

By email

19th December 2017.

Dear Vale of Glamorgan PSB and supporting officers,

Thank you for contacting me and providing me with the opportunity to comment on your draft well-being plan, as part of this formal consultation period.

In fulfilling my statutory duty of advising Public Services Boards (PSBs) on how they might take steps to meet their draft objectives, I have recently written a personalised, individual letter to you as a Board. This advice is intended to be used as you develop your well-being plan and consider delivering your objectives and steps. I am pleased to see that you have made an attempt to take on board some of my advice in your draft well-being plan. I would encourage you to refer again to the attached letter as you continue to draft the well-being plan and I would expect that my advice is fully reflected in the final plan and delivery.

As you are aware, my role is centred on promoting the sustainable development principle, acting as a guardian of the ability of future generations to meet their needs and encouraging you to take greater account of the long-term impact of the things you do. For that purpose, I have a duty to monitor and assess the extent to which well-being objectives set by public bodies are being met. I would like to restate that the work of the PSBs should not be seen as something separate and isolated from the work of its member bodies. In particular, I will be looking at how the objectives of individual public bodies can contribute to the delivery of your well-being plan.

My team will continue to work with you and others to understand how best to fulfil my duty to providing advice and assistance. As well as the events and training that have already taken place, we are working with others to plan other events and 'tools' that will hopefully provide you with assistance.

In particular, I have recently published a 'Future Generations Framework for Projects' to help ensure public bodies, and others, use the Act as a framework for thinking: https://futuregenerations.wales/documents/futuregenerations-framework/

It will be useful for you to use this framework and other tools as a prompt to enable you to identify the extent to which the steps you propose to take to meet your objectives are attempting to maximise your contribution to the seven well-being goals and five ways of working in the Act.



We would welcome feedback on how useful you find this and any suggestions for improving it.

Please contact me if you have specific queries or concerns.

Yours Sincerely

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