

# Cyngor Sir Powys County Council


## Impact Assessment (IA)

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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.**

<b>Service Area</b>	Housing Services	<b>Head of Service</b>	Andy Thompson	<b>Director</b>	Nina Davies	<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr Matthew Dorrance
<b>Proposal</b>	Housing Revenue Account Thirty Year Business Plan 2023-2024						
<b>Outline Summary / Description of Proposal</b>							
<p>The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is the means by which all municipal landlords in Wales are expected to manage the financing of their landlord services. It is funded primarily by the income generated from rents.</p> <p>The 11 stock remaining authorities in Wales are required to present an ‘acceptable’ HRA Business Plan (including a thirty-year financial model) to the Welsh Government each year for the Welsh Government to assess the progress of local authorities towards meeting and/or maintaining the WHQS to be eligible for the Major Repairs Allowance (MRA) Grant (currently for Powys £3,732,000). Powys achieved WHQS in December 2018. The HRA Business Plan must conform to a structure and Business Plan parameters as set out by the Welsh Government. However, the associated narrative can be in a format determined by each local authority.</p> <p>The HRA is required by the Welsh Government to be sustainable and self-financing. Expenditure must also cover the debts incurred to buy and build the housing stock. The HRA Thirty Year Business Plan 2023-2024 for Powys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Sets out the Council’s vision as a social housing landlord, with the objectives and standards needed to make that vision a reality;</li> <li> Plans investment against the availability of finance;</li> <li> Communicates the Council’s housing plans to its tenants, members, the Welsh Government, other stakeholders, partners and the wider community.</li> </ul>							

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

Version	Author	Job Title	Date
V1	Andy Thompson	Interim Head of Housing	February 22nd, 2022

2. Profile of savings delivery (if applicable)

2023-24	2024-25	2025-2026	2026-27	2027-28	2028-2029
£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A	£ N/A

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### 3. Consultation requirements

Consultation Requirement	Consultation deadline/or justification for no consultation
Public consultation required	<p>The Council has, in the interests of open governance and working with the people of Powys, involved the following groups in designing the HRA Thirty Year Business Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tenant Scrutiny Panel</li></ul> <p>The Council will, in the interests of open governance, advise the following groups of its intentions for the HRA Thirty Year Business Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic Housing Partnership</li></ul>

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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, Corporate Parenting and Data Protection?)  
PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM / ENGAGE ANY AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY**

Financial Services – financial management of loans and revenue and capital financial income and expenditure

### 5. How does your proposal impact on the council's strategic vision?

<b>Council Priority</b>	<b>How does the proposal impact on this priority?</b>	<b>IMPACT</b> Please select from drop down box below	<b>What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	<b>IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION</b> Please select from drop down box below
<b>The Economy</b> <b>We will develop a vibrant economy</b>	Social housing let at genuinely affordable rents, lower than for example those charged by private landlords, allows households to keep more of their income for their own use and expenditure the wider Powys economy.	Good	Maintaining a viable and sustainable HRA Thirty Year Business Plan, as set out in this proposal, will allow the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes, supporting the economy by allowing people to have more money to spend in the wider economy. It will allow more homes to be let at rents that are genuinely affordable, below that charged by private rented accommodation providers. The Council will also be able to maintain its investment programme in municipal housing – which accounts for one in ten of all homes in Powys – providing employment and business opportunities for local and regional people and enterprises. This will help support the 'Powys Pound'.	Good
<b>Health and Care</b> <b>We will lead the way in effective, integrated rural health and care</b>	Social rented housing is required to meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard. This includes making sure homes are thermally efficient, do not suffer from intrinsic damp and have decent facilities for such things as food preparation and personal hygiene. Such requirements do not apply to other tenures.	Good	The Council will with the investment programmes set out in this proposal be able to maintain its investment programme to keep municipal housing at the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, providing for 10% of all households in Powys safe, healthy homes in both urban and rural locations.	Good

