

Cardiff Council

Single Impact Assessment



1. Details of the Proposal

What is the proposal?

Title:	For a new tenant to run St David's Hall. Academy Music Group would like to commit to a 45-year property lease to operate the venue.
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Is this a new proposal or are you amending an existing policy, strategy, project, procedure or service?

New	<input type="checkbox"/>
Existing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Directorate/Service Area:

Economic Development

Who is developing the proposal?

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Job Title:	Operational Manager for Major Projects

Responsible Lead Officer (Director or Assistant Director):

Director of Economic Development, Neil Hanratty

Cabinet Portfolio:

Culture, Parks and Events

The Single Impact Assessment (SIA) can be strengthened as time progresses, helping shape the proposal. Version control will provide a useful audit trail of how the SIA has developed. Draft versions of the assessment should be retained for completeness, however only the final version will be publicly available. Draft versions may be provided to regulators if appropriate.

Version	Author	Job Title	Date
1	Chris Barnett	OM Major Projects	11/06/2023
2	Updates following feedback from Equalities, Child Friendly & Welsh Language teams		26/06/23
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2. Overview of the Proposal

What action is the Council considering and why?

Please provide an outline of the proposal.

The action the Council is taking is to secure a future for St David’s Hall/ Neuadd Dewi Sant, including protecting the classical and community music programme that St Davids Hall/Neuadd Dewi Sant has become renowned for. In addition to this, the ambition is to improve the contemporary music offer, ensuring that the people of Cardiff, Wales and beyond can access the most relevant contemporary music, bands and acts synonymous with an Academy offer in the Capital of Wales.

This action is being taken because the venue requires tens of millions of pounds of investment, improved front of house facilities and an improved music and community programme. After 10+ years of austerity, the Council is facing an additional £24million budget gap this year, therefore is committed to a positive course of action to secure the future of this nationally important venue.

In December 2022, a report to Cabinet stated that the Council was considering an unsolicited offer from AMG to take over operation of St David’s Hall without subsidy and to take away all the building’s risks and liabilities from the Council. The report stated that AMG has given a firm commitment to work to enhance the venue’s reputation as the National Concert Hall of Wales by continuing to maintain and develop the classical music programme to protect the classical series. This would be alongside the introduction of AMG’s Academy music venue. In the proposed deal both a classical and community programme would be protected, which includes supporting important events and activity relating to culture in Wales and Welsh culture itself. Please note this is a property lease transaction and not the sale of the Property. Also note, this property transaction has been developed in line with legal advice from Kings Counsel on what can legally be included as part of transaction on this kind.

The Outline Business Case sets out that AMG will operate the venue without subsidy whilst also investing in the building and protecting the classical programme. AMG can achieve this, where the Council has been unable to, by introducing their Academy product to St David’s Hall. This will transform the venue’s commercial programme and significantly improve commercial revenue.



The December 2022 report to Cabinet set out that, if the Council is minded to proceed with the proposed contract, then the Council intend to publish a VEAT notice (Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice) to advise the market of the offer that has been made, to enable other suppliers to challenge the decision.

A question on the future management of St David's Hall was included in the consultation on the 2023/24 Budget Proposals. The Budget 2023/24 report to Cabinet, in March 2023, highlighted that the budget consultation found that, in response to a question seeking views on a new partner to run St David's Hall, the responses received were 59% in support and 26% against.

Additional to this process to ensure best value is achieved, in April 2023, a marketing exercise took place, inviting offers from experienced and qualified theatre, arts and venue services organisations interested in leasing and operating St David's Hall.

The marketing exercise has concluded; no bids were received that would take on the building liability and the classical commitments.

The Council subsequently published a VEAT notice as planned.

Review of SIA – October 2023

In July 2023, Cabinet approved a report to conclude negotiations with AMG, complete the lease and business sales agreement and associated documents with AMG for St David's Hall and authorise the transfer of employees to AMG under the Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment Regulations 2006) (TUPE).

Since the July Cabinet meeting, there has been increased awareness and Health & Safety Exec guidance around RAAC Planks which has led to the Council closing the building whilst intrusive survey work was undertaken for the roof. This has confirmed the presence and the status of the RAAC planking. The risk rating of the roof will now require the Council to close the building until works are undertaken to address the identified risks. AMG have indicated they wish to take forward the arrangement subject to finding a viable solution for the replacement of the roof. This will require a further Cabinet Report to agree the Agreement for Lease which would be the precursor to AMG entering the Agreement for Lease. This review takes into consideration any changes to the impacts previously identified.

