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To: Committee Chairs

21 September 2020

Dear All,

Following extensive consultation on the draft National Development Framework (NDF) last year, I have today laid the draft NDF before the Senedd for a 60-day consideration period.

The NDF is accompanied by a consultation report setting out the issues raised during the consultation, a schedule of changes I intend to make following consideration of the consultation responses, and an updated integrated sustainability appraisal. They can be viewed [here](#).

To support the scrutiny process I have today published two documents. The first sets out how I intend to monitor the NDF after its publication; and the second is a version of the schedules of changes document that has been laid in the format of the draft NDF document that was consulted upon last year. These documents are available to view [here](#).

I will be tabling an amendable motion in government-time to provide an opportunity for the Senedd to express its views on (but not approve) the draft NDF. The debate will take place during the Senedd's 60-day consideration period so the Government can reflect on the issues raised together with any recommendations from Senedd Committees in a timely manner.

During last year's consultation on the draft NDF, Senedd members expressed to me the importance of everyone being able to understand what the NDF was and what it would mean for them. Some thought the name 'national development framework' did not set out what the NDF was or would do. I have reflected on this and asked Children in Wales to help develop a new title. They suggested the name 'Future Wales – The National Plan 2040'. On publication, the NDF will be known by this new name and referred to in short as Future Wales. You will see this new name appearing on some of the documents that will support the scrutiny process.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I look forward to working with the Senedd on the completion of Future Wales, our first National Development Framework.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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