

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language	✓				M	<p>The Swansea Valley area is a linguistically significant area as it contains the highest number and percentages of Welsh speakers in NPT, and is amongst the highest in Wales as a whole. There are concerns however that the number of Welsh speakers is declining and work has been ongoing to ensure the language is promoted and grows.</p> <p>Alltwen, Godre'rgraig and Llangiwg primaries teach Welsh as a second language and this will also be the case for the new school. Currently 25% of staff across the three schools are fluent or fairly fluent Welsh speakers. By combining the three schools Welsh language provision could be improved as there could be greater impact on having a more concentrated group of Welsh speakers able to support pupil and staff language development skills through the medium of Welsh. This aspect will need to be explored in more detail as part of the full assessment to better understand possible impacts.</p>
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English	✓				L	<p>It is possible that a new build EM school could attract pupils currently attending WM schools, which could hinder development of Welsh as a first language in the area, and as such could be seen to be treating the Welsh language less favourably than English.</p> <p>Significant work is being undertaken in a number of the WM schools in the area which will improve provision for teaching and learning and provide extra pupil places, which should mitigate against the impact of a new school.</p> <p>Further exploration of this aspect will be needed as part of the full assessment.</p>