

SUBJECT: Future Generations Framework for Scrutiny

MEETING: Democratic Services Committee

DATE: 1st April 2019

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To provide members with a copy of the recently published Future Generations Framework for Scrutiny and to seek views on how it could be improved

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the committee examines the framework and considers any feedback to the Commissioner about whether it is useful, whether it is easy to use and whether it will help the authority apply the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is the legislation which defines the process of how public bodies can improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, by taking action in accordance with the sustainable development principle aimed at achieving seven national well-being goals.

- 3.2 The Act requires public bodies to think in a new way about how services are delivered. This framework identifies questions that can be asked to help understand the extent to which proposals have considered the ways of working within the sustainable development principle and have been developed in a way which maximises the potential impact on local and national well-being goals. For each one it gives some potential questions and what you might expect to hear in an answer if a report author has properly considered the Act.

- 3.3 The framework is attached as an appendix to this report and can also be found online at https://futuregenerations.wales/resources_posts/future-generations-framework-for-scrutiny/. Questions include:

- What consideration have you given to the long term trends that could affect your proposal or how could your proposal impact these trends?
- Is this proposal trying to prevent problems from occurring - if so, what are they
- and how will you know you're preventing them through this proposal?
- Who have you collaborated with in finding out more about this problem and potential solutions?

- 3.4 The Future Generations Commission is seeking feedback on the framework to ensure that it is as useful as possible.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 To ensure decisions are taken in line with the sustainable development duty and maximise the council's contribution to the well-being of future generations.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 None

6. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING)

- 6.1 The framework has been produced to assist members in framing questions in a way that ensures scrutiny is focused on improving economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being.

7. CONSULTEES:

None

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

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