Y Bil Cenedlaethau’r Dyfodol

Future Generations Bill
the architecture
stronger governance for the long term
Challenges – long term intergenerational challenges (e.g. health inequalities, climate change, poverty)

Opportunities – taking a different approach to realise opportunities (e.g. green growth)

Goals – having a shared focus on the Wales we want.

Shared contribution – recognising that we all have a contribution to make.
Architecture of the Bill

- **Goals**
  - Reporting
  - Enforcement
  - Inquiries

- **Indicators**
  - Organisations
  - Commissioner
  - Future Trends Statistical Report

- **Duty**
  - Partnerships
  - Advisory Council
  - National Conversation

- **Governance Principles**
  - Well-being Plan
  - Auditor General for Wales
  - Future Generations Report
GOALS FOR WALES
measures of progress

Maximise contribution to achievement of goals

what they do  spend money

Public Service Organisations:

Welsh Government  Sports Wales  National Library of Wales  Arts Council  HEFCW  NHS Trusts  National Park Authorities  Natural Resources Wales  Fire & Rescue Authorities  Local Authorities  Local Health Boards  Community Councils

Sustainable Governance Principles

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Architecture of the Bill

Transparency

Annual Reporting

Commissioner for Future Generations

Advisory Council

Auditor General for Wales

Enforcement
Goals

The Wales we want

Goal
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Environment
Economy
Society
(Well-being)
Central organising principle

**What**
- Clear focus on what is to be achieved - Shared goals

**How**

**Difference**
- Monitor and explain performance and effectiveness

Applying the principles – maximise contribution
What

Goals

Long-term wellbeing of future generations

How

Governance Principles

Collaboration | Evidence | Integration | Long Term | Citizen centred
Commissioner for Future Generations

Advocate

Support

Engage
Advisory Panel – Core members

- Welsh Language Commissioner: Meri Huws
- Older People’s Commissioner for Wales: Sara Rochira
- Equality and Human Rights Commission: Keith John Towler
- Children’s Commissioner: Huw Vaughan Thomas

- Natural Resources Wales: Nominated representative
- Chief Medical Officer: Dr Ruth Hussey
- Auditor General for Wales: Appointed by Commissioner
- Others (non statutory): Appointed by Commissioner
National Conversation Cycle

Welsh Government

Commissioner for Future Generations

Five year periodic cycle

Wales’ Futures Trends Report

National Conversation

Future Generations Report

Year 0
Elections

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year A

Year 5
Elections
shared contribution
these challenges cannot be tackled alone
public sector / business / third sector
Future Generations Bill – Ministerial Statement
July

The White Paper on the Future Generations (previously the Sustainable Development) Bill includes proposals for an independent view of sustainable development progress in Wales. The Welsh Government believes the new body could play an important role and should produce from time to time, but not less frequently than once every five years, a progress review report - a “Future Generations Report”.

“I believe this change will help us better communicate its purpose and foster greater cross sectoral involvement in how we use legislation to ensure that the decisions of today are better for the long term... It is important that there is a national conversation on the challenges our communities face.”

(Jeff Cuthbert, AM Minister for Communities & Tackling Poverty, July 2013).
Ministerial Statement - November

Over the past two years there has been a global conversation facilitated by the United Nations with people the world over to seek their views on new sustainable development goals. In Wales too, we need to build a consensus around the goals which are the most important to all of us, including our children grandchildren.

Jeff Cuthbert, AM Minister for Communities & Tackling Poverty, November 2013

“I intend that the FG Bill will provide for a Commissioner who will produce a Future Generations Report. The report will be laid before the National Assembly for Wales.

We need to understand how the long term trends – demographic, technological, and environmental - will affect our long term goals. The conversation and the subsequent report are intended to set the agenda for the positive action by the devolved public service (Jeff Cuthbert, AM Minister for Communities & Tackling Poverty, November 2013).
Future Generations Reporting Pilot-Purpose

A key mechanism to improve our governance for the long term, by setting out our measures of progress against our long term goals.

Thereby:

1. increasing awareness of long term trends
2. establishing strong national ownership of long term goals
3. connecting policies and programmes of Government to their long term impact.

An opportunity to test out the potential role of a Future Generations Report, and also to test ways in which we can best engage business, communities and the public sector in contributing to achieving our common long term goals.
Future Generations Reporting Pilot-Style

A similar exercise has been carried out in Australia…

Other international examples

A similar exercise is being carried out in Finland

“The Finland we want by 2050”
— Society’s commitment to sustainable development

Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development

Vision: A prosperous Finland within the limits of the carrying capacity of nature

Sustainable development is an absolute necessity, and achieving it will require cooperation between administration, non-profit organisations, companies, researchers and citizens. To this end, we need mutually agreed-upon goals and objectives and the commitment to see them through, based on our own individual expertise and potential. Only then can we embrace the opportunities this change will introduce
Project Outline for Future Generations Reporting

A draft project plan - *The Wales We Want*:

1. Develops stimulus material for debate
2. Gathers the views
3. Feeds views back to decision-makers

1. What do we want our future to look like for the next and future generations?
2. What are the priority intergenerational (ie. long term) challenges and opportunities?
3. What do these challenges mean to me/ my community?
4. What changes need to be made to our current policies and practices in order to address these challenges and take the opportunities?
Action Area 1: Develop Stimulus Material for Debate

- based on emerging trends
- using the Wales SD Indicators
- Linked to the establishment of UN Global Sustainable Development Goals in 2015
- focused on intergenerational issues - what are our common long term goals
- Identifying what may be key measures of long term progress

Some issues have traditionally passed from one generation to the next in Wales.
Action Area 2: Gather Views on the “Wales we Want”?

“Carriers of the Conversation”

A wide range of stakeholders will be engaged, including schools, youth groups, business, voluntary sector, other Commissioners, etc

“Future Champions” – a network to lead the conversation

We will deliver an intensive engagement programme over 3 months with feedback into the interim report in June to coincide with the introduction of the FG Bill.
Action Area 3: Feed Views Back to Decision Makers

1. It is planned that a draft interim report will be produced by June 2014 to coincide with the introduction of the Future Generations bill to the National Assembly.

2. Publish the Future Generations Report in March 2015 to inform pre election debate and provide recommendations for a framework of long term goals and measures of progress to an incoming Government.

Feedback will need to be appropriately framed and timed to deliver improved decision making for the long term “a means of improving our governance for the long term”
Next Steps

• Early Steps:
  • Learning from other national conversations
  • Explore effective ways to engage
  • Develop stimulus material
  • Engage leaders of the conversation
  • Plan keystone events

• Next year:
  • Intensive period of engagement February-May
  • Interim Future Generations Report (June 2014)

• Following year:
  • First Future Generations Report (March 2015).