What are the costs and/or savings?

What will the proposal cost and how will it be funded?

How might costs be reduced through involvement and collaboration, across Cardiff Council and/or with external stakeholders?

Are there savings and how will these be realised?

The investment needed in St Davids Hall is estimated at £38million pounds. The proposed new tenant would need to agree that they commit to manage and, where relevant repair the defects identified over the course of the proposed 45-year lease.

A new tenant would also remove the annual subsidy needed for St David's Hall from the Council. Currently there is a budgeted operating subsidy of £688,700 per annum, which is regularly exceeded, with subsidy levels of £1m+

Review of SIA – October 2023

The risk rating of the roof will now mean that an action plan will need to be in place and appropriate works undertaken before the building can be reopened. AMG are still committed to invest in St. David's Hall and wish to proceed with the proposed transaction and thus this would bring forward planned reparatory works by AMG as new tenant.

3. Impact Assessments

Which impact assessments do you need to complete to support your proposal?

Impact Assessment	Page	To be completed: Y/N
A. Equality Impact Assessment	5	Y
B. Child Rights Impact Assessment	12	Y
C. Welsh Language Impact Assessment	16	Y
D. Habitats Regulations Assessment		N
E. Strategic Environmental Assessment		N
F. Data Protection Impact Assessment		N
G. Health Impact Assessment		N

For further information on all the above impact assessments including who to contact for advice, please visit the [Policy Portal](#).

A: Equality Impact Assessment

Guidance in completing this assessment can be accessed [here](#). Please consult the Equality Team for any further assistance with completing this assessment EqualityTeam@cardiff.gov.uk

Impact on the Protected Characteristics

Age

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on younger/older people?

	Yes	No	N/A
Up to 18 years	✓	✓	
18 - 65 years	✓	✓	
Over 65 years	✓	✓	

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

The proposed new tenant, Academy Music Group (AMG) seeks to expand the diversity of acts/events by bringing an Academy product to the city centre which would have a positive impact to all age groups. An Academy product would bring to St. David's Hall new and different music genres, acts and performances that would not have taken place at the venue previously.

The existing overall programme at St David's Hall, needs to be developed to reach more of our diverse communities in Cardiff and Wales and younger audiences to better reflect the demographic of the city. The plan to optimise the programme to reflect this would better serve cultural equality in Cardiff and Wales.

AMG also offer a commitment to developing and enhancing the classical and community programme. This will be supported by a Classical Music Stakeholders board, that will work to develop the Classical and Community programme at St David's Hall. As well as developing the programme, the group will work to protect and sustain what concerts are culturally important to communities in Cardiff and Wales.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

No action required.

Disability

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on disabled people?

	Yes	No	N/A
Hearing Impairment	✓		
Physical Impairment	✓		

Visual Impairment	✓		
Learning Disability		✓	
Long-Standing Illness or Health Condition	✓		
Mental Health		✓	
Substance Misuse		✓	
Other		✓	

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

The AMG proposal would result in significant investment to the building thus improving and modernising front of house & communal areas.

Investment to these areas of the building, would likely result in improvements to physical access, making it easier for those with physical impairments / long standing health conditions and potentially to those with visual and hearing impairments, with the installation of for example, improved lighting.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Accessibility improvements.

Gender Reassignment

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on transgender people?

	Yes	No	N/A
Transgender People (People who are proposing to undergo, are undergoing, or have undergone a process [or part of a process] to reassign their sex by changing physiological or other attributes of sex)	✓		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

AMG investment the building would result in significant upgrade and modernisation of communal areas. This presents an opportunity for the provision of gender-neutral facilities which would have a positive impact.

AMG are also committed to providing a more contemporary programme, better reflecting audiences of today, booking more diverse artists and musicians that would have a wide appeal to LGBTQ+ audiences.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Accessibility improvements. Expanded provision and diversity of performances.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on marriage and civil partnership?

	Yes	No	N/A
Marriage		✓	
Civil Partnership		✓	

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

No differential impact.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

No action required.

Pregnancy and Maternity

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on pregnancy and maternity?

	Yes	No	N/A
Pregnancy		✓	
Maternity		✓	

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

No differential impact.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

No action required.

Race

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on the following groups?