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<b>Learning and skills</b> <b>We will strengthen learning and skills</b>	Homelessness, which is rising across Powys and has been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, can significantly affect households with children having a detrimental effect on the children’s education as they do not have a suitable environment to learn. Maintaining the Council’s ability to increase the provision of accessible, secure and affordable homes will positively impact on the learning opportunities of many children.	Good	The investment programmes set out in this proposal will allow the Council to continue to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes to help provide homes for families. An additional benefit of providing more homes in a way that can help stem the rise in homelessness is that the Council may not face such a steep increase in demands on its General Fund for services to help those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.	Good
<b>Residents and Communities</b> <b>We will support our residents and communities</b>	As landlord for one in ten of all Powys households, and responsible for the neighbourhoods of many owner occupiers living on estates developed by the Council, the Council needs to have the capacity and capability to maintain these areas to a high standard so that people can ‘Love Where They Live’.  The Housing Service supports active intelligence gathering about the way its services are received, experienced and perceived by the people of Powys, allowing improvements to be made that benefit people across the county.	Good	The HRA Business Plan sets out clear investment plans to support the ‘Love Where You Live’ tenancy sustainability strategy. This will allow the housing service to continue to positively support the well-being of neighbourhoods and communities through the Estate Maintenance Service, developing the Caretaker Service and supporting the provision and improvement of play areas on municipal housing estates.	Good

**Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements**

Welsh Government Rent Policy (December 2019); Welsh Government Rent Notification December 2022; Powys HRA Business Plan (2023-2024); STAR Survey of Tenant Satisfaction (December 2021); WHQS Compliance Policy for Powys; Powys Housing Support Programme (HSP) Strategy 2022-26; Compliance One Hundred Board Reports (January 2020 through January 2023); ‘Love Where You Live’ Tenancy Sustainability Strategy (2018); WHO 121 quarterly returns; ‘Homes in Powys’ housing waiting list data; Housing Service performance data.

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

<b>Well-being Goal</b>	<b>How does proposal contribute to this goal?</b>	<b>IMPACT</b> Please select from drop down box below	<b>What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	<b>IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION</b> Please select from drop down box below
<p><b>A prosperous Wales:</b>                      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>Social rents, which are provided by Council-owned homes, allow households to keep more of their income for their own use rather than it going to private landlords.</p> <p>Maintaining the ability of the Council to fund new affordable homes will enhance the ability of Powys to attract and retain the employees needed to contribute towards prosperous Wales. The benefits of this investment increases in the high housing cost areas of Powys.</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Providing the opportunity for the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes by having in place a balanced and sustainable HRA Thirty Business Plan will support the economy by allowing people to have more money to spend in the wider economy. It will also keep rents at a genuinely affordable level, below that expected by private rented accommodation providers. The Council will also be able to maintain its investment programme in municipal housing – which accounts for one in ten of all homes in Powys – providing employment and business opportunities for local and regional people and enterprises. This will help support the ‘Powys Pound’.</p>	<p>Good</p>
<p><b>A resilient Wales:</b>                      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>Maintaining the ability of the Council to fund ‘Love Where They Live’ and ‘Green Powys’ will result in a improving natural environment in and around council owned homes.</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Investment in ‘Love Where They Live’ and ‘Green Powys’ is designed to increase planting and improve maintenance of the natural environment on housing estates.</p> <p>The HRA Business Plan includes provision for increasing the thermal efficiency of council homes, reducing environmental damage and reducing running costs for residents.</p>	<p>Good</p>

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<p><b>A healthier Wales:</b>                      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><b>Public Health (Wales) Act, 2017:</b>                      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>Social rented housing is required to meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard. This includes making sure homes are thermally efficient, do not suffer from intrinsic damp and have decent facilities for such things as food preparation and personal hygiene. Such requirements do not apply to other tenures.</p> <p>Insufficient social rented housing of the type provided by the Council means that many people are compelled to find accommodation that may have higher rents, less tenure security and poorer housing conditions, all of which contribute to poor mental and physical health.</p> <p>Homelessness, which is currently rising across Powys, can significantly affect the health of affected households. One the main causes of homelessness is the lack of secure, affordable rented accommodation of the type provided by the Council.</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Having in place a balanced and sustainable HRA Thirty Business Plan, as per this proposal, will allow the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes to help provide and maintain a rising number of ‘healthier’ homes in Powys.</p>	<p>Good</p>

