

Sophie Howe
Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

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Further information following the meeting held on 7 November 2019

Dear Sophie,

Thank you for your appearance before the Committee on 7 November for scrutiny of your annual report 2018/19.

Following the session, we agreed to ask for more information on some of the areas discussed. During the meeting, you mentioned that the Minister for Housing and Local Government was undertaking a review of the various partnership boards. Could you provide more detail about the review and clarify your role, if any, in the review?

You also stated that you were in the process of agreeing a common understanding with Welsh Government officials of how the Well-being of Future Generations Act is applied. Could you please provide more details of the discussions you have had with the Welsh Government regarding the Acts application?

Additionally, due to time constraints, we were unable to ask questions on a number of areas and would be grateful if you could address these questions in writing. The specific questions are listed below.

- What is your view on the level of public understanding and awareness of the Well-being of Future Generations Act and of your role?
- Can you provide examples of when the Planning Inspectorate Wales has rejected planning appeals on the basis of inconsistency with the well-being goals and objectives (as referenced in your annual report)?
- What are the key messages coming out of the work with Cardiff Business School on skills?



- How can public bodies be encouraged to look to the future when thinking about what skills will be needed?
- Can you outline the next steps following the publication of the 'Education Fit for the Future' white paper.
- Can you outline the work you have undertaken with the Welsh Government on this year's budget, and what changes you expect to see. What have the main challenges been in this area?
- Whether you have received a response to the advice you provided to the Welsh Government following last year's budget.
- To outline how your work on a 'budget checker' is progressing, and how this will be used.
- How can progress be made on improving procurement processes so they better align with the Act? What discussion have you had with the Welsh Government and other public bodies on this matter?

It would be helpful to the Committee if we could receive this additional information by 6 December.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



John Griffiths AM

Chair

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

