

Cyngor Sir Powys County Council

Impact Assessment (IA)

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Please read the accompanying guidance before completing the form.

This **Impact Assessment (IA)** toolkit, incorporates a range of legislative requirements that support effective decision making and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation. **Draft versions of the assessment should be watermarked as “Draft” and retained for completeness. However, only the final version will be made publicly available. Draft versions may be provided to regulators if appropriate. In line with Council policy IAs should be retained for 7 years.**

Service Area	Corporate Transport	Head of Service	Adrian Jervis	Portfolio Holder	Cllr Aled Davies
Proposal	To carry out consultation on a revised Home to School Transport Policy				
Outline Summary / Description of Proposal					

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In April 2020, the Leader of the Council approved a new Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys, along with a recommendation for officers to bring back a revised Home to School Transport Policy for consultation. The proposed changes and reasons are outlined below:

Proposed change	Reason for change
<p>Clarity about the duty to promote Welsh medium provision</p> <p>'According to the Learner Wales Travel Measure 2008, each local authority must promote access to education and training through the medium of the Welsh language when exercising functions under this Measure. Therefore, for learners who choose to study through the medium of Welsh in Powys, transport will be provided to the nearest Welsh medium provision.'</p>	<p>To comply with the Learner Travel Wales Measure and the recommendations contained in the Estyn Report of 2019.</p>
<p>Removal of the practice of reimbursing 16 – 19 aged learners who travel out of county to study.</p>	<p>The authority is currently spending c.£75k on travel assistance for learners to travel out of county.</p>
<p>Removal of the practice of providing transport following a change of ordinary place of residence for learners in years 10,11,12 and 13.</p>	<p>It is a parental/guardian's choice to change the ordinary place of residence of a learner. The parent/guardian must apply for school transport based on the new place of residence, and the normal eligibility criteria will apply.</p>
<p>Clarified the appeal process to make it clearer.</p> <p>Clarified that it is the Corporate Transport Unit's responsibility to decide on eligibility for transport in the first instance and not the Principal Officer Admissions and Transport.</p> <p>If an appeal goes to a second stage, then the final operational decision will be made by the Head of Highways, Transport and Recycling.</p>	<p>Since 2019, budget responsibility for home to school transport has moved from the Schools Service to the Highways, Transport and Recycling Service to improve the operational management.</p> <p>To ensure that appeals are not at risk of challenge because of political differences. Individual cases are a matter for operational decision making.</p>

Following consultation, a Consultation Report and final Home to School Transport Policy, along with an updated impact assessment, will be considered by Cabinet in September 2020. If approved, the policy would be implemented from September 2021.

1. Version Control (services should consider the impact assessment early in the development process and continually evaluate)

Version	Author	Job Title	Date
1	Sarah Astley	Strategic Programme Manager	5/5/2020
2	John Forsey	Senior Manager Corporate Fleet & Transport	6/5/2020
3	Marianne Evans	Senior Manager Education Services	01/06/20
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2. Profile of savings delivery (if applicable)

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	TOTAL
£	£	£0	£	£	£

3. Consultation requirements

Consultation Requirement	Consultation deadline/or justification for no consultation
Public consultation required	Public consultation took place from June 15 th 2020 to July 27 th 2020

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4. Impact on Other Service Areas

Does the proposal have potential to impact on another service area? (Have you considered the implications on Health & Safety and Corporate Parenting?) PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM / ENGAGE ANY AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY					
Adult Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legal and Democratic Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Property, Planning and Public Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highways, Transportation and Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transformation and Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing and Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workforce and OD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data Protection Impact Assessment					
Will the proposal involve processing the personal details of individuals? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
Is Powys County Council the data controller? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
If you have answered yes to either of the above you will be required to complete, as a minimum, the screening questions on the data protection impact assessment. For further advice please contact the Data Compliance Team.					

4a Geographical Locations

What geographical area(s) will be impacted by the proposal? (Chose all those applicable)							
Powys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brecon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llandrindod and Rhayader	<input type="checkbox"/>	Machynlleth	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Builth and Llanwrtyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llanfair Caereinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newtown	<input type="checkbox"/>
North	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crickhowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llanfyllin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welshpool and Montgomery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hay and Talgarth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llanidloes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ystradgynlais	<input type="checkbox"/>
South	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knighton and Presteigne	<input type="checkbox"/>				

5. How does your proposal impact on Vision 2025?

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Council's Well-being Objective	How does the proposal impact on this Well-being Objective?	IMPACT Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to a more positive impact or to mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
The Economy We will develop a vibrant economy	The Council currently spends approximately £9m on transport with Powys based suppliers. It is unlikely that this would change following implementation of the revised policy.	Neutral		Choose an item.
Health and Care We will lead the way in providing effective, integrated health and care in a rural environment	N/A	Choose an item.		Choose an item.

