



The **Single, Integrated, Impact Assessment (SIIA)** toolkit incorporating Welsh Language, Equalities, Well Being of Future Generations Act, Risk Management and Resources, supporting effective decision making and ensuring compliance with respective legislation. There are a number of pieces of legislation that the National Park Authority is subject to, which require us to carefully consider how we make decisions:

#### Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011

This specifies that the Authority must have due regard to:

- **Eliminate** discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- **Advance** equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not;
- **Foster** good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

And must:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages experienced by people due to their protected characteristics
- Take steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups.
- Encourage people with protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

The Act describes fostering good relations as tackling prejudice and promoting understanding between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Meeting the duty may involve treating some people more favourably than others, as long as this does not contravene other provisions within the Act.

#### Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act will from April 2016 require all public bodies to demonstrate that we are improving social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing, whilst also looking to the future, planning for the long term and ensuring that we don't compromise the ability of future generations to be able to do the same. This is called sustainable development.

The Act sets out 7 Wellbeing Goals:

- **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**

We have to demonstrate how we are contributing to all of these goals and following the 5 **Sustainable Development principles**:  
Long term, Integration, Collaboration, Involvement and Prevention

#### Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011

- Gives the Welsh language **official status** in Wales
- Establishes the principle that the Welsh language should be treated **no less favourably** than the English language
- Requires public authorities to **comply with standards** relating to Welsh language provision

The Policy Making Standards relate to assessing the impact of policies and decisions on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. The Authority must therefore consider the Welsh Language when we are developing policies and strategies or when considering new ways of providing services.

**Integrated Risk Assessment (Legislative Frameworks)** - Whilst there is no formal legislation which stipulates that we must formally manage our risks, it is good practice to undertake risk management, a process whereby we assess, evaluate and take action on risks in order to increase the probability of success and reduce the likelihood of failure. This process should include regular monitoring to ensure control of our identified risks where required. The outputs from effective risk management include compliance, assurance and **enhanced decision making**. These outputs provide benefits by way of improvements in the efficiency of our operations, successful delivery of our projects and the implementation of our corporate objectives.

**Risk management** is a continuous process that supports the development and implementation of our corporate planning and budget setting processes. Plans typically focus on a desired future, which is underpinned by a set of reasonable assumptions. However, each of these assumptions carries a level of uncertainty and risk. Using identified risks in the corporate planning and budget setting processes will ensure that we make informed decisions based on the current level of risk, and are fully aware of how the risks could either have a negative impact on our ability to deliver our objectives, or expose opportunities that we can exploit. Achieving our targeted performance is dependent upon our ability to manage our risks. As we deal with a changing legislative and policy framework we need to become shrewder about the risks we take so we can sustain our services with a continually reducing budget. Equally importantly we must be aware of the risks to avoid to ensure we protect our customers, reputation and financial stability.



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<b>Summary of Recommendation</b>
Officers are seeking member approval to consult on the Preferred Strategy (and associated documents) as part of the development of a replacement Local Development Plan for the area.

**1. How does your recommendation impact on the Authority's Corporate Goals?**

Authority Goal	How does the recommendation contribute to the goal?	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
i. Managing Park landscapes to maximise conservation and public benefits	The Preferred Strategy seeks to enable development in a manner which limits impacts on the landscape through distribution of development and strategic policy	+	The landscape will be better protected from adverse impacts of development
ii. Conserving and enhancing biodiversity	The conservation and enhancement of biodiversity is a high level planning objective of the Preferred Strategy. Strategic policy is included to implement this objective	+	The enhancement of biodiversity will become a primary material consideration in the determination of future planning applications.
iii. Providing opportunities for outdoor access and recreation	This is not a direct objective of the Preferred Strategy, however through its action it is considered that there will be no negative impacts as a result of the implementation of the Strategy	N	
iv. Raising awareness and understanding of the Park	The narrative of the Preferred Strategy provides a clear demonstration of the purposes of the National park and how that relates to the development of the area. Through the act of publishing this document all stakeholders will have a greater awareness of the National Park its purposes and duty and how that relates to growth of the area	+	Through the publication of the Preferred Strategy key stakeholders will have a greater understanding of the role and function of the National Park as a Planning Authority.
v. Building and maintaining sustainable communities, towns and villages	The Preferred Strategy aims to facilitate sustainable place making whilst enabling communities to undertake community led	+	The realisation of the preferred strategy is predicted to build the resilience of community sustainability