	Yes	No	N/A
White	✓		
Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups	✓		
Asian / Asian British	✓		
Black / African / Caribbean / Black British	✓		
Other Ethnic Groups	✓		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

AMG seeks to expand the diversity of acts/events by bringing an Academy product to Cardiff/Wales. This programme will include music genres not regularly part of the St. David's Hall offer. Expanding appeal to community groups that don't currently feel the venue is for them and therefore this would result in a positive impact in terms of access and diversity of programme.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Expanded provision and diversity of performances.

Religion, Belief or Non-Belief

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on people with different religions, beliefs or non-beliefs?

	Yes	No	N/A
Buddhist	✓		
Christian	✓		
Hindu	✓		
Humanist	✓		
Jewish	✓		
Muslim	✓		
Sikh	✓		
Other	✓		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

A positive impact may be made with an expansion in programme diversity. This could result in a greater attendance / participation from all groups.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Expanded provision and diversity of performances.

Sex

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on men and/or women?

	Yes	No	N/A
Men		✓	
Women		✓	

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

No differential impact.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

No action required.

Sexual Orientation

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on the following groups?

	Yes	No	N/A
Bisexual	✓		
Gay Men	✓		
Gay Women/Lesbians	✓		
Heterosexual/Straight	✓		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

AMG are also committed to providing a more contemporary programme, better reflecting audiences of today, booking more diverse artists and musicians that would have a wide appeal to LGBTQ+ audiences.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Expanded provision and diversity of performances.

Socio-economic Duty

Is the change anticipated to reduce or contribute to inequality of outcome as a result of socio-economic disadvantage? (e.g. will the change negatively impact on those on low-incomes or those living in deprived areas)

	Yes	No	N/A
Socio-economic impact	✓		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

Ticket pricing structures may need to be looked at, accessing what is commercially viable. AMG are sensitive to what is affordable for diverse communities and have agreed to work with stakeholders to ascertain a reasonable ticket pricing offer.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Work with partner stakeholders on ticket pricing arrangements. The new tenant and Music Stakeholders group will work to secure affordable ticket pricing and support packages, to ensure fair inclusion for those from less affluent backgrounds.

Welsh Language

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on the Welsh language?

	Yes	No	N/A
Welsh language			

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

Please refer to the Welsh Language Impact Assessment.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Please refer to the Welsh Language Impact Assessment.

Consultation and Engagement

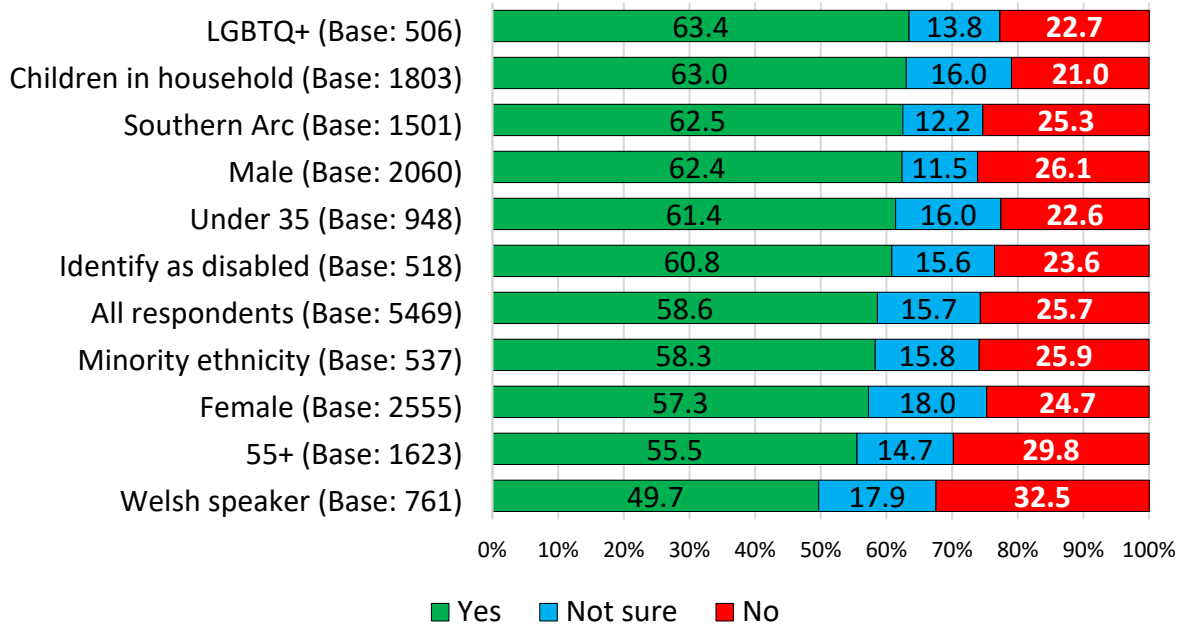
What arrangements have been made to consult/engage with the various equalities groups?

