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**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

Indicators

Duty

Governance  
Principles

Reporting

Organisations

Partnerships

Well-being  
Plan

Enforcement

Commissioner

Advisory  
Council

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General for  
Wales

Inquiries

Future Trends  
Statistical  
Report

National  
Conversation

Future  
Generations  
Report

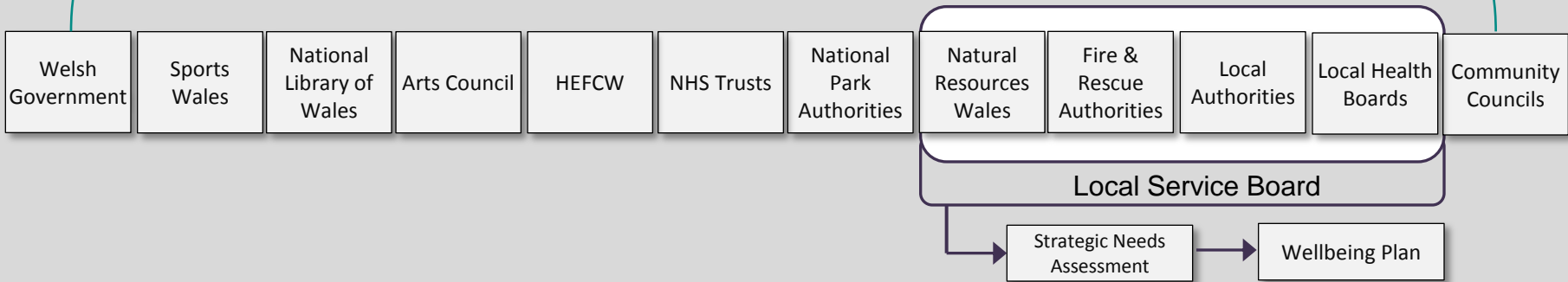
# Architecture of the Bill

**GOALS FOR WALES**  
measures of progress

**Maximise contribution to achievement of goals**

🎯 **what they do**    **spend money**    £

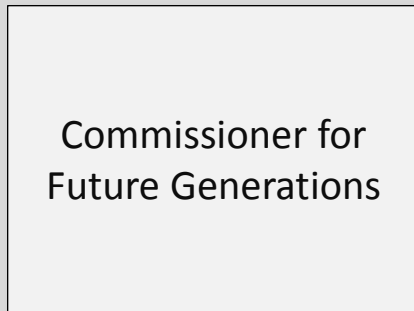
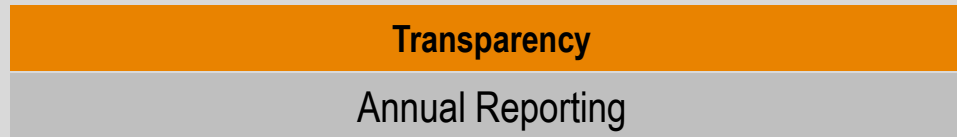
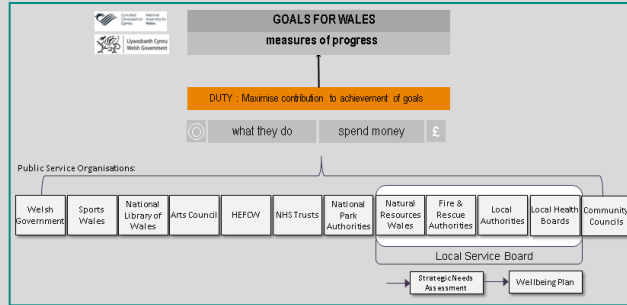
Public Service Organisations:



## **Sustainable Governance Principles**

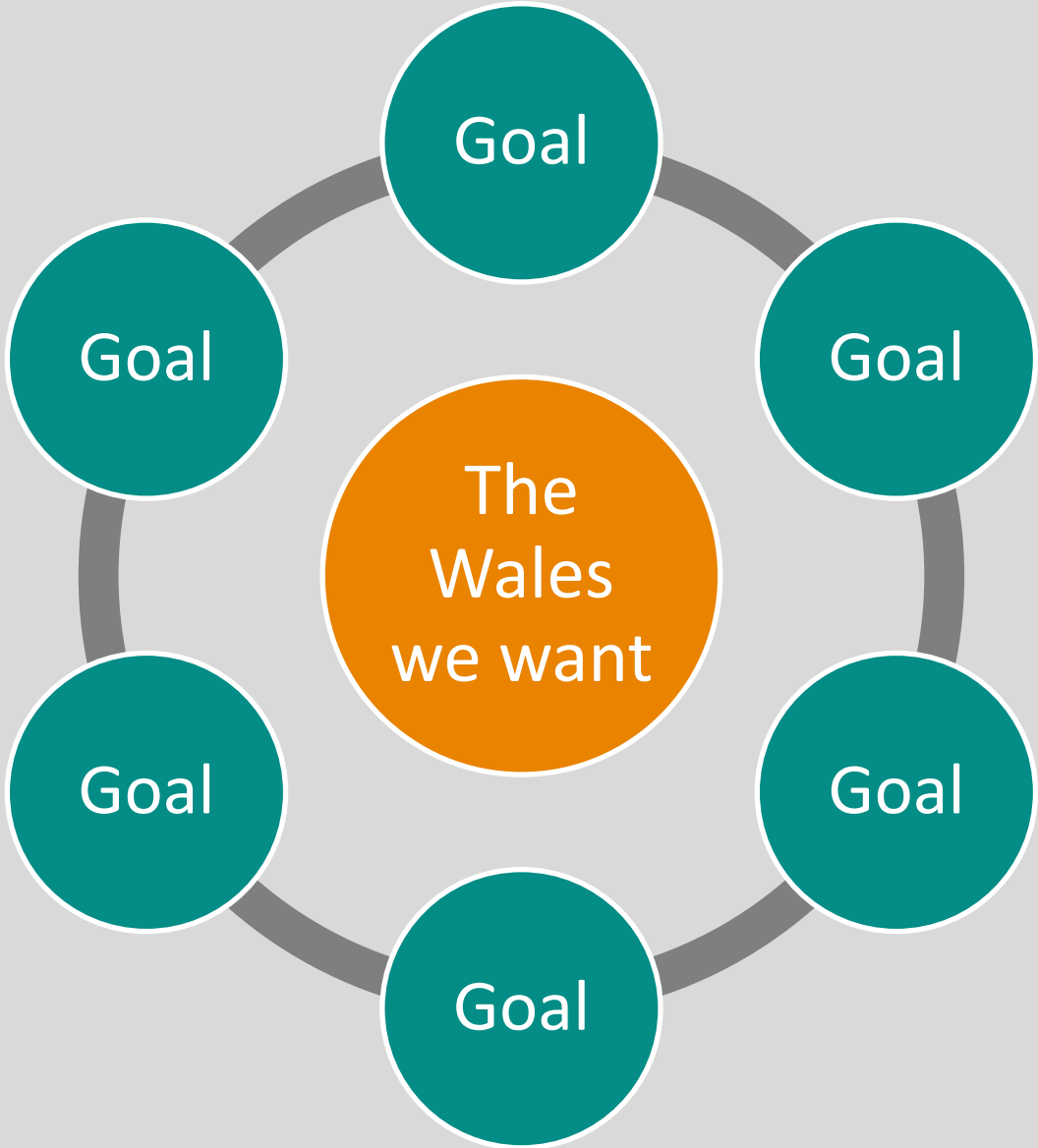
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Integration	Long term
Prevention	Citizen centred