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<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities:</b>                      Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected Communities.</p>	<p>The Council’s role as a social landlord is consistent with all relevant Powys County Council strategic plans, in particular the ‘Powys Housing Strategy’, ‘Vision 2025’ and ‘Love Where You Live’. All the partnerships and organisations responsible for these strategic plans believe and support the principle that communities can thrive and prosper if individuals, families and groups are treated fairly, with respect, and given access to rights and services – which includes a safe, secure and affordable home. Indeed, a decent home is for most people the foundation of being able to have and enjoy a decent life.</p> <p>Maintaining the ability of the Council to fund new affordable homes, by making sure that the HRA Thirty Year Business Plan carefully manages the resources available to it, will enhance the ability of Powys to make sure that communities, especially those in rural areas, remain viable and sustainable by offering homes for people across the socio-economic spectrum.</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>The Council will be better able by maintaining a balanced, sustainable and long term HRA Thirty year Business Plan to support the development of more affordable, secure, social rented homes and maintain those it already owns to a decent standard, providing the bedrock for ‘attractive, viable, safe and well connected communities’ by progressing the pragmatic changes to rents for social housing contained in this proposal.</p>	<p>Good</p>

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<p><b>A globally responsible Wales:</b>                      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><b>Human Rights - is about being proactive (see guidance)</b></p> <p><b>UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:</b>                      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>With social housing in Powys not being able to meet growing demand for safe and secure homes that are affordable to people with modest incomes, maintaining a strong and balanced HRA Business Plan will help reduce the risk of the county having more homelessness with consequential detrimental impacts of social well-being, poor standards of accommodation affecting the quality of life and opportunities available to children and their parents and poorly maintained housing increasing fuel poverty and necessitating excessive use of fuels to keep homes warm.</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>The pragmatic investment proposals set out in this proposal will allow the Housing Service to continue to positively support the well-being of neighbourhoods and communities by increasing the availability of high quality, fuel efficient homes.</p>	<p>Good</p>
<p><b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language:</b> 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.</p>				
<p><i>Opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourable than the English language</i></p>	<p>Housing Services currently involves and engages with tenants through communication in their language of choice</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>Maintaining a viable HRA Business Plan will allow Housing Services to continue to positively support communications with tenants in the language of their choice, including Welsh.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Opportunities to promote the Welsh language</i></p>	<p>No impact expected</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p><i>Welsh Language impact on staff</i></p>	<p>No impact expected</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p><i>People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation.</i></p>	<p>No impact expected</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p><b>A more equal Wales:</b> A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).</p>				



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<i>Age</i>	Homes are provided by the Council for people of all age groups. There is growing need amongst younger people for a first home and an aging population who need homes better suited to their needs, for example level access.	Good	A balanced and sustainable HRA Business Plan will allow the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes to help provide and maintain a wider choice of homes for people of all age groups. The 'Fit for Life' programme will help improve access to homes for older people and those with mobility needs.	Good
<i>Disability</i>	Funding set aside in the HRA Business Plan for aids and adaptations works improve the quality of homes for people who need help to better enjoy their home and cope with disabilities.	Good	The HRA Business Plan will allow the Housing Service to continue to support a comprehensive programme of aids and adaptations. Provision has been made for the 'Fit for Life' programme will help improve access to homes for those with mobility needs.	Good
<i>Gender reassignment</i>	No impact expected	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Marriage or civil partnership</i>	No impact expected	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Race</i>	No impact expected	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Religion or belief</i>	No impact expected	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Sex</i>	No impact expected	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Sexual Orientation</i>	No impact expected	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<i>Pregnancy and Maternity</i>	No impact expected	Choose an item.		Choose an item.