The 2023/24 Budget Proposals consultation in March posed a question to citizens to seek views on the proposal for St David’s Hall to be run under an alternative operating model whereby the Council would secure a long-term lease arrangement with a tenant, who would be required to maintain a classical and community programme and have an obligation to keep the premises open, safe and operational.

There were a total of 5,932 responses of which there respondents from a wide range of demographic groups. The results were overall supportive of the proposal with 58.6% of respondents (three in five respondents) supporting the proposal, this was double the proportion of those against (25.7%).

The below graph shows a summary of data gathered of responses from impacted groups:

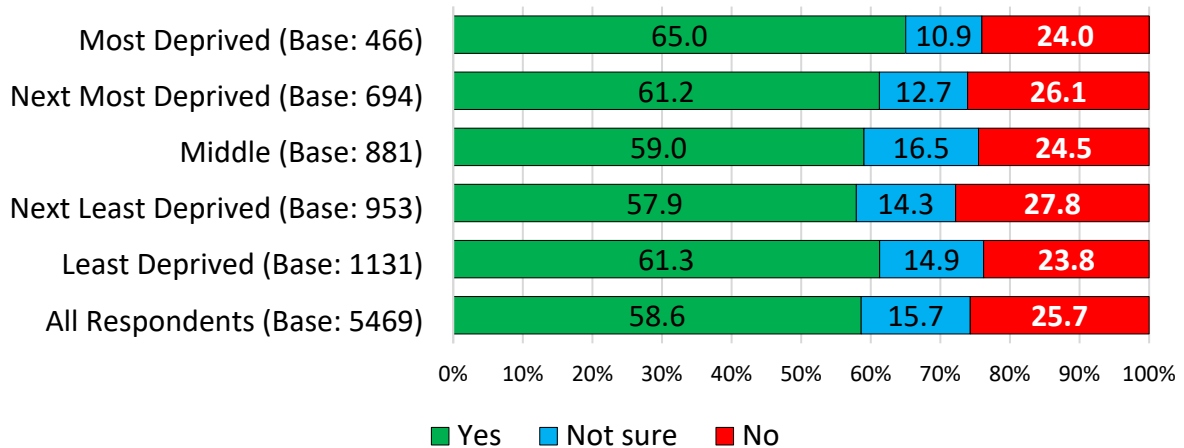
St. David's Hall: Do you support this proposal?



Notably, there was strong support for the proposals by those in a number of equalities groups; those identifying as LGBTQ+ (63.4%) and those with children in their household (63.0%) were most likely to support the proposal for St David’s Hall. Welsh speakers showed the highest level of opposition (32.5%), however close to 50% of respondents who identified as Welsh supported the proposal. A Welsh language Impact Assessment has been undertaken (please refer to Section C of this document).

There was no correlation with support for this proposal and level of deprivation:

St. David's Hall: Do you support this proposal?



The question regarding the future proposal for St. David’s Hall was also posed in a Youth Survey where questions were tailored for a younger audience and promoted via the Council’s schools and Child Friendly City engagement channels. Almost two-thirds (62.6%)

of those taking part in the Youth Survey supported the proposal for a long-term lease arrangement, a quarter (25.2%) were unsure, whilst almost one in eight (12.2%) opposed it. This demonstrates higher levels of support than the city-wide average. Some of the concerns highlighted by young people were around whether there would be a reduction in community events, price increases and a reduction in overall use of the venue.

