary.</p>
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	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA, when completed, to be returned to equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for publishing on the Council's website.

Completed By:	Ceri Edwards
Date:	27.11.2017
Position:	Environmental Health Manager
Name of Head of Service:	Robert Hartshorn

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April 2016

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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Reduce the Community Safety Warden Service
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Public Protection Division- Community Safety
CONTACT OFFICER	Ceri Edwards – Environmental Health Manager
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	Following the Council Budget Setting Meeting

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>The savings proposal is to reduce the cost of the Community Safety Warden (CSW) service by circa £40,000. As the service cost is overwhelmingly staff related the proposal suggests ways in which a monetary saving could be achieved.</p> <p>The team comprises 10 Community Safety Wardens equating to 9.3 FTE posts. In April 2017, 1.8 FTE posts became vacant as a result of one CSW (1 FTE) obtaining a post elsewhere within the Environmental Health Group and the resignation of another CSW (0.8 FTE). These posts are currently being covered by temporary fixed term appointments.</p> <p>Therefore in order to achieve the saving; it is proposed that the staffing complement will be reduced by 1.8 full time posts from 9.3 staff to 7.5 full time posts. This will be achieved by terminating the temporary contracts at the end of March 2018, (as per the contracts) and not to refill the vacant posts.</p> <p>The current service is 7 days a week and current shift patterns are 7:30 to 16:00 and 13:30 to 22:00. A reduction in the number of Community Safety Wardens would reduce the shift pattern cover which could be achieved in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Withdrawal of the service on a Sunday•Removing the early 7:30 to 16:00 shift and operating the afternoon/evening 13:30 to 22:00 shift only.•Retain current shift patterns, but reduce Ward coverage. Each full time CSW covers approximately 5 Wards each depending on Ward size, larger Wards are split. Coverage would reduce to each CSW covering approximately 6 Wards each with a resultant loss in cover. Shift cover patterns may still need to alter to avoid lone working. <p>For the 2016-2017 Financial Year the Community Safety Warden Service carried out 3854 patrols. Words of advice to persons acting contrary to acceptable standards of behaviour were given on 1211 occasions. There were 584 interactions with Council Members via meetings, phone calls etc. Formal verbal warnings were given on 117 occasions. 270 items of alcohol were confiscated and 29 referrals for Anti-social behaviour Injunction consideration were made. 409 referrals were made to other departments/agencies to resolve problems in communities.</p>
2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)</i></p>

The service provides a uniformed patrolling presence in communities dealing with low level crime and anti-social behaviour. Each officer is authorised by the Chief Constable of Gwent Police with powers that include traffic management and the issue of Police penalty notices. The service works very closely with the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams tackling issues in communities ranging from youth annoyance and disorder, persons under the influence of substances, enviro crime issues, defects in infrastructure, dog fouling and littering etc. As Neighbourhood Policing Teams are being depleted the service is increasingly the first line of response.

Earlier shifts tend to be involved in the community engagement element of the role as much as in enforcement. In particular, visiting local residents, who do not work in the daytime to discuss complaints around anti-social behaviour, enviro-crime issues and community events with partners, and issues in town centres such as street drinking etc.

Weekend shifts are dealing more with youth annoyance and disorder and street drinking. As well as supporting high profile events across the borough e.g. The Big Cheese and Remembrance Day parades/services.

The service users affected will differ depending on which option to make the reduction may be taken forward.

Removal of the earlier shift would disadvantage those residents who interact with the service at these times such as older residents, sheltered housing residents etc. The community reassurance role would need to reduce significantly. Removal of the Sunday working pattern would also affect a similar group but would also mean that family events arranged across the borough could not be supported for traffic management, patrolling presence etc.

Increasing the wards covered per staff member will need to be managed to avoid increasing workload. The level of support provided to each geographical area will need to reduce.

IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals?</p> <p><i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p>
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	<p>The service is universal in that it supports all residents of the county borough and local businesses.</p> <p>The proposals that would restrict the service to evening working only may impact on the level of service currently provided to vulnerable residents.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None.</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people’s disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>Elderly and vulnerable residents may be less well supported by service reductions.</p> <p>The service will be less responsive to Elected Member requests which are often made on behalf of vulnerable residents.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None identified.</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>The proposals do not impact on the use of the Welsh language.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None</p>

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	<p><u>Actions required</u></p>

CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>The proposal was part of a report to the Cabinet on the 15th of November 2017. The Equalities and Welsh Language team were consulted on the report.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None.</p>

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8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p>
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	<p>The most readily recognisable monitoring of these proposals post-implementation will be in any increase in complaints about increased response time, lack of patrolling presence, inability to contact the Community Safety Warden allocated to a case etc.</p> <p>Complaints will follow the Corporate Complaints process and any that contain allegations of discrimination are also referred to the Equalities and Welsh Language team.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>Monitor post-implementation should the proposal be taken forward.</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>How will the above be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Monitoring will establish whether any particular service users are disadvantaged over others. Although the service users who will be affected are already known and reductions in service will have to be accepted in order to avoid increasing the pressure on staff.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None identified.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equality training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>None identified.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <p>None.</p>

<p>11</p>	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p>
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	No mitigating factors identified. Reductions in service level will need to be accepted.
12	<p>What wider use will you make of this Equality Impact Assessment? <i>(What use will you make of this document i.e. as a consultation response, appendix to approval reports, publicity etc. in addition to the mandatory action shown below?)</i></p> <p>This EIA will be used as supporting evidence in the decisions being made around this savings proposal.</p>
	<p><u>Actions required</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA, when completed, to be returned to equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for publishing on the Council's website.

Completed By:	Ceri Edwards
Date:	27/11/2017
Position:	Environmental Health Manager
Name of Head of Service:	Rob Hartshorn

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NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	Environmental Health - Reduce Air Quality & Contaminated Land Monitoring & Contractors budgets by £15k
DIRECTORATE	Social Services
SERVICE AREA	Public Protection – Environmental Health
CONTACT OFFICER	Ceri Edwards
DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	Following the Council's Budget Setting Meeting

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Specifically, Section 147 of the Equality Act 2010 is the provision that requires decision-makers to have 'due regard' to the equality implications of their decisions and Welsh Language Standards 88-97 require specific consideration of Welsh speakers under the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015.

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales has also published 'Good Practice Guidance for Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessments and Scrutinising Changes to Community Services in Wales' to ensure that Local Authorities, and other service providers, carry out thorough and robust impact assessments and scrutiny when changes to community services are proposed, and that every consideration is given to mitigate the impact on older people and propose alternative approaches to service delivery.

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PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description of the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>To reduce the Environmental Health Air Quality & Contaminated Land Monitoring & Contractors budgets by £15k</p> <p>Pollution control is a highly specialised and technical area of work, which places considerable reliance on the ability to undertake environmental monitoring and to call upon external consultants as and when necessary.</p> <p>The budget currently allocated for air quality is £ 46,857 and for external contaminated land fees is £18,562, totalling £65,419. Therefore a reduction of £15k would result in a budget of £50,419.</p> <p>Air quality problems, such as those reported in the Hafod-yr-ynys and Caerphilly Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are highly emotive issues being reported at a national level. Use of specialist monitoring equipment (including calibration, servicing and parts), engagement of consultants and modelling reports are very necessary and place a significant impact on budgets.</p> <p>The pollution control team currently monitor air quality using 6 real time air quality monitoring stations, 3 of which are located within the AQMAs. There are also 58 passive diffusion tubes which are located in various streets and towns around the borough, this will increase to 77 in January 2018 as the team embark on a project with 6 pilot schools.</p> <p>Passive monitoring of air quality across the county borough and sampling in relation to service requests, such as dust, permitted process audit checks etc. also place a demand on the budget.</p> <p>There is generally a greater awareness and expectation from the public and Members in relation to Air Quality (such as an expectation to monitor air quality near relevant schools), however a reduction in the budget will mean that some monitoring may no longer be undertaken and that work will need to be prioritised accordingly.</p> <p>In addition to the above, Hafod-yr-ynys AQMA has been identified as breaching the EU Directive limit value and will be taken forward as an area in the national nitrogen dioxide plan for the UK. There will be expectations placed on the authority by Welsh Government and the Ministers to undertake feasibility studies and progress the actions within the recently produced air quality action plan. There will need to be a number of traffic surveys undertaken to inform the feasibility studies and this will all come at a cost. At present Welsh Government have not announced any funding to help with the cost of these studies. The feasibility studies will require specialist air quality modelling which will need to be undertaken by consultants as the pollution control team do not have the resource or expertise to be able to undertake this work internally.</p> <p>In relation to Contaminated land, there are number of sites throughout the borough which will require specialist expert help when they are developed. The issue with</p>
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these sites is that the pollution team have no control over when these sites will move forward as this is governed by the developer / land owner. Cray Valley (former Machen paint works) is currently being remediated and requires specialist help and independent validation, this can attract quite significant costs. Virginia Park, Caerphilly is currently being considered by planning for redevelopment for housing and given that the site was a former municipal landfill, the council's contaminated land consultants are providing support to the team through the remediation of the site. There are a number of other sites within the Caerphilly area which would also require technical support from consultants should they come forward for development also, namely Bedwas Colliery and the former Thomas Ness tar plant site

