



One Voice Wales  
Society of Local Council Clerks  
Community and Town Councils

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Dear colleagues,

**SHARED PURPOSE: SHARED FUTURE – STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

The Welsh Government recently published its statutory guidance for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 'Shared Purpose: Shared Future'. We have listened closely to the views of those who responded to the consultation on the draft guidance and this is reflected in the final guidance issued on 26 February 2016.

The statutory guidance includes guidance specifically aimed at those community and town councils that will be subject to the duty to take all reasonable steps to meet the local objectives set out in the local well-being plan that has effect in their areas. However, *all* community and town councils have an important role to play in improving the well-being of their area and so I would also encourage those community and town councils not subject to the duty to actively engage in the work of the Public Services Boards; and to consider what contribution they may be able to make towards meeting the local objectives adopted for their areas.

These local objectives will set out how each Public Services Board proposes to contribute to a prosperous, resilient, healthier and more equal Wales which has cohesive communities, a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language and which is globally responsible. These seven well-being goals provide for a legally binding common purpose and, supported by the five ways of working required by the Act, can drive forward the well-being of communities in Wales.

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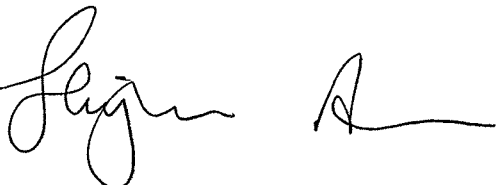
We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The first local well-being plans will be produced in the year following the next local government elections in 2017; so the duty on those community and town councils who meet the criteria to contribute to meeting the objectives in those plans will not take effect in practice until 2018.

In the meantime I would encourage you to actively engage with the process of assessing the well-being of your areas; and with the process of identifying what the local well-being objectives should be. As statutory consultees of the Public Services Boards you will have an important role to play.

The guidance can be found by clicking on the link below.

<http://gov.wales/topics/improvingservices/public-services-boards/?lang=en>

Yours sincerely,  


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