Summary of Actions (Listed in the sections above)

	Actions
Age	No action required.
Disability	Accessibility improvements
Gender Reassignment	Accessibility improvements. Expanded provision and diversity of performances.
Marriage & Civil Partnership	No action required.
Pregnancy & Maternity	No action required.
Race	Expanded provision and diversity of performances
Religion/Belief	Expanded provision and diversity of performances
Sex	No action required
Sexual Orientation	No action required
Socio-economic Impact	Work with partner stakeholders on ticket pricing arrangements
Welsh Language	See Welsh Language Impact Assessment below
Generic/ Over-Arching (applicable to all the above groups)	

Review to EqIA – October 2023

Whilst in the longer term all the above impacts, mitigations and actions apply, there is a negative impact to all groups in the short term as the full programme of events and performances will not take place at St. David's Hall for the duration of its closure.

In terms of mitigation to this, the Council will work with stakeholder partners and promoters to find alternative venues for performances to be hosted or defer performances to a later date, wherever possible.

Next Steps

Any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this Equality Impact Assessment (listed in Summary of Actions) should be included as part of your Service Area's Business Plan to be monitored on a regular basis.

On completion of this Assessment, please ensure that the form is submitted to the Equality Team mailbox so that there is a record of all assessments undertaken in the Council EqualityTeam@cardiff.gov.uk

B: CHILD RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRIA)

Information or assistance in completing the CRIA, please email the Child Friendly Cardiff Team ChildFriendlyCardiff@cardiff.gov.uk



STAGE 1: PURPOSE/SCOPE

1. **What is the policy/strategy/project/procedure/service?
Summarise its overall aims and any aims specific to children.**

See Overview in part 2.

St. David's Hall offers a number of events and performances to children and young people, often offering the opportunity for young peoples' first public concert hall performance. We have evidence that many young people have gone on to enjoy significant success in the music industry after experiencing positive reactions at these concerts.

For 40 years, St David's Hall has offered performance opportunities for Youth Orchestras, School Orchestras, Young Choirs and community music organisations. We plan to protect and optimise this activity, through the Classical Stakeholders Advisory Boards MoU, which is tasked with developing youth music opportunities at St David's Hall.

As well as through our Cardiff Council and associated schools' music service provision, Cardiff Council will continue to employ staff members of Arts Active, who will transfer to our Council Education team, and develop work to align with the Cardiff Music Strategy and music education objectives.

The Arts Active Trust is an independent Trust set up to support the work of the Arts Active team. The Arts Active team are employed by Cardiff Council to deliver outreach programmes to promote the music and arts activities at St David's Hall and with other partners, to engage with the communities of Cardiff and beyond, to encourage interest in and the appreciation of music, performing arts and multi-disciplinary arts projects through participation, education and audience development.

Cardiff Council will be signing an MoU with the new tenant and a Classical Stakeholders Advisory Board, that will oversee youth programming development in line with the aspiration of optimising the overall classical and community programme at St David's Hall.

2. Please select the groups of children and young people who will be directly and/or indirectly impacted. Please review after completing the form.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protected Characteristics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EOTAS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young Parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gypsy Travellers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children of Single Parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asylum Seekers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southern Arc Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAME Community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children of Deaf Parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Care Experienced
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young Carers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary School
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Welsh First Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Native Speakers of English
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set Locality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citywide
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Justice	Other - Click or tap here to enter other identified groups

STAGE 2: BUILD AND ASSESS

The General Principles of the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) are at the heart of a child rights approach. [This link](#) will take you to a page on our website with a full list of Children’s Rights and supporting information. [Click here](#) to access a list of articles grouped into common themes.

3. What is the likely/ actual impact of the proposal on children’s rights? Is it positive, negative, or neutral?

<i>Describe the Impact</i>	<i>Impacted UNCRC Articles</i>	<i>Impact Scale</i>	<i>How to mitigate impact (if negative)</i> i - additional info
The commitment to work with schools through our Music Services teams, Youth Orchestras and youth music organisations, as well as Arts Active Trust, all who typically provides art-related educational activities, aligns with the UNCRC's goal of education, which includes the development of a child's personality, talents, and mental and physical abilities to their fullest potential.	Article 29 (Goals of Education)	Positive	Click or tap here to add a mitigation.
The proposal's commitment to preserve a robust youth classical programme, accommodate community events, and introduce the AMG Academy music product will enrich local cultural offerings. This helps to ensure that children have access to a wide range of	Article 31 (Leisure, Play, and Culture)	Positive	Click or tap here to add a mitigation.