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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 positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION Please select from drop down box below
<b>Sustainable Development Principle (5 ways of working)</b>				
<b>Long Term:</b> Looking to the long term so that we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.	A housing service with the foundation of a sustainable, financially viable HRA Thirty Year Business Plan is better able to progress its preventative agenda (preventing homelessness, housing market dysfunction, poor housing standards).	Good	The Council will be better able to support the development of more affordable, secure, social rented homes and maintain those it already owns to a decent standard, providing a solid foundation for future generations to have secure, affordable homes by following the HRA Thirty Year Business Plan set out in this proposal.	Good
<b>Collaboration:</b> Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.	The service currently collaborates with a number of organisations and agencies.	Good	A sustainable and adequately resourced HRA Thirty Year Business Plan will help the Council to work more effectively with a range of businesses, investors and service agencies to provide together services needed and desired by the people of Powys.	Good
<b>Involvement (including Communication and Engagement):</b> Involving a diversity of the population in the decisions that affect them.	The Housing Service supports active intelligence gathering about the way its services are received, experienced and perceived by the people of Powys, allowing improvements to be made that benefit people across the county.	Good	The Housing Service will be better able, with a solid and sustainable HRA Thirty Year Business Plan, to continue to engage with neighbourhoods and communities if the HRA remains sustainable and viable and able to finance the needs and desires, where practicable, of tenants.	Good

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<p><b>Prevention:</b> <i>Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.</i></p>	<p>The Housing Service has adopted a preventative agenda with regard to its statutory duties, including maintaining homes to the WHQS and making sure homes are available, where possible, for those face with or experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>A solid and sustainable HRA Thirty Year Business Plan, as per this proposal, will allow the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes to help provide and maintain a rising number of high quality, affordable homes in Powys that will help prevent the social and economic problems associated with homelessness, insecure homes and poor quality accommodation.</p>	<p>Good</p>
<p><b>Integration:</b> <i>Taking an integrated approach so that public bodies look at all the well-being goals in deciding on their well-being objectives.</i></p>	<p>The importance of affordable, secure housing is an essential foundation for people to have a good education, be healthy, find decent employment and to be able to participate in their communities.</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>The HRA Business Plan, as proposed, will allow the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes to help provide and maintain a rising number of high-quality, affordable homes in Powys that will help support the ability of Housing Services to contribute to the work of such diverse bodies and agencies examples including the Powys Teaching Health Board, Dyfed Powys Police, the Council’s own social services teams, education services, the Mid-Wales Growth Deal</p>	<p>Good</p>
<p><b>Preventing Poverty:</b>                      Prevention, including helping people into work and mitigating the impact of poverty.</p>	<p>The lack of genuinely affordable homes, let at social rents, is directly linked to poverty. The more people have pay in rent for example to private landlords, the less they have for other expenditure, exacerbating poverty and poor quality of life. The same applies if people are compelled to live in thermally inefficient accommodation, where high heating costs can add to the problems of low incomes, causing practical poverty. Maintaining a sound municipal landlord service helps combat all of these problems.</p>	<p>Good</p>	<p>Providing the opportunity for the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes – and maintain those it currently owns to a high standard with reducing energy needs - by having place a sustainable and adequately resourced HRA Thirty Year Business Plan will support the economy by allowing people to have more money to spend in the wider economy. This will help reduce poverty.</p>	<p>Good</p>

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<b>Unpaid Carers:</b> Ensuring that unpaid carers views are sought and taken into account	No impact expected	Unknown		Unknown
<b>Safeguarding:</b> Preventing and responding to abuse and neglect of children, young people and adults with health and social care needs who can't protect themselves.	The Council's landlord service provides secure housing opportunities to help support households with children and vulnerable adults. This benefits the welfare of those concerned and helps to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm.	Good	A sustainable and adequately resourced HRA Thirty Year Business Plan, as per this proposal, will allow the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes to increase the overall capacity of the Council to help people needing safeguarding related support.	Good
<b>Impact on Powys County Council Workforce</b>	Well planned and adequately financed deployment of HRA resources and capacity in the Housing Service will reduce pressures on Childrens and Adults Services particularly where lack of suitable, sustainable and secure accommodation could, if there is no social housing available, be a contributory factor to the need for interventions by social services.	Good	A solid and sustainable HRA Thirty Year Business Plan, as per this proposal, will allow the Council to support the development of more affordable, social rented homes to increase the overall capacity of the Council to support the work of Childrens and Adults Services, where housing changes can contribute to an overall improvement is the quality of life for vulnerable clients.	Good
<b>Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements</b>				
<p style="text-align: center;">Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements</p> <p>Welsh Government Rent Policy (December 2019); Welsh Government Rent Notification December 2022; Powys HRA Business Plan (2023-2024); STAR Survey of Tenant Satisfaction (December 2021); WHQS Compliance Policy for Powys; Powys Housing Support Programme (HSP) Strategy 2022-26; Compliance One Hundred Board Reports (January 2020 through January 2023); 'Love Where You Live' Tenancy Sustainability Strategy (2018); WHO 123 quarterly returns; 'Homes in Powys' housing waiting list data; Housing Service performance data.</p>				