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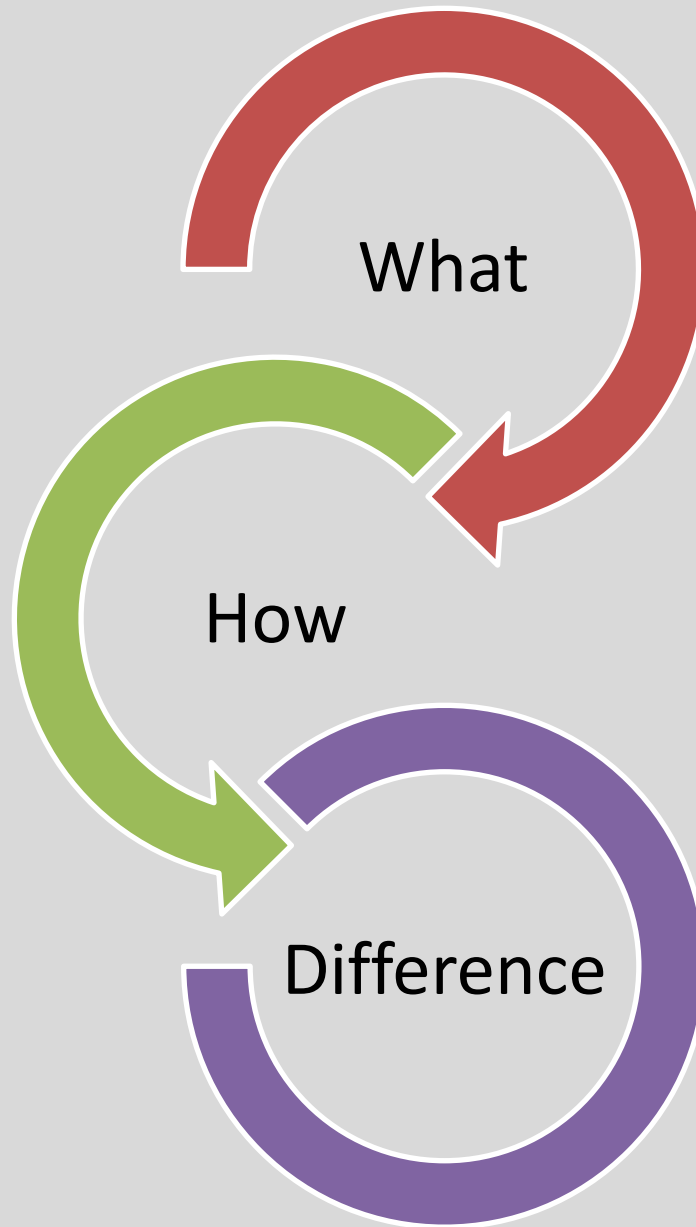


# Goals

Environment  
Economy  
Society  
(Well-being)