cultural, artistic, and recreational activities, in line with Article 31. Particularly enhancing a more diverse music programme that will better appeal to today's young people and more relevant to possible music performance opportunities.			
The group will work with the Cardiff Music Board, who are tasked with creating opportunities for young people from disadvantaged and working-class backgrounds, to identify talent from these backgrounds and work with organisations to nurture diverse talent to develop, produce and perform.	Article 29 (Goals of Education)	Positive	Click or tap here to add a mitigation.
We recognise that potential increase in ticket prices due to the venue's transition to a commercial operation could make cultural events less accessible for some children, particularly those from less affluent backgrounds, conflicting with the intention of Article 31.	Article 31 (Leisure, Play, and Culture)	Negative	The new tenant and the Classical Music Stakeholders group, will work to secure affordable ticket pricing and support packages, to ensure fair inclusion for children from less affluent backgrounds.

STAGE 3: VOICE AND EVIDENCE

4. How do you plan to review the policy/ strategy/ project/ procedure/ service to ensure that it respects, protects and fulfils children's rights? [i - additional info](#)

Cardiff Council are retaining an active role on the Classical Stakeholders Advisory group with the new tenant. Council Officers will work closely with our Education and Music Services Team and Arts Active members of Staff to develop, monitor and review this work and young peoples' opportunities at St David's Hall going forward.

5. Have you sourced and included the views and experiences of children and young people? What do you know about children and young people's views and experiences that are relevant to the proposal? [i - additional info](#)

As part of the Council's budget consultation process for 2023/2024, Cardiff citizens, were asked whether they would support the proposal for an Alternative Operating Model for St. David's Hall by securing a long-term lease arrangement with a tenant.

Overall, 58.6% of respondents to the survey supported the proposal to secure a long-term lease arrangement to manage St David's Hall, more than double the proportion of those against the proposal (25.7%). Within every demographic and income group analysed, more respondents supported the proposal than opposed it. The Budget consultations results were

based on robust sample size of 5,932 responses, including the responses of the Youth Survey designed to encourage engagement with young people.

The Council plans on securing a similar or enhanced offer for young people, schools orchestras, youth orchestras and community groups and intent to offer an exciting, optimised and enhanced youth programme with the new tenant.

STAGE 4: BUDGET

It is important to consider the resource and budgetary elements which are directly attributed to children and young people to enable oversight.

- 6. What is the budget for this policy/ strategy/ project/ procedure/ service?
In your answer, include any allocations specifically for children and young people and whether any of the budget will be used to mitigate negative impacts identified above.**

Booking arrangements for youth groups and young people will remain in line with what currently happens, costs will vary in line with inflation, the stakeholders group will champion reasonable booking costs and ticket pricing. Consideration will be given in special cases where community bookings are unaffordable to certain groups.

STAGE 5: IDENTIFIED ACTIONS

- 7. What actions have been identified or changes made to the policy/ strategy/ project/ procedure/ service as a result of this assessment? [i](#) - additional info**

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C: Welsh Language Impact Assessment

Please consult with Bilingual Cardiff for any assistance with completing this assessment
Bilingualcardiff@cardiff.gov.uk

Welsh Language Standards 88-97

Standard 88

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on:

	Yes	No	N/A
The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?		✓	
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?	✓		

Please give details/ consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

There will be a continuing and positive impact on Welsh Language provision if AMG become the new tenant of St David's Hall/Neuadd Dewi Sant. The new tenant will be obliged in the Lease to comply with a Welsh Language Policy which will contain the Welsh Language Standards that are currently followed at St Davids Hall/Neuadd Dewi Sant.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AMG, the Council and Classical Music Stakeholders will also be entered into, to support the Classical and Community programme, which will help protect important Welsh Culture activities that are currently established in the programme.

Stakeholders include:

- BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales
- BBC Cardiff Singer of the World
- Welsh National Opera
- An Independent Classical Music Advisor
- Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
- Cardiff Philharmonic Orchestra
- Cardiff Council
- Academy Music Group

Copies of the property lease and the MoU will be submitted with this assessment.

The proposed lease states:

- The Tenant must comply with the Welsh Language Policy for the Property as approved by the Council. The parties shall review the Language Policy on a regular basis (not more than once per calendar year) and discuss and agree any additional steps or actions either the Landlord or the Tenant could reasonably take to further develop the Language Policy.

The MOU states:

- will commit to using the Welsh language in line with legal and statutory requirements to support the classical music programme in Wales.