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

Severity of Impact on Communities	Scale of impact	Overall Impact
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High	High	High
<b>Mitigation</b>		
<p>Making sure the Council's Housing Service has financially robust HRA Thirty Year Business Plan, set as part of this proposal means that it will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>👉 Operate a viable and sustainable HRA, maintain WHQS and securing inward funding from the Welsh Government.</li> <li>👉 Maintain the current housing stock to a habitable standard, increasing health and well-being problems for residents.</li> <li>👉 Continue the development programme for new homes, enhancing the choice and options open to people looking for a safe, secure and affordable place to live in Powys.</li> <li>👉 Provide tangible support to other Council services to help provide a balanced and coherent range of services to the people of Powys, reducing risks to the well-being of those who are vulnerable.</li> </ul>		

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

Successful implementation of this proposal will support service delivery in other areas of the Council's work, including for example establishing accommodation options for young people and families. There are risks that may arise if the HRA Business Plan cannot be delivered if, for example, income falls short of expectations due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. A robust and rigorous approach to income recovery is already mitigating the risks presented by Covid-19. These include a reduction of housing opportunities and a slow down in the ability of the Council to maintain and improve the quality of municipal homes.

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)
Rent and charges increases assumed in the Business Plan are not possible due to changes in local and national rent and charging policy	8	Services and investment plans will be reviewed to identify those which can be reduced with the least risk to the integrity of the plan.	4
Grants for new homes are reduced by the Welsh Government	8	This can be mitigated by considering the development of open market homes for sale, to generate profits to cross subsidise the development of affordable homes. Smarter procurement, with careful specification of homes, may also be able to contribute .	4
Construction and material costs continue to rise	12	Development of open market homes for sale, to generate profits to cross subsidise the development of affordable homes. Smarter procurement, with careful specification of homes.	6
Welsh Government pursues with vigour its 'de-carbonisation' proposals for existing homes without sufficient funding being made available to fund the necessary changes.	12	Mitigation of this risk will require additional investment beyond that available to the HRA. Social landlords in Wales are discussing with the Welsh Government options for funding this national objective.	6

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### 10. Overall Summary and Judgement of this Impact Assessment?

<b>Outline Assessment (to be inserted in cabinet report)</b>	<b>Cabinet Report Reference:</b>	Section 8
<p>The Impact Assessment shows that the proposals for the HRA Thirty Year Business Plan 2023-2024 set out in this report contribute positively to maintaining and developing the Council's role as responsive and viable social landlord. A balanced approach has been taken between maintaining and improving existing homes and increasing the range of affordable housing options available for the people of Powys. Risks arising from changes by the Welsh Government to rent and affordable housing grant policy and inflationary construction costs are well mitigated. The Powys HRA Thirty Year Business Plan makes a substantial contribution towards making 'Stronger, Fairer, Greener' a reality, which has within the Transformation Portfolio 'Transforming Where We Live'. Housing as one of its top priorities.</p> <p>The impact on the Council of not approving the proposed HRA Thirty Year Business Plan, set out in this report, will be considerable. There will be a high risk of the Council not being to comply with the Welsh Government's requirement for the Council to have in place by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, a sustainable and viable HRA Thirty Year Business Plan. This may result in the loss of MRA (£3,732,000 per annum) and direct intervention by the Welsh Government in the management of the landlord service.</p>		

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

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

### 12. On-going monitoring arrangements?

<b>What arrangements will be put in place to monitor the impact over time?</b>
All HRA budgets and investment programmes are reviewed on a monthly basis.
<b>Please state when this Impact Assessment will be reviewed.</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023

### 13. Sign Off

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Impact Assessment Lead:	Andy Thompson		22.02.23
Head of Service:	Andy Thompson		22.02.23
Director:	Nina Davies		
Portfolio Holder:	Clr Matthew Dorrance		

### 14. Governance

<b>Decision to be made by</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date required</b>	March 28th, 2023
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