Pollution control also manages 7 of the Council's closed landfill sites. The environmental monitoring and sampling has been scaled back on many of these sites, however, the sites require regular maintenance and drainage clearance works to ensure that they do not become a liability and encroach on to / flood adjacent properties. Ty Llwyd is currently being considered by the Council's contaminated land consultants due to leaching of chemicals during prolonged periods of wet weather. The Coed Top Hill reed bed is another site which is benefitting from consultant input with a view to eliminating the ongoing trade effluent discharge costs. Whilst there is some work that can be prioritised on these sites, ongoing monitoring and regular checks are required to ensure the land does not cause problems to adjacent land owners until such time as the Council can demonstrate that there are no environmental liabilities associated with the land and it can be sold for alternative uses.

2 Who are the service users affected by the proposal?

(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc.)

Anyone that lives, works in or visits the county borough. Failure to improve air quality or properly remediate contaminated land sites can significantly impact upon public health.

IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3 Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals?

(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)

All service users have equal access to the service. Environmental Health ensures that it treats all service users, individuals and organisations, as efficiently and comprehensibly as possible and with respect.

	<p>Much of the environmental monitoring regime and contaminated land remediation via the development control process goes un-noticed by a large percentage of our general population therefore they unknowingly benefit from our services.</p> <p>If the air quality monitoring programme is reduced, residents in the affected areas may perceive that the council is not doing enough to protect their health.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>Ensure that monitoring continues in the most critical locations.</p> <p>Ensure that all land that goes through the development control process is properly remediated.</p>

4	<p>What are the consequences of the above for specific groups? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect affect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief?)</i></p> <p>People with pre-existing medical conditions may be more susceptible to the impacts of air pollution.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p>

5	<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Equalities and Welsh Language Portal)</i></p> <p>The proposals do not impact on the use of the Welsh language.</p>
	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None</p>

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Is full information and analysis of users of the service available? <i>(Is this service effectively engaging with all its potential users or is there higher or lower participation of uptake by one or more groups? If so, what has been done to address any difference in take up of the service? Does any savings proposals include an analysis of those affected?)</i></p> <p>No.</p>
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	The service is equally available to all. We do not currently monitor service users. The service does not hold a breakdown of the service users based on people's disability, race, gender, sexuality, age, language, religion/belief.
	Actions required: None

CONSULTATION

7	<p>What consultation has taken place? <i>(What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have the Council's Equalities staff been consulted? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>The proposal was included in a report to Cabinet on the 15th November 2017; therefore publicly available. The Equalities team were consulted on the report.</p>
	Actions required: None

MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)</i></p> <p>Environmental Health monitors the numbers of service requests it receives, together with performance data; this practice will continue. Environmental Health follows the corporate complaints procedure for logging and investigating any complaints.</p>
	Actions required: None

9	<p>How will the monitoring be evaluated? <i>(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)</i></p> <p>Service request data and corporate complaint data will be monitored to assess detrimental impacts.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None</p>
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10	<p>Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified? <i>(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)</i></p> <p>None</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <p>None</p>
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11	<p>Where you have identified mitigating factors in previous answers that lessen the impact on any particular group in the community, or have identified any elsewhere, please summarise them here.</p> <p>Training will be provided if necessary.</p>
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12	<p>What wider use will you make of this Equality Impact Assessment? <i>(What use will you make of this document i.e. as a consultation response, appendix to approval reports, publicity etc. in addition to the mandatory action shown below?)</i></p> <p>This EIA will be used as supporting evidence in the decisions being made around the savings proposals.</p>
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	<p>Actions required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIA, when completed, to be returned to equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for publishing on the Council's website.
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