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	planning through the place plan process. Strategic objectives and policy also seek to enhance community sustainability, preventing development which would negatively impact community sustainability		
vi. Sustainable economic development	The Preferred Strategy sets out the following Strategic Objective “Through working in partnership to conserve, enhance and promote the National Park, to foster the economic well-being of local communities” This is supported by policy relating to the development of economic well-being and protection of existing assests relating to economic development. Moreover growth levels within the Plan are aspirational in order to sustain a sustainable labour force.	+	The strategy has enabling policy to support development aimed at sustainable economic development

**2. How does your recommendation impact on the Welsh Government’s well-being goals?**

Well-being Goal	How does the recommendation contribute to the goal?	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
<b>A prosperous Wales:</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs.	The Preferred Strategy contains policy to support the development of a sustainable economy within the National Park. Levels of growth are aimed at arresting rural depopulation, retaining young people, providing greater viability to retain and develop educational facilities	+	
<b>A resilient Wales:</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (eg climate change).	The Preferred Strategy has strategic objectives as follows:-  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•To ensure Sustainable Development is carried out</li> <li>•To ensure the Sustainable Management of Natural Resource</li> </ul>	+	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To conserve and enhance the wildlife of the National Park</li> </ul> <p>Further to this there are strategic policies relating to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable development</li> <li>Sustainable Management of natural resources</li> </ul> <p>Climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> </ul>		
<p><b>A healthier Wales:</b> People’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and health impacts are understood.</p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy has strategic objectives as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Through working in partnership to conserve, enhance and promote the National Park, to foster the social well-being of local communities.</b></li> </ul> <p>Further to this the policy of the National Park seeks to promote active travel and forms of development which will contribute to more attractive and sustainable places thus contributing to residents sense of wellbeing.</p> <p>It is considered that through the implementation of the objective the Preferred Strategy will contribute to the physical and mental well-being of our communities – for detail on this please refer to the Well-being Topic Paper</p>	+	
<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities:</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected.</p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy has at its core the concept of sustainable place making, aimed at promoting attractive, safe and well</p>	+	



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	<p>connected communities.</p> <p>The Strategy enshrines the concept of place planning to empower communities to define their own future within the development plan process.</p>		
<p><b>A globally responsible Wales:</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental well-being.</p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy as well as promoting sustainable tourism, seeks to ensure that all future major development schemes are globally responsible in terms of the carbon take in both construction take and use.</p>	+	
<p><b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language:</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected.</p>	<p>The Preferred strategy seeks to support a diverse and resilient cultural life within the National Park. Both strategic objectives and policy have been developed to promote and enhance the cultural heritage of the National Park including the Welsh Language. The Preferred Strategy is underpinned by an evidence base that looks at both these elements in detail.</p>	+	

<p><b>A more equal Wales:</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances.</p>	<p><b>Does the recommendation affect a large amount of people? Please give any evidence</b></p>	<p><b>Does the recommendation affect a small group of people in a significant way? Please give any evidence</b></p>	<p><b>How will the recommendation take into account the differing needs of protected characteristics or address any negative impact? Please give details</b></p>
<p>Age Disability Gender Reassignment Marriage or civil partnership Race Religion or Belief Sex Sexual Orientation</p>	<p>TheTheThe proposed preferred strategy will in its implementation affect the entire population of the National Park. It is considered that there will be no adverse impact on any individual as a result of</p>	<p>NoNoNo</p>	<p>The aging population of the National Park is considered in detail in the evidence underpinning the Preferred Strategy. Consideration will be made in the detailed development of the LDP as to how we can meet the needs of older residents in future development.</p>

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<p>Pregnancy and Maternity</p>	<p>the strategy based on any of the protected characteristics.</p>		

**3. How does your recommendation impact on the Sustainable Development Principles?**

Sustainable Development Principle	How does the recommendation impact on this principle?	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
 <p><i>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future.</i> <b>Long Term</b></p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy has a 15 year vision, the actions of which are reviewed every 4 years.</p>	<p>+</p>	
 <p><i>Working together with other partners to deliver.</i> <b>Collaboration</b></p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy paves the way for a more collaborative partnership focused approach to community led planning</p>	<p>+</p>	
 <p><i>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views.</i> <b>Involvement</b></p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy has been developed in collaboration with stakeholders and will continue to be developed in consultation with our partners.</p>	<p>+</p>	
 <p><i>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or</i> <b>Prevention</b></p>	<p>The preferred strategy has been developed with the aim of addressing a range of known issues</p>	<p>+</p>	

