

WelTAG 2017 – Supplementary Guidance The Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

When using WelTAG it is essential to comply with the duties set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. They are to follow the sustainable development principle through following the five ways of working, and set well-being objectives that maximise contribution to the seven well-being goals.

Sustainable Development Principle

WelTAG embeds the sustainable development principle through the five ways of working, which should be used at all stages. WelTAG is a framework for thinking and users are guided to consider both short term and long term impacts of options, as well as options to prevent problems from getting worse or occurring in the first place. Integration is an essential part of the WelTAG process to ensure users consider the impact of proposals on the well-being objectives of other public bodies, and also how other policy agendas should be taken in to account. Collaboration is also integral to the process in ensuring transport interventions are not developed in isolation. Engaging and involving stakeholders is important throughout a WelTAG appraisal. Users are required to involve people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensure those people reflect the diversity of the population.

Well-being Goals and Objectives

The Well-being goals and objectives form a key part of the strategic case and transport case for a scheme.

In developing the strategic case, the well-being goals and objectives should inform the objectives for the intervention. This should include consideration of the well-being objectives of relevant public bodies and public service boards.

During the transport case, users are required to assess the social, cultural, environmental and economic impacts of each option. These impact assessments (both statutory and non-statutory) should be integrated with consideration of the contribution of each option to the well-being goals.

Future Generations Framework for thinking about well-being

The Office of the Future Generations Commissioner has produced a Future Generations Framework for projects – a ‘framework for thinking’ to help bodies fully implement the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. . It is to be used when developing and designing infrastructure projects as it will help organisations work through the five ways of working and consider how they can contribute to the seven well-being goals.

<https://futuregenerations.wales/documents/future-generations-framework/>