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To: Town and Community Councils
(Part 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act)

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Dear Colleagues,

Today, as part of the Shaping Wales' Future programme, the Welsh Government has published the first wave of Wales' national milestones under the seven well-being goals, an updated suite of national well-being indicators, and the second edition of the Future Trends Report Wales.

In my statement to the Senedd earlier today, I outlined the important role that these publications can play in shaping Wales' future and in embedding the well-being of future generations approach further into how we work across Wales. I therefore wanted to take the opportunity to write to all the public bodies, Public Services Boards, and those town and community councils subject to Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act's well-being duty and who are part of a family of organisations who are empowered to work in a more sustainable way.

Shaping Wales' Future

The nine [national milestones](#) laid before the Senedd today cover areas that this government is committed to, including: an elimination of the pay gap for gender, ethnicity, and disability by 2050; using our fair share of the world's resources by 2050; ensuring that at least 90% of 16-24 year olds will be in education, employment, or training by 2050; and, increasing the percentage of children with two or more healthy behaviours to more than 99% by 2050. The publication of our first national milestones provides a renewed opportunity to drive collaborative action and act as a key measure of the pace and scale of change needed in a number of key areas.

Alongside the national milestones, we have updated our [national well-being indicators](#), which we collectively use to monitor national progress towards the well-being goals. These include new measures on justice, travel, housing costs, and digital inclusion – all matters that we have been told now play a larger role in shaping Wales' well-being than they did before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today also marks the publication of the latest edition of the [Future Trends Report Wales](#), which is designed to assist decision makers in Wales take better account of the long term. The report draws together, in one accessible place, information on the economic, social, environmental, and cultural trends that are likely to impact the achievement of Wales' national well-being goals. This second edition of the report focuses on four big trends: people and population, inequality, planetary health and limits, and technology. I was also keen that the contents of the report recognised the environment in which public bodies are discharging their well-being duty. The 2021 report therefore consolidates information

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specific to public services in Wales with a focus on public finances and public sector demand and digital. The report complements resources that public bodies and others have developed that look in detail at certain trends on particular policies, places, or populations.

Preparing the report during the COVID-19 pandemic has brought its challenges. The ongoing and evolving impacts of the pandemic on long-term trends globally and for Wales remain highly uncertain at this stage. The report will therefore not focus on the long-term impacts of the pandemic, and we will instead provide an update to the report's evidence pack in 2023 to take account of further information and data as they emerge.

Together, these publications ensure our seven well-being goals remain relevant to people's lives today and to the challenges we may face in the future. I know that many public bodies are contributing to the assessments of local well-being for Public Services Boards, alongside dealing with the pandemic and the climate and nature emergencies

The Well-being of Future Generations journey

Over the past 18 months, we have seen a considerable amount of scrutiny and consideration of how our well-being of future generations legislation is driving change in the public sector, and moving us closer towards the collective national well-being goals. The findings from recent reports from the Public Accounts Committee, Future Generations Commissioner and Auditor General demonstrate a common desire to use the legislation to support positive changes in how government and the wider public sector work through a well-being framework, one that reflects core Welsh values of environmental justice, social justice, and fairness between generations. The Welsh Government's [Programme for Government](#) includes our [ten well-being objectives](#), which will enable us to make a significant contribution to the seven well-being goals over this government term.

Finally, I would like to thank to you and your officials for continuing to play an integral part in bringing the well-being of future generations approach to life.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the first name.

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