

Powys County Council Position Statement on Impact Assessments for 2018/2019 Budget Proposals

As part of the budget process, services have once again been asked to complete an Impact Assessment (IA) for each of their identified budget saving proposals for 2018/19. IAs are a corporate, evidence based approach for assessing the impact of the Council's actions and decisions. As a Council we are subject to a number of pieces of legislation which we are required to consider when making decisions. The IA incorporates the following priorities and legislation: -

- The four priorities underpinning the Council's strategic vision;
- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015;
- Equality Act 2010;
- Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011;
- Preventing Poverty;
- Safeguarding;
- Unpaid Carers;
- Risk Management.

The IA was initially implemented, along with the supporting guidance document, for the 2016/17 budget proposals. Since this time the IA Project Team has developed and rolled out training for officers during the second half of last year. The training is scenario based, and as well as providing an overview on the process and stressing the importance of undertaking an honest assessment, officers are also given the opportunity to have a go at completing an assessment based on a fictitious scenario. Going forward, the training will continue to be delivered on a quarterly basis, and officers are able to book onto the training via Trent.

The Cabinet Sub-group has also been re-established, and has been meeting periodically to scrutinise each of the completed 2018/19 IAs. Cabinet and Finance Scrutiny Panel have been provided with electronic access to the IAs when they are agreed by the Cabinet Sub-group.

IAs have been received for each of the savings within the 2018/19 budget (excluding those 'as per tracker'). The IAs have been categorised by level of imposed risk to the Council. A breakdown of the number of IAs falling into each category of risk is provided below: -

Risk Category	Number of Impact Assessments
Very High Risk	0
High Risk	4
Medium Risk	12
Low Risk	19
Total	35