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<p>Learning and skills We will strengthen learning and skills</p>	<p>It is advised that the proposal to remove the practice of reimbursing 16-19 aged learners who travel out of county to study is not taken forward at this time. Responses to the consultation indicated that there would be negative impact on learners if this was implemented due to the perception that the current provision of post-16 provision in Powys is sub-standard.</p> <p>There may be an impact on a small number of pupils in some schools due to the change in the Welsh-medium policy - i.e. 'removing the provision of free transport 'in the language of choice', which would mean that some pupils who wish to attend an English-medium school would not be provided transport to that provision, if they live closer to a Welsh-medium school. However, they would be provided with transport to their nearest Welsh-medium school which would allow them to benefit from a bilingual education, meaning that they would become fluent in both English and Welsh, meeting the Welsh Government's aspiration of a million Welsh speakers by 2050 and meeting the Council's aspiration as outlined in the WESP and the Transforming Education in Powys Strategy.</p> <p>If parental choice is for a pupil to attend an English-medium school that wasn't their nearest school, then the parent/carer would need to make their own arrangements for transport.</p> <p>However, based on an assessment of pupil numbers actually being transported to English-medium schools that aren't their nearest schools undertaken in June 2020, the actual number of pupils not going to their</p>	<p>Neutral</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
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	nearest Welsh-medium school is low - 28 pupils with two schools affected.			
Residents and Communities We will support our residents and communities	Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school, therefore supporting residents to access schools within their communities. This enables community cohesion and a social infrastructure to develop within these communities.	Good		Choose an item.

Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements
Responses to the consultation

6. How does your proposal impact on the Welsh Government’s well-being goals?

Well-being Goal	How does proposal contribute to this goal?	IMPACT Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to a more positive impact or to mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
<p>A prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that implementation of the revised policy would have a significant impact on the level of home to school transport provided, therefore there would be no impact on this well-being goal.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p>A resilient Wales: A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>

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Well-being Goal	How does proposal contribute to this goal?	<u>IMPACT</u> Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to a more positive impact or to mitigate any negative impacts?	<u>IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION</u> Please select from drop down box below
<p>A healthier Wales: A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</p> <p>Public Health (Wales) Act, 2017: Part 6 of the Act requires for public bodies to undertake a health impact assessment to assess the likely effect of a proposed action or decision on the physical or mental health of the people of Wales.</p>	<p>The law provides that the Council provides free school transport for primary aged children who live more than 2 miles from their nearest suitable school and 3 miles for secondary aged learners. Where we do not provide transport for learners who do not qualify under the distance criteria, learners and families should be encouraged to make use of alternative active travel arrangements such as walking & cycling</p>	<p>Neutral</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected Communities.</p>	<p>The policy confirms that transport will be provided to eligible learners to their nearest or catchment school – this will ensure that eligible learners will be able to attend their local primary school, strengthening links with the local community, building community cohesion and a social infrastructure.</p>	<p>Good</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales: A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.</p> <p>Human Rights - is about being proactive (see guidance)</p> <p>UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: The Convention gives rights to everyone under the age of 18, which include the right to be treated fairly and to be protected from discrimination; that organisations act for the best interest of the child; the right to life, survival and development; and the right to be heard.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language: A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation. Incorporating requirements under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards</p>				

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<i>Opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourable than the English language</i>	The revised policy promotes access to Welsh-medium education, as required by the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008.	Good		Choose an item.
<i>Opportunities to promote the Welsh language</i>	The revised policy promotes access to Welsh-medium education, as required by the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008.	Good		Choose an item.
<i>People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation.</i>	N/A	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
A more equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances). <i>Incorporating requirements under the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Social Economic duty (2020).</i>				
<i>Age</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Disability</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils. As outlined in the policy, transport will be provided to learners with SEN/ALN in accordance with their statutory plan.	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Gender reassignment</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Marriage or civil partnership</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Race</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Religion or belief</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Sex</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Sexual Orientation</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Pregnancy and Maternity</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Socio-economic duty</i>	The revised policy would be applicable to all pupils	Neutral		Choose an item.

Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements

Responses to consultation report

7. How does your proposal impact on the council's other key guiding principles?

Principle	How does the proposal impact on this principle?	IMPACT Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to a more positive impact or to mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
Sustainable Development Principle (5 ways of working)				
Long Term: <i>Looking to the long term so that we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</i>	The Council may need to further review the Home to School Transport Policy in the future in order to align with plans which are taken forward as part of the Council's Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys	Neutral		Choose an item.
Collaboration: <i>Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.</i>	The Policy has been subject to public consultation and changes have been made related to the feedback received.	Good		Choose an item.
Involvement (including Communication and Engagement): <i>Involving a diversity of the population in the decisions that affect them including:</i> Unpaid Carers: <i>Ensuring that unpaid carers views are sought and taken into account</i>	The consultation was publicised via social media and the Council's webpage, as well as direct targeting to all schools for dissemination to parents, pupils, governors and staff. It was also circulated to an additional 75 stakeholders including Town and Community Councils, the Police and Crime Commissioner and various equalities groups.	Good		Choose an item.

