



LLESIANT CENEDLAETHAU'R DYFODOL WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Essentials Guide



Sustainable Development Principle / Egwyddor Datblygu Cynaliadwy

"act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met **without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.**"

"i'r corff weithredu mewn modd sy'n ceisio sicrhau bod anghenion y presennol yn cael eu diwallu heb beryglu gallu cenedlaethau'r dyfodol i ddiwallu eu hanghenion hwythau."

The legislation

Public bodies *must carry out sustainable development*, which means:

- the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales
- **by taking action in accordance with the sustainable development principle**
- aimed at achieving the well-being goals.



"...the body must act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." (S.5)

In order to do that the public body *must take account of* the 5 ways of working.



The Sustainable Development Principle is the aim and the 5 Ways of Working are 'the HOW'

There are 5 things that public bodies need to think about to show that they have applied the sustainable development principle. WG website

National Well-being Goals

| Goal | Description of the goal |
|---|---|
| A prosperous Wales | An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work. |
| A resilient Wales | A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change). |
| A healthier Wales | A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood. |
| A more equal Wales | A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances). |
| A Wales of cohesive communities | Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities. |
| A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language | A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation. |
| A globally responsible Wales | A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being. |



Hirdymor

Pwysigrwydd sicrhau cydbwysedd rhwng anghenion tymor byr a'r angen am ddiogelu'r gallu i ddiwallu anghenion tymor hir hefyd



Long-term

The importance of balancing short-term needs with the needs to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs

Integreiddio

Ystyried sut gall gweithredu i atal problemau rhag digwydd neu waethygu helpu cyrff cyhoeddus i gyflawni eu hamcanion



Integration

Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies

Cynnwys

Pwysigrwydd cynnwys pobl sydd â diddordeb mewn cyflawni'r nodau llesiant, a sicrhau bod y bobl hynny'n adlewyrchu amrhywiaeth yr ardal maent yn ei gwasanaethu



Involvement

The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves

Cydweithio

Gallai cydweithredu ag unrhyw berson arall (neu wahanol adrannau yn y corff ei hun) helpu'r corff i fodloni ei amcanion llesiant



Collaboration

Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives

Atal

Sut gall gweithredu i atal problemau rhag digwydd neu waethygu helpu cyrff cyhoeddus i gyflawni eu hamcanion



Prevention

How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives

Prevention



(e) How deploying resources to prevent problems occurring, or getting worse may contribute to meeting the body's well-being objectives, or another body's objectives.

- Understanding the underlying causes of the problems
 - to find different enabling solutions to meet the goals
 - at the right time
 - intervene early /prevent problems from getting worse or arising
 - take action earlier, rather than wait for crisis e.g to prevent a significant deterioration in their well-being.
- ❌ Decisions only react to problems and challenges that currently exist, and do not consider the causes of these problems.
- ❌ Problems and challenges have been viewed in isolation.
- ❌ Governance structures may have not enabled innovative or new approaches to be taken, including preventative approaches.

Understanding the root cause of issues to prevent them

Prevention



- Having good research about the root causes of problems
- Causality important
- Not about preventing flooding but about preventing Climate Change which causes flooding here and elsewhere in the world
- Linked to the long term thinking - identify the long-term trends around the causes, symptoms and challenges and start working on them now
- Shift to prevention is key to stop acute problems we have now, in particular in health services, climate, biodiversity - as soon as you know you act
- Need to come out of the hamster wheel

Our advice in Future Generations Report 2020:

- Collaborate with others and involve people to find the problems they need to prevent, understanding whether they fall into primary, secondary or tertiary prevention; using evidence to identify the best possible preventative interventions that maximise contribution to their objectives.
- Adopt the definition of stages of prevention and preventive spend and allocate spending accordingly within financial planning and risk management.

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Our Future
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5 missions

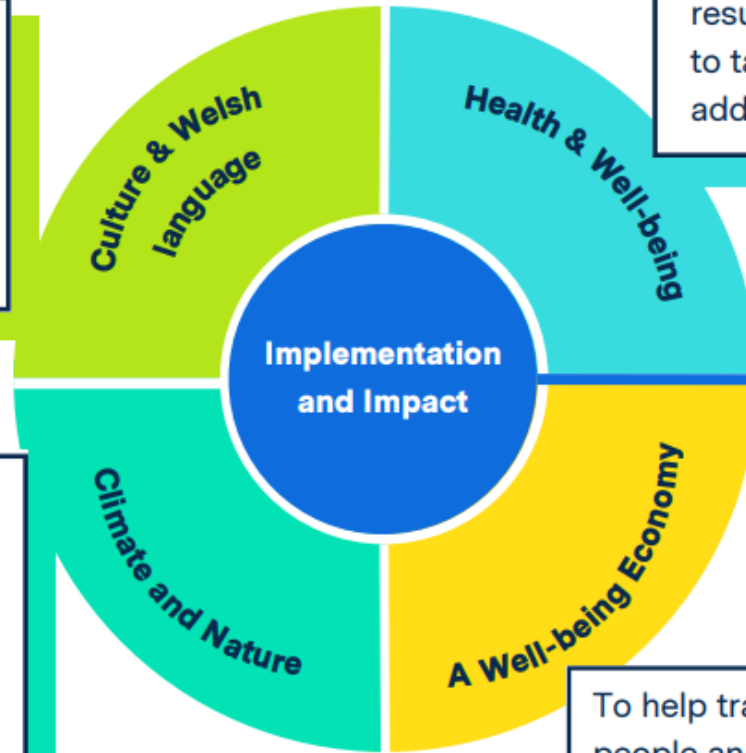
Implementation and Impact is our core mission that encompasses our role to ensure the Well-being of Future Generations Act is applied effectively and with ambition. Under that sit 4 missions which correspond with the 4 dimensions of well-being in the Well-being of Future Generations Act.