# Central organising principle



Clear focus on what is to be achieved -  
Shared goals

Applying the principles  
– maximise contribution

Monitor and explain  
performance and  
effectiveness



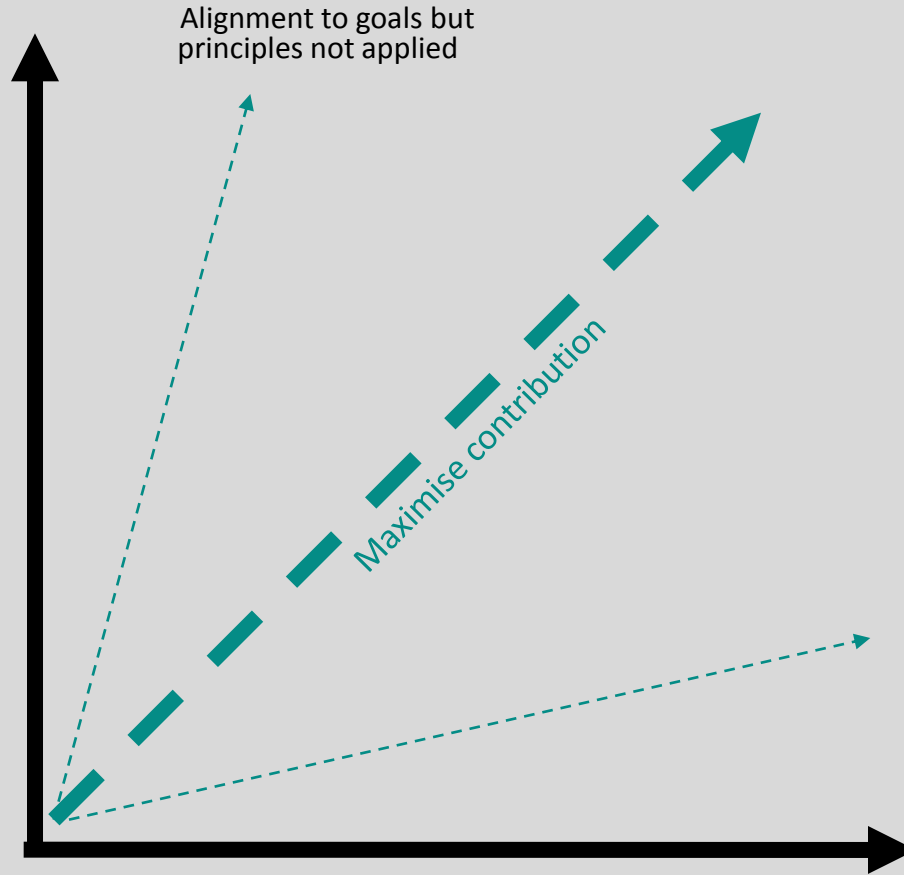
# Maximise contribution

## What

### Goals

Long-term wellbeing  
of future generations

Organisations

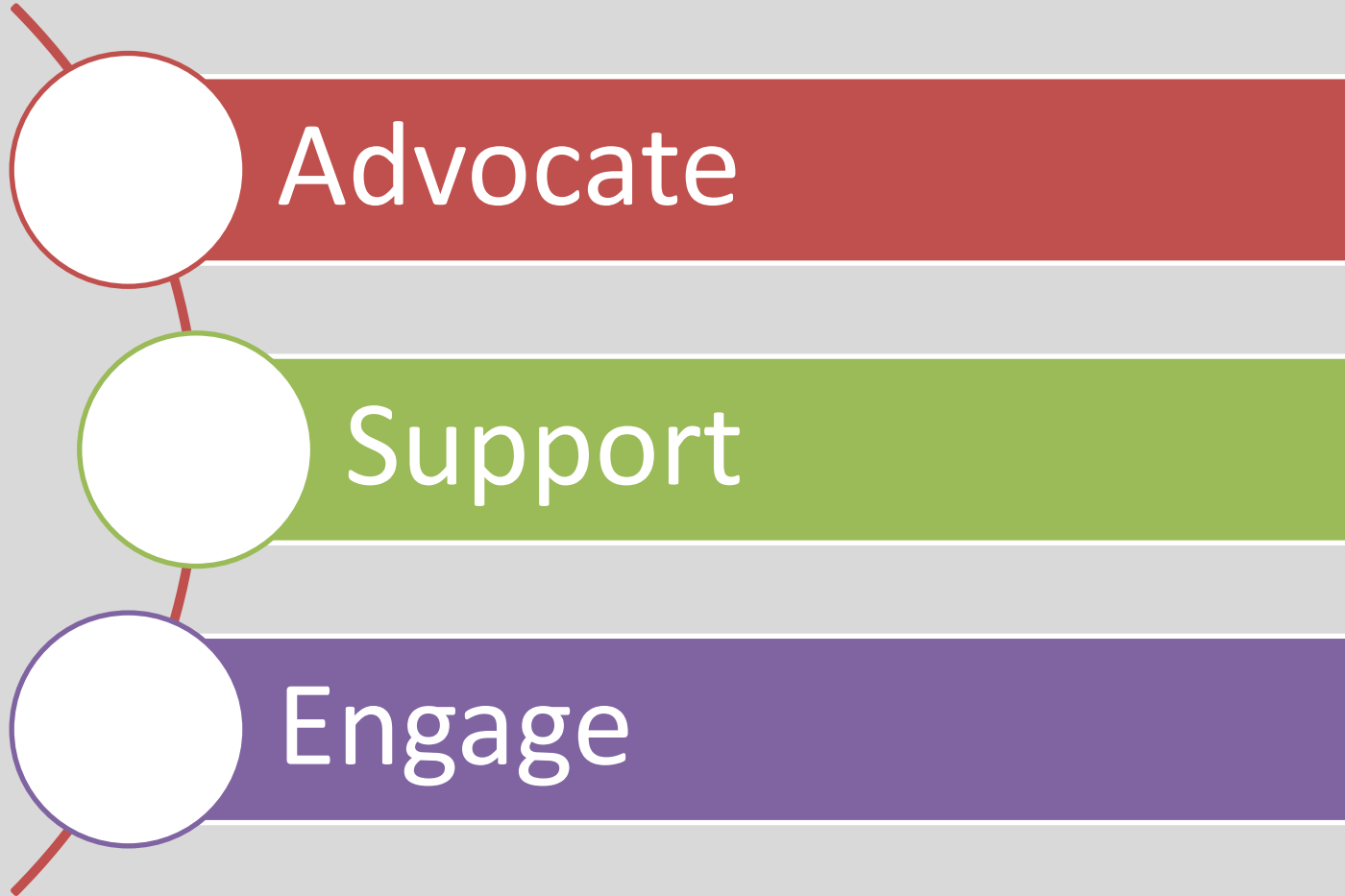


## How

### Governance Principles

Collaboration | Evidence | Integration | Long Term | Citizen centred