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<p>Prevention: Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring including:</p> <p>Safeguarding: Preventing and responding to abuse and neglect of children, young people and adults with health and social care needs who can't protect themselves.</p>	As outlined in the revised policy, 'Required safeguarding checks (enhanced DBS clearance) will be undertaken by operators on all bus drivers, taxi drivers and passenger assistants every 3 years. All drivers are required to undertake safeguarding training with the authority. They also complete online training through the NSPCC. During the tendering process, all contractors must evidence that they adhere to a safeguarding policy.'	Good		Choose an item.
<p>Integration: Taking an integrated approach so that public bodies look at all the well-being goals in deciding on their well-being objectives.</p>	N/A	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<p>Powys County Council Workforce: What Impact will this change have on the Workforce?</p>	N/A	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<p>Payroll: How will this impact salary, any overtime/enhanced payments etc? Does this affect any particular group of employees? E.g. Male/Female dominated workforce. Does this proposal comply with the Councils Single Status Terms and Conditions?</p>	N/A	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<p>Welsh Language impact on staff</p>	N/A	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<p>Apprenticeships: Has consideration been given to whether this change impacts negatively, or positively on Apprenticeships within the service?</p>	N/A	Choose an item.		Choose an item.

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Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements				
Responses to the consultation				

8. What is the impact of this proposal on our communities?

Communities	How does the proposal impact on residents and community?	IMPACT See impact definitions in guidance document	What will be done to better contribute to a more positive impact or to mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION See impact definitions in guidance document	Source of Outline Evidence to support judgement
<i>Consider the level of impact on the community following implementation of the Proposal</i>	The revised policy provides transport to eligible learners to their nearest catchment school – this will enable learners to attend their local primary school, strengthening links with the community, building community cohesion and a social infrastructure	Insignificant		Choose an item.	

9. What are the risks to service delivery or the council following implementation of this proposal?

Description of risks			
Risk Identified	Inherent Risk Rating Impact X Likelihood (See Risk Matrix in guidance document)	Mitigation	Residual Risk Rating Impact X Likelihood (See Risk Matrix in guidance document)
Legal challenge following decision to approve the revised Policy	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal advice to be sought 	3

10. Overall Summary and Judgement of this Impact Assessment?

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Outline Assessment (to be inserted in cabinet report)	Cabinet Report Reference:
<p>The outline assessment suggests that the negative impact of this revised policy is low, and that, overall, the impact is positive. It is advised that the proposal to remove the practice of reimbursing 16-19 aged learners who travel out of county to study is not taken forward at this time. Responses to the consultation indicated that there would be negative impact on learners if this was implemented due to the perception that the current provision of post-16 provision in Powys is sub-standard.</p> <p>The proposed change regarding transport to Welsh-medium schools is judged as a positive change. There may be an impact on a small number of pupils in some schools due to the change in the Welsh-medium policy - i.e. 'removing the provision of free transport 'in the language of choice', which would mean that some pupils who wish to attend an English-medium school would not be provided transport to that provision, if they live closer to a Welsh-medium school. However, they would be provided with transport to their nearest Welsh-medium school which would allow them to benefit from a bilingual education, meaning that they would become fluent in both English and Welsh, meeting the Welsh Government's aspiration of a million Welsh speakers by 2050 and meeting the Council's aspiration as outlined in the WESP and the Transforming Education in Powys Strategy.</p> <p>If parental choice is for a pupil to attend an English-medium school that wasn't their nearest school, then the parent/carers would need to make their own arrangements for transport.</p> <p>However, based on an assessment of pupil numbers actually being transported to English-medium schools that aren't their nearest schools undertaken in June 2020, the actual number of pupils not going to their nearest Welsh-medium school is low - 28 pupils with two schools affected.</p>	

11. Is there additional evidence to support the Impact Assessment (IA)?

What additional evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?
N/A

12. On-going monitoring arrangements?

What arrangements will be put in place to monitor the impact over time?
If the policy is approved, the impact will be monitored annually, and if the policy needs changing due to changes in other policies of the law, then the policy will need to be revised to take account of these changes.
Please state when this Impact Assessment will be reviewed.
Annually

13. Sign Off

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Impact Assessment Lead:	John Forsey	John Forsey	19/08/20
Head of Service:	Adrian Jervis	Adrian Jervis	

Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Aled Davies	Cllr Aled Davies	
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14. Governance

Decision to be made by	Cabinet	Date required	15/09/20
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