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<i>getting worse.</i>			
 <p><i>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three.</i></p> <p><b>Integration</b></p>	Through the Sustainability Appraisal it is acknowledged that there are competing interests in relation to the pillars of sustainability. Where negative impacts are identified mitigative policies have been identified.	+	For more detail in relation to this element please refer to the full Sustainability Appraisal that supports the development of the Local Development Plan

#### 4. Welsh Language

Relevant Welsh Language Standard	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	Please give details here
<p><b>Standard 88</b> What effects will the policy have (positive or negative) on</p> <p>a) Opportunities for people to use the Welsh Language b) Treating the Welsh Language <b>no less favourably</b> than the English Language</p>	N	SlightSlightSlight positive impact identified through the potential action of Place Plans in areas of welsh language strength. Supporting these
<p><b>Standard 89</b> How could the policy be formulated or changed so that the policy decision would have positive effects or increased positive effects on</p> <p>a) Opportunities for people to use the Welsh Language b) Treating the Welsh Language <b>no less favourably</b> than the English Language</p>	+	PotentiallyPotentiallyPotentially future identification of settlements where the welsh language is strong to undertake place plans as a priority
<p><b>Standard 90</b> How could the policy be formulated or changed so that it would not have adverse effects or would have reduced adverse effects on</p> <p>a) Opportunities for people to use the Welsh Language b) Treating the Welsh Language <b>no less favourably</b> than the English Language</p>	N	

#### 5. Resource Implications



Resource	Please give details	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
Financial	Funding is secured within existing budgets	+	
The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012: Will this mean procurement over £172,514 without using a recognised framework?	NoNoNo	+	
Staffing	There will be no additional staff resource	+	

## 6. Governance and Improvement

Will the recommendation have an impact on:	Please give details	Positive (+) Negative (-) Neutral (N)	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?
<b>Improvement:</b> How will the decision be monitored and evaluated to lead to future improvements?	The results of the consultation will be reported to KAWGs, Policy Forum, and NPA for decision. The	+	
<b>Governance:</b> Will the decision lead to improved governance?	N/AN/A	N	
<b>Privacy:</b> Will there be any implications for personal information relating to individuals:	Personal information relating to individuals will be gathered as part of the consultation. Data privacy Impact Assessment has been undertaken for the whole Local Development Process . Possible risks have been identified, although these risks are identified as minimal and low, Officers are continuing to work with the Data Protection Officer to review consultation systems to ensure personal information is managed in an appropriate manner	Ongoing	Work is ongoing in relation to this area, and will continue to be so for the entirety of the LDP process.

## 7. What are the risks associated with this recommendation?



Description of risk	Impact (severity)	Probability (deliverability)	Inherent Risk	Summary of possible controls	Target Impact	Target Probability	Target Risk
Due to cost of publication the consultation will be mostly conducted using web based digital resources. There is a risk associated with this eg. Server failure leading to unavailability of key documents.	3	1	3	PaperPaperPaper based resources provided in key locations to ensure that documents can be viewed	22	1	22
Consultation events have the potential to raise expectations in relation what is possible within the planning process.	2	2	4	Work with Planning Aid Wales to deliver trainingtraining sessions with communities about the limitations of the Planning System	1	2	2
<b>Does it have potential to impact on another service area?</b>							
Communities							

### 8. Is there additional evidence to support the Single Integrated Impact Assessment (SIA)?

What additional evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?
Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) Habitats Regulation Assessment LDP Topic Papers (Housing, Affordable Housing, Biodiversity, Drainage, Employment, Heritage, Minerals, Retail, Waste, Well-being, Welsh Language, Employment Land Review, Housing Head Room Assessment)

### 9. Impact Assessment Summary and Judgement

Outline Assessment (to be inserted in Committee Report)
The SIA process has highlighted the positive impact implementation of the Preferred Strategy is predicted to have on a range of objectives relating to the future well-being of the National Park and its resident communities. The consultation on this document will provide all interested parties the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Strategy as part of the LDP process ensuring opportunities for collaborative working.