# Commissioner for Future Generations



# Advisory Panel – Core members



Welsh Language  
Commissioner

Meri Huws



Older People's Commissioner  
for Wales

Sara Rochira



Equality and Human Rights  
Commission

Nominated representative



Children's Commissioner

Keith John Towler



Natural Resources Wales

Nominated representative



Chief Medical Officer

Dr Ruth Hussey



Auditor General for Wales

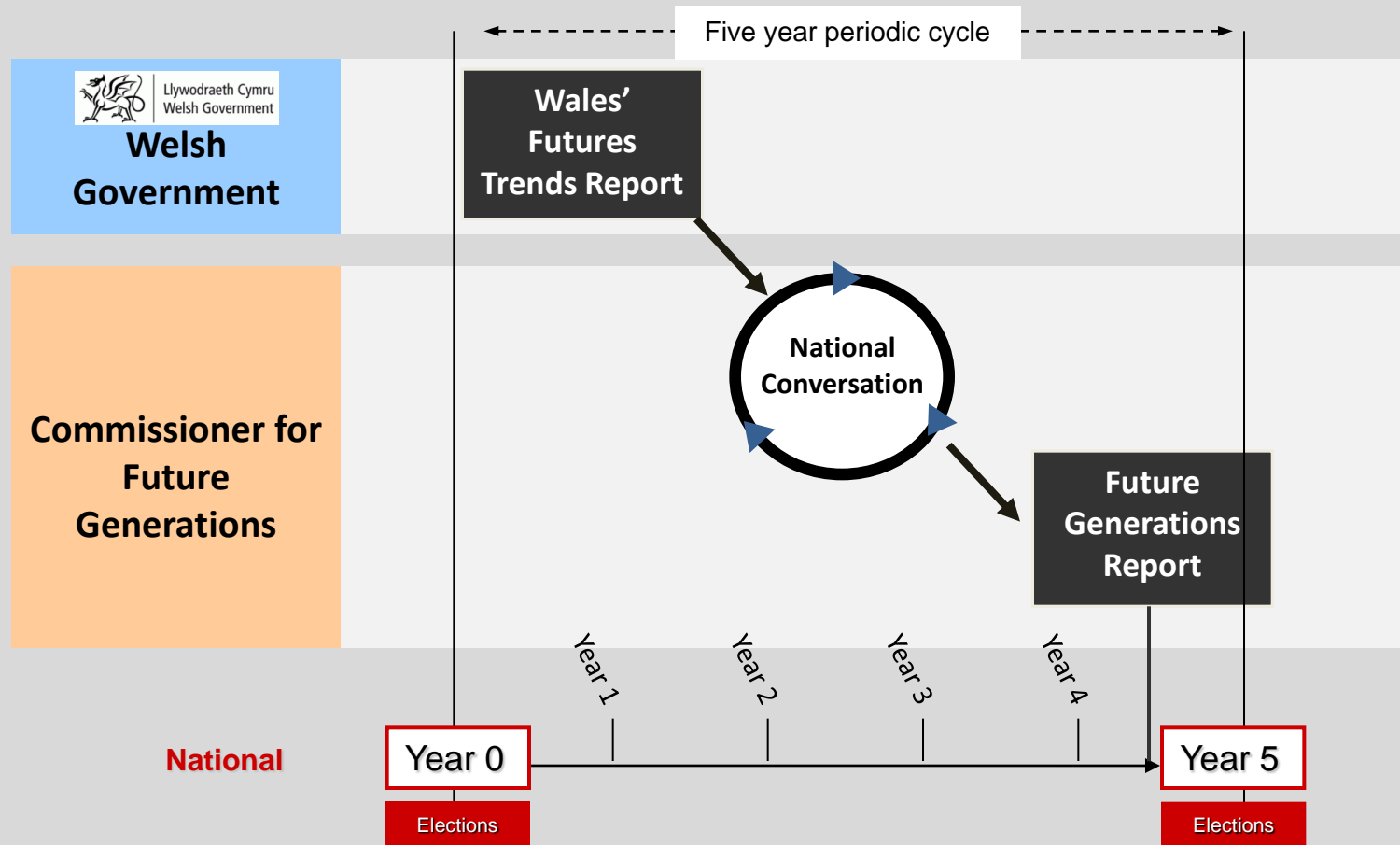
Huw Vaughan Thomas



Others (non statutory)

