

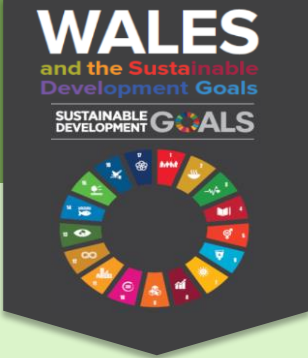
Welsh Government

Future Trends Report



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Well-being of Future Generations Act Architecture



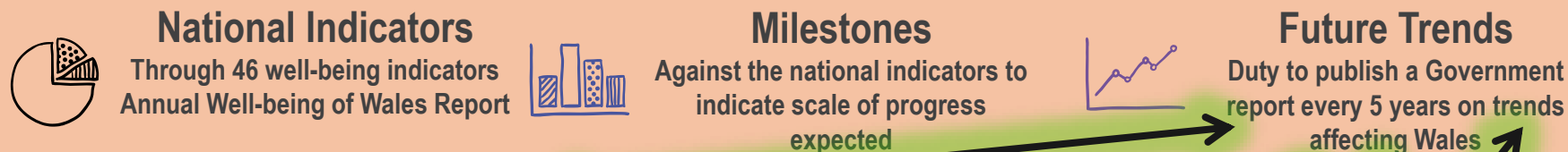
NATIONAL WELL-BEING GOALS

That describe the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being outcomes for 2050.



UNDERSTANDING WALES

Mechanisms to understand the Wales we have now and the Wales we might get.



MAKING IT HAPPEN

A well-being duty to carry out sustainable development and maximise contribution to the well-being goals.

INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC BODY DUTY

44 Public Bodies

Design objectives that maximise contribution to the goals
Take steps to achieve

COLLECTIVE DUTY

Public Services Boards

Assess local well-being
Local Well-being Plan

FIVE WAYS OF WORKING FOR WELL-BEING

A sustainable development principle – meeting the needs of current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.



ENABLING THE CHANGE

The world's first independent Future Generations Commissioner.
Role of the national auditor – Auditor General for Wales.



Understanding Wales

Goals
Indicators
Milestones
Trends

To work towards the goals we need to know:

Q. What has happened?

Getting the evidence that shows where we are now

Q. What is happening?

To understand what is happening we need a narrative to guide us.

Q. What needs to happen and by when?

Prioritising indicators where change needs to be seen.

Q. What could happen?

If we do nothing and how do we identify the challenges for achieving the goals.

The tools to help us:

NATIONAL INDICATORS

allow us to measure the progress of a nation

ANNUAL WELL-BEING REPORT

provides us with the story of change

MILESTONES

will provide us with a pathway up to 2050

FUTURE TRENDS REPORT

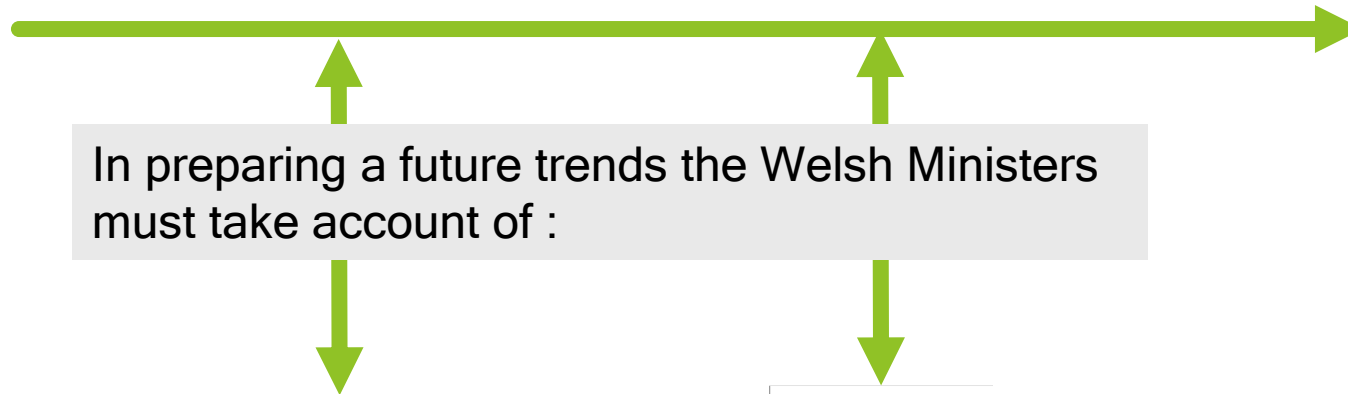
gives us better insight into drivers and barriers to achieving the goals