This is in addition to the community programme, that will deliver many aspects of supporting Welsh Culture and the Welsh Language, supported by Stakeholders and the work of Arts Active staff, that will assist with the community programming and ensure all parties maintain their commitment to Welsh Language standard legislation.

Note – that primary stakeholders are publicly committed to the use of the Welsh Language and are guided by their own Welsh Language policy.

Standard 89

Could this proposal be formulated or re-formulated, so that it would have positive effects, or increased positive effects, on:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

We are working to secure a future for St Davids Hall/Neuadd Dewi Sant. Securing the investment needed will help protect the future for the building and its continued use as a concert hall, this proposal is working to ensure the venue stays open, safe and stays operating.

The MoU as referred to above will be implemented by an expert stakeholders group, that will advise and have significant input into the direction of the classical and community programme at the hall. The organisations involved, all have a deep commitment to Welsh Culture and promoting the Welsh Language, as well as committed to complying with Welsh Language standards.

This stakeholder group will help develop a work programme to enhance the classical and community programme in the venue, that will ensure concerts and activity that promotes Welsh Culture, Welsh Music, Welsh celebratory concerts and Welsh schools and Youth music concerts can continue to be enjoyed and developed at the venue.

The tenant will continue to employ staff who are fluent in the Welsh Language, offering the same box office Welsh Language engagement offer that currently exists.

Welsh Language programme notes will continue to be offered as they are now, where relevant for classical and community concerts.

The need for bilingual signage is recognised by the proposed new tenant.

The new tenant is familiar with Welsh Legislation, including the Well Being and Future Generations act and the commitment to the Welsh Language in that legislation.

The new tenant is familiar with the Welsh Language Standards legislation and is happy to continue to follow that in St David's Hall.

The Council has recommended that the new tenant retains the name St David's Hall and Neuadd Dewi Sant as part of any rebranding exercise.

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

The new tenant will be obliged to operate in accordance with Welsh Language Standards, as the Council, currently does.

Standard 90

Could this proposal be formulated or re-formulated to ensure that it does not have adverse effects, or a decreased adverse effect, on:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

Please note the points made in Standard 88 and Standard 89, which outlines stakeholders' commitment to the classical and community programme.

Since the beginning of this process, the Council has been emphatic of the importance of the Welsh Language to the classical and community programme of St David's Hall. Therefore, all work and conversations have been based on that any new arrangement would not have an adverse effect on a person's opportunity to use the Welsh Language.

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

Please refer to points made above regarding lease, MoU and Stakeholders programme of work. To clarify, these arrangements mitigate against a decreased effect on opportunities for people wanting to use the Welsh Language at that venue.

Standard 91

When consulting on the proposal, were views considered, and sought, on the effects (both positive and negative) that it would have on:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

The Council has emphasised from the start of this process and in all negotiations, that the Council would wish for any new operator to offer the same opportunities for the use of the Welsh Language at the venue, follow Welsh Language Standards and agreeing a policy to support this work.

The Council will require AMG to act like the Council would have to on this specific issue.

The Council remains on the Classical Music Stakeholders group, along with BBC National Orchestra of Wales, BBC Cardiff Singer of the World, Welsh National Opera, Cardiff Philharmonic the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and the Academy Music Group.

Reassurance was communicated to the Director of BBC Cymru Wales on the continuation of a St David's Hall bilingual offer by the Council, when the BBC enquired on what approach a new

tenant might take in respect of complying with Welsh Language Standards for the Classical and Community programme.

The conversations also involved ticketing, show notes and programmes produced by the stakeholders. Reassurances have been given by AMG on all accounts.

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

Yes, this was looked at and the current position, is the Welsh Language would be treated no less favourably.

Standard 92

Did the consultation seek and give consideration to views on how the proposal could have positive, or increased positive effects, on:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

Yes, as above, to reiterate, the positive effects can be managed through the MoU.

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

Yes, this was looked at and the current position, is the Welsh Language would be treated no less favourably.

Standard 93

Did the consultation seek and give consideration to views on how the proposal could have no adverse effects, or decreased adverse effects, on:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

Yes, as noted above, by working to maintain the existing approach at the venue.

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

Yes, as above.