Our missions

To reinforce the positive impact of cultural well-being. As a result, public bodies are making the urgent changes needed to promote culture and creativity, enhance the fabric of communities and promote multiculturalism and the Welsh language.

To ensure all Welsh public bodies achieve their net zero and nature positive goals by 2030. As a result, public bodies are leading action on climate change including adaptation, in a way that reduces inequalities and maximises the benefits to people and communities across Wales.



To facilitate a transformation in the way we keep people healthy, with a greater focus on prevention and the long term. As a result, public bodies are working together to tackle the root causes of ill health and addressing health inequalities.

To ensure the Well-being of Future Generations Act is applied effectively and with ambition in a way that improves the lives of the people of Wales now and in the future.

To help transition Wales to an economy that puts people and planet first. As a result, governments at all levels, communities and business are making this happen.

Why these missions

- Public bodies often find cultural well-being difficult to understand
- Increasing funding challenges put culture and leisure services under threat
- Well-being plans and objectives are not doing enough to ensure cultural well-being outcomes are supported

- Tangible progress in this area is currently insufficient. We risk not meeting our targets
- Without change in our approach, climate change will cause more destruction and loss
- 1 in 6 species in Wales, and 1 in 3 mammals is facing extinction without intervention.

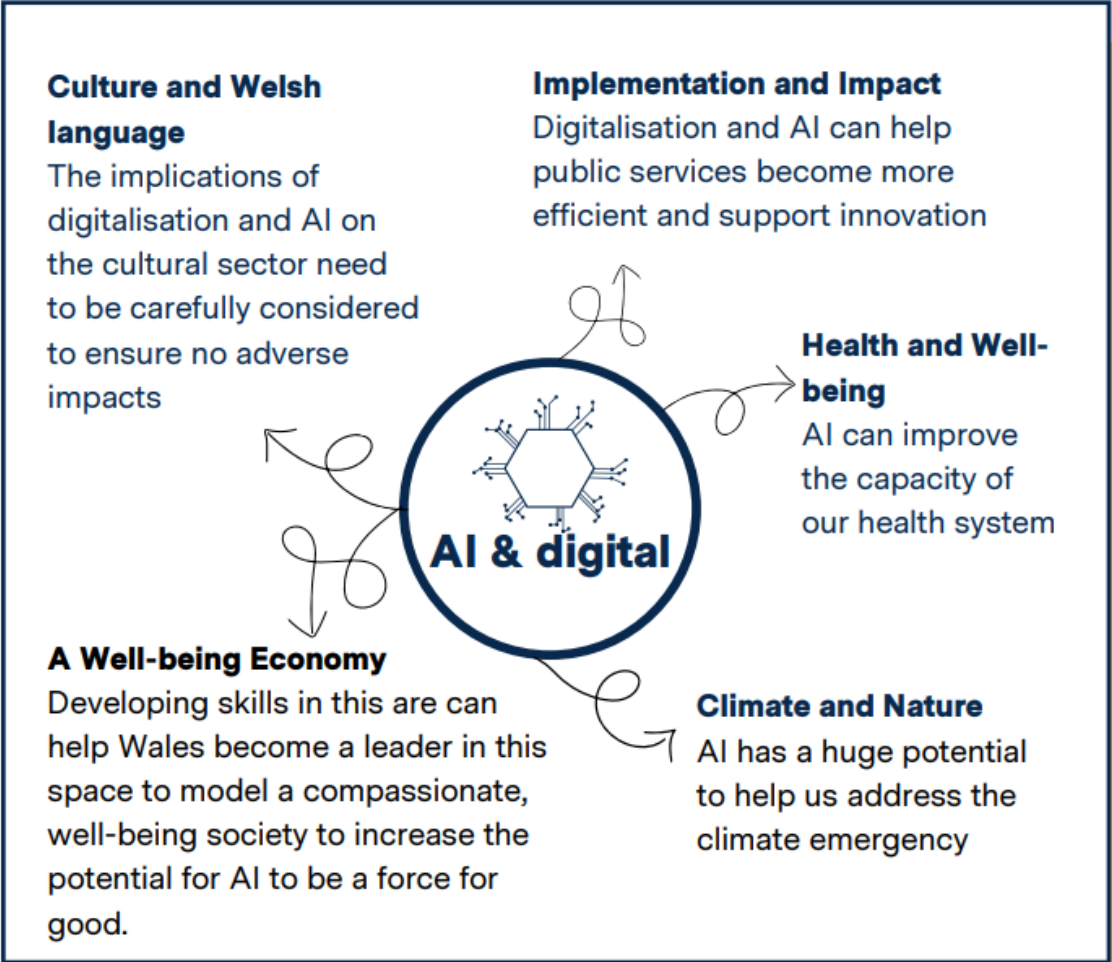
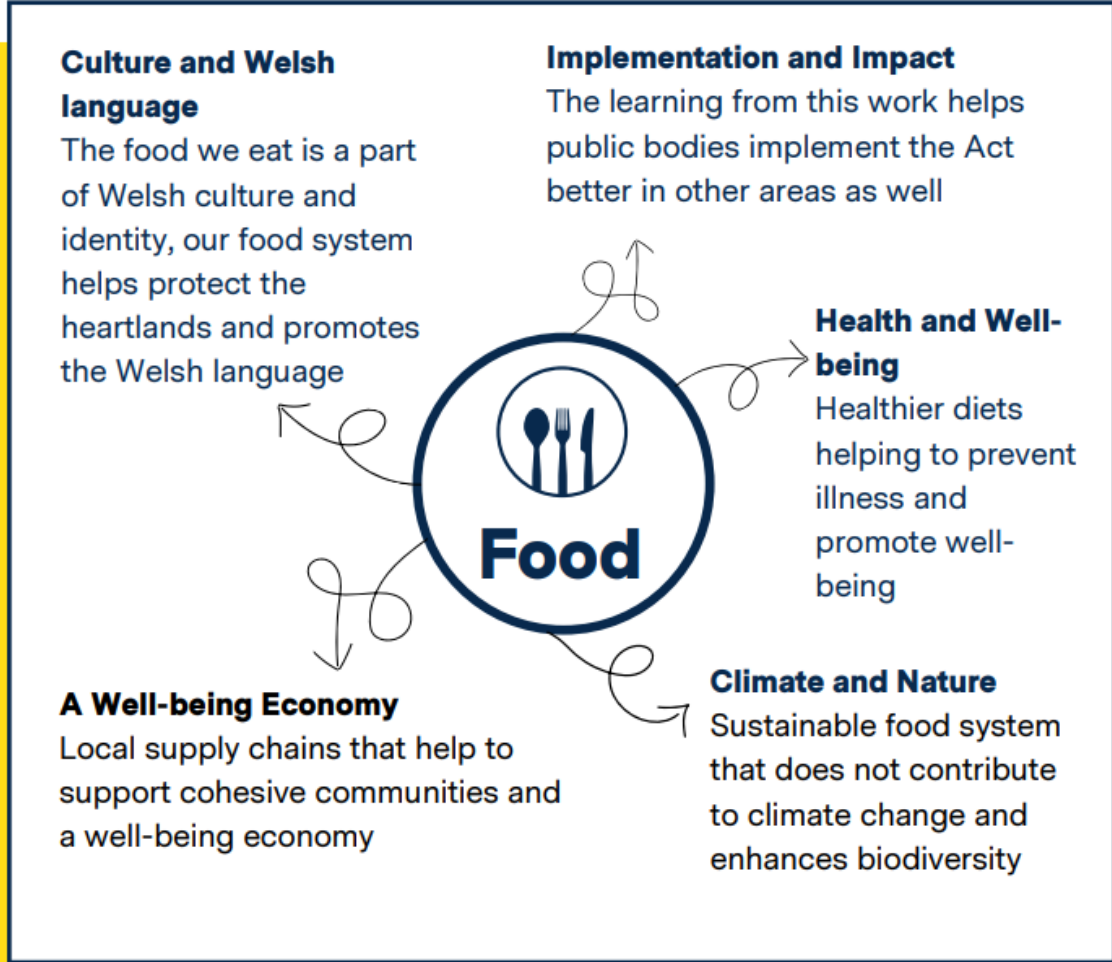


- Health is central to our well-being
- Levels of preventable illness and health inequalities remain high
- With projected growth in demand for our health and social care services, financial cost is becoming increasingly unsustainable

- The Act and its ambition need to be implemented more effectively and with urgency
- There is a gap between aspiration and delivery
- The legislation needs to live to its full potential

- Our economy is not yet delivering for all of the well-being goals
- The cost-of-living crisis is widening economic inequality in Wales
- Poverty is increasing
- Our economy uses natural resources at a faster rate than we can replenish them

Areas of focus



What's next?

Continuing the conversation

Talking to partners doing work in our missions to understand where we can work together

Future Generations Report 2025

Preparing and publishing the second iteration of the Future Generations Report with an assessment and advice of where we are and how we go forward with delivering the Act.

Developing detailed work plans

Setting out in more detail how we plan to deliver our ambition.

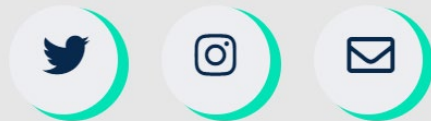
Learning from others

Gathering best practice from across Wales and abroad and bringing it into our work and advice

Diolch Thank you

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