

*** Draft Terms of Reference for the Public Service Board Select Committee ***

The Role for Public Service Boards

Each Public Services Board must improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area in accordance with the 'sustainable development principle' and in doing so, it must:

- Assess the state of well-being in its area;
- Set local well-being objectives that are designed to maximise its contribution within its area to achieving the well-being goals; and
- Take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives

Each public service board will:

- Undertake a well-being assessment
- Agree well-being objectives that meet the well-being goals
- Develop a well-being plan
- Report annually on their progress

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To review, constructively challenge and hold the Public Service Board to account in:

- Improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area in accordance with the sustainable development principle: "long term, integration, collaboration, involvement and prevention"
- Planning for and delivery of the well-being 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"

Through the scrutiny of (but not limited to):

- The PSB's performance in collecting data, analysing evidence, engaging the community and ensuring partnerships deliver the well-being goals;
- Decisions and actions taken by the PSB; the strategic and corporate planning framework; the systems, projects and programmes in place to deliver the well-being goals; and the governance, finance, procurement and workforce planning arrangements to support them.
- Recommendations made by the Commissioner, Minister, Auditor General for Wales.

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Key Roles for the Public Service Board Select Committee:

The PSB Select Committee will need to examine whether the PSB:

- has **identified where progress should be made** in relation to the well-being 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”;
- has **taken account of milestones** in setting well-being objectives and taking steps to meet local well-being objectives;
- has **referred to national indicators and milestones** in their assessment of local well-being;
- has **assessed the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in the area** and has had regard to this in setting local well-being objectives;
- has referred to the Future Trends Reports in assessment of local well-being;
- has **recognised long term trends** and has **considered how well-being objectives could contribute to addressing trends**;
- has delivered a well-being plan that takes into account the sustainable development principle.

Powers for the Public Service Board Select Committee

The Select Committee has power to:

- Review or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken by the public services board;
- Review or scrutinise the board's governance arrangements;
- Make reports or recommendations to the board regarding its functions or governance arrangements;
- Consider matters relating to the board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly; and
- Carry out other functions in relation to the board that are imposed on it by the Act.