

# Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

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#### PART 2

#### **IMPROVING WELL-BEING**

Well-being objectives

# 7 Statements about well-being objectives

- (1) When publishing the well-being objectives (including well-being objectives revised under section 8 or 9) a public body must also publish a statement—
  - (a) explaining why the body considers that meeting the objectives will contribute to the achievement of the well-being goals;
  - (b) explaining why the public body considers it has set well-being objectives in accordance with the sustainable development principle, including how the body proposes to involve other persons with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensure that those persons reflect the diversity of the population of—
    - (i) Wales (where the body exercises functions in relation to the whole of Wales), or
    - (ii) the part of Wales in relation to which the body exercises functions;
  - (c) setting out the steps the public body proposes to take to meet those objectives in accordance with the principle (including how it proposes to govern itself, how it will keep the steps under review and how it proposes to ensure that resources are allocated annually for the purpose of taking such steps);
  - (d) specifying the periods of time within which the body expects to meet the objectives;
  - (e) providing such other information as the body considers appropriate about taking the steps and meeting the objectives.

(2) The well-being objectives of a public body that is also a member of a public services board may be included in that board's local well-being plan (see Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 4).

## 8 Welsh Ministers' well-being objectives

- (1) The Welsh Ministers' well-being objectives must be set and published—
  - (a) no later than 6 months after the date on which the first general election is held following the commencement of this section, and
  - (b) no later than 6 months after the date of each subsequent general election.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers' well-being objectives must be set for the period—
  - (a) beginning with the day specified for that purpose in the statement published under section 7(1), and
  - (b) ending with the day of the next ordinary general election under section 3 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32).
- (3) If the well-being goals are amended, the Welsh Ministers must review their well-being objectives.
- (4) If, on a review under subsection (3), the Welsh Ministers determine that one or more of their well-being objectives are no longer appropriate, they must revise the objective or objectives concerned.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers may at any other time review and revise their well-being objectives.
- (6) Well-being objectives revised under subsection (4) or (5) must be set for the remainder of the period referred to in subsection (2).
- (7) Where the Welsh Ministers revise their well-being objectives under subsection (4) or (5), they must publish them as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (8) In setting or revising their well-being objectives, the Welsh Ministers must take into account the Commissioner's report under section 23.
- (9) In subsection (1), "general election" means—
  - (a) the poll held at an ordinary general election under section 3 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32), or
  - (b) the poll held at an extraordinary general election under section 5 of that Act.

## 9 Other public bodies' well-being objectives

- (1) In this section references to a public body do not include the Welsh Ministers.
- (2) A public body's well-being objectives must be set and published—
  - (a) no later than the beginning of the financial year following the commencement of this section, and
  - (b) at such subsequent times as the body considers appropriate.
- (3) If the well-being goals are amended, a public body must review its well-being objectives.

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- (4) If, on a review under subsection (3), a public body determines that one or more of its well-being objectives are no longer appropriate, it must revise the objective or objectives concerned.
- (5) A public body may at any other time review and revise its well-being objectives.
- (6) Where a public body revises its well-being objectives under subsection (3) or (4), it must publish them as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (7) In setting or revising its well-being objectives, a public body must take into account the Commissioner's report under section 23.