Appointed by Commissioner

# National Conversation Cycle



# shared contribution

these challenges cannot be tackled alone

public sector / business / third sector



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Cyfoeth  
Naturiol  
Cymru  
Natural  
Resources  
Wales



Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub  
Fire and Rescue Service



CYNGOR SIR  
YNYS MÔN  
ISLE OF ANGLESEY  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Parc Cenedlaethol Arfordir Penfro  
Pembrokeshire Coast National Park



GIG  
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WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol  
Caerdydd a'r Fro  
Cardiff and Vale  
University Health Board



GWASANAETH TÂN AC ACHUB  
Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru  
Mid and West Wales  
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Cyngor Cyllido Addysg  
Uwch Cymru  
Higher Education Funding  
Council for Wales

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City and County of  
Swansea

national  
museum  
wales  
amgueddfa  
cymru

sportwales  
chwaraeon cymru



Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru  
Arts Council of Wales



Y SIARTER SUSTAINABLE  
DATBLYGU DEVELOPMENT  
CYNALIADWY CHARTER

# 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).*

Commissioner for Sustainable Futures

# 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.

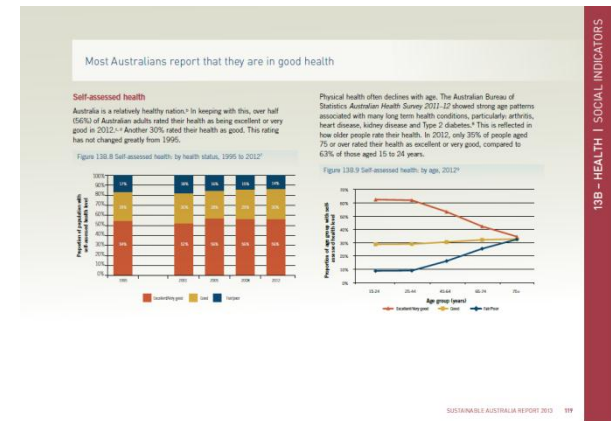
*An opportunity to test out the potential **role** of a Future Generations Report, and also to test ways in which we can **best engage** business, communities and the public sector in contributing to achieving our common long term goals.*

# Future Generations Reporting Pilot-Style

A similar exercise has been carried out in Australia...



<http://www.environment.gov.au/sustainability/measuring/publications/sustainable-australia-report-2013.html>



# 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. 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



*Some issues have traditionally passed from one generation to the next in Wales.*

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



# 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

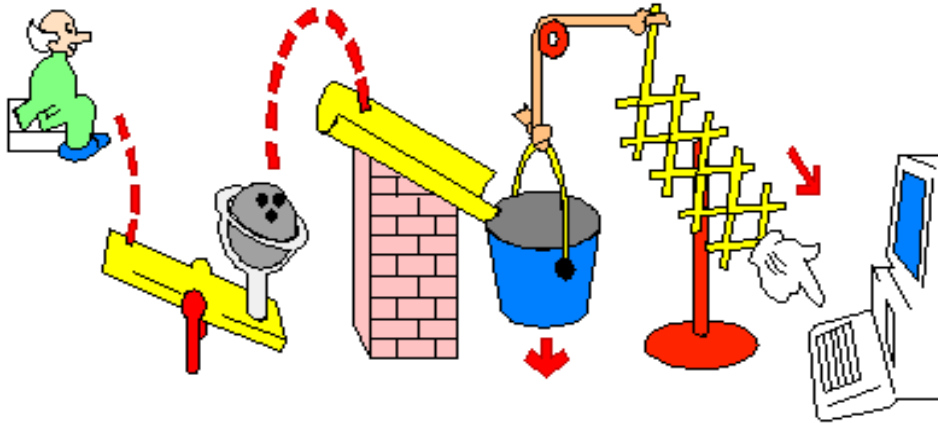


*We will deliver an intensive engagement programme over 3 months with feedback into the interim report in June to coincide with the introduction of the FG Bill .*

Comisiynydd Dyfodol Cynaliadwy  
Commissioner for Sustainable Futures

# Action Area 3: Feed Views Back to Decision

## Makers



*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”*

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

# 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).