Standard 94

If the proposal includes the awarding of grants, has consideration been given to the guidance presented in Cardiff Council's Policy on Awarding Grants in Compliance with the Welsh Language Standards with regard to:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

N/A

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?
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N/A

Standard 95

If research was undertaken or commissioned to assist with the development of the proposal, did it give consideration to whether it would have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

N/A

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?
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N/A

Standard 96

Did the research undertaken or commissioned to assist with the development of the proposal give consideration to how it could have a positive effect, or increased positive effects, on:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

N/A

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?
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N/A

Standard 97

Did the research undertaken or commissioned to assist with the development of the proposal give consideration to how it could have no adverse effect, or decreased adverse effects, on:

The opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language?

N/A

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?
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N/A

Material and Services

In addition to the impact assessment to ensure that the proposal meets the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards, consideration must also be given to the supporting materials and services that may be required.

These include (please click on the hyperlinks to view detailed information about the requirements under the Welsh Language Standards):

- [Correspondence](#) - receiving and replying (emails, letters, online communication).
- [Telephone](#) – receiving and answering calls.
- [Meetings & Public Events](#) – public meetings or events, group meetings, consultation, individual meetings.

- [Public Messages – electronic – video](#)
- [Signs, Notices & Display Material](#)
- [Publicity & Advertising](#)
- [Producing Public Documents](#) - policies, strategies, annual reports, corporate plans, guidelines, notices, codes of practice, consultation papers, licences, certificates, rules, brochures, leaflets, pamphlets or cards, ticket/vouchers.
- [Producing Forms](#)
- [Reception Services](#)
- [Websites, Apps and Online Services](#)
- [Social Media](#)
- [Self Service Machines](#)
- [Education Training Courses](#)
- [Public Address Announcements](#)

Are all supporting materials and services compliant with the requirements of the Welsh language standards?

As noted, the transaction is a property lease deal to a 3rd party private company. The Council will impose a Welsh Language Policy which will require the tenant to comply with Welsh Language Standards.

Cardiff Council’s Welsh Language Skills Strategy

This strategy may be viewed here and additional guidance documents have been produced to support its implementation:

- [Assessing Welsh Language Skills and Identifying Welsh Essential Roles](#)
- [Recruitment, Selection, and Interview Procedures and the Welsh Language](#)

Do you have access to sufficient Welsh speaking staff to support the delivery of the proposal in compliance with the requirements of the Welsh language standards?

It is the intention to TUPE across existing FTE Staff at St David’s Hall to AMG, these will include Welsh speaking staff to support the delivery of the proposal in compliance with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards.

Next Steps

Where it is considered that a Welsh Language Impact Assessment is required, you must append the completed form to the Cabinet or Officer Decision Report. A copy must also be emailed to Bilingual Cardiff Bilingualcardiff@cardiff.gov.uk

D: Habitats Regulations Assessment

	Yes	No
Will the proposal affect a European site designated for its nature conservation interest*, or steer development towards an area that includes a European site, or indirectly affect a European site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

** Only two European sites designated for nature conservation interest lie within Cardiff's boundaries – the Severn Estuary and Cardiff Beech Woods, but be aware if your project affects an area close to a neighbouring authority.*

If the answer is 'Yes', then a screening exercise may need to be conducted to determine if a Habitats Regulations Assessment is required or not.

Contact the [Biodiversity Team](#) who will guide you through the process.

E: Strategic Environmental Assessment

	Yes	No
Does the strategy, policy or activity set the framework for future development consent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No
Is the strategy, policy or activity likely to have significant environmental effects (positive or negative)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered 'Yes' to both of the above questions, then a full Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening is needed.

Contact the [Sustainable Development Unit](#) who will guide you through the process.

F: Data Protection Impact Assessment

	Yes	No
Will the proposal involve processing information that could be used to identify individuals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the answer is 'Yes', then a Data Protection Impact Assessment may be required.

Click [here](#) to read the guidance and start the Data Protection Impact Assessment process if needed.

For further information, contact the [Data Protection Service](#).

G: Health Impact Assessment

A Health Impact Assessment helps to develop policies and projects that consider the mental, physical and social health and well-being of a population during planning and development. Considering health inequalities and their impacts on local communities is an essential part of any Health Impact Assessment.

Health Impact Assessments will become a statutory requirement for public bodies in specific circumstances in the future. These circumstances have yet to be published by Welsh Government.

For further information and advice, please contact the Wales HIA Support Unit.

Website: [Home - Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit \(phwwhocc.co.uk\)](http://phwwhocc.co.uk)

Email: WHIASU.PublicHealthWales@wales.nhs.uk