Statutory duty to published a Future Trends Report



Section 11 of the WFG Act

The Welsh Ministers must, during the period of **12 months** beginning with the date of a general election, publish a report (a “future trends report”) that contains—
predictions of likely future trends in the **economic, social, environmental and cultural** well-being of Wales,



In preparing a future trends the Welsh Ministers must take account of :

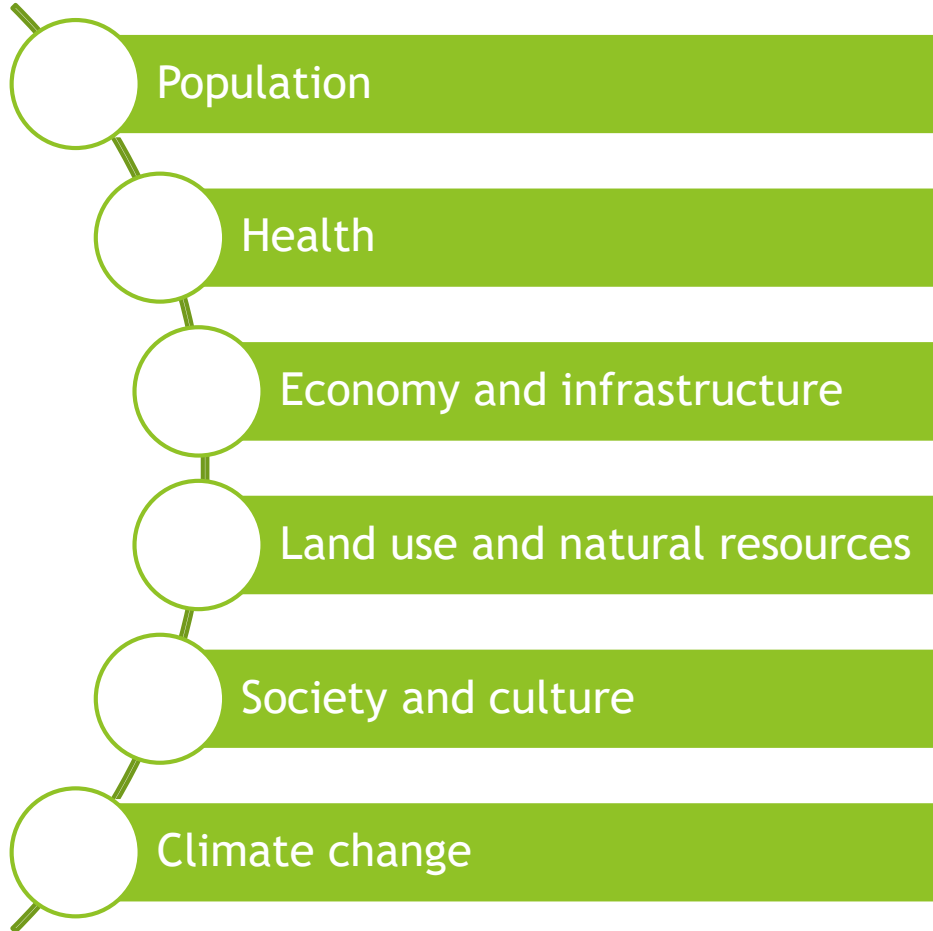


UK Climate Change
Risk Assessment
(Next in 2022)



Future Trends report 2017 (updated in 2019)

The 2017 report set out the future trends under six themes:



<https://gov.wales/future-trends-2017>

Part A | Where may we be going?

Future Trends Affecting Wales

Part B | What could this mean?

Influencing Factors behind the future trends and potential impacts on Wales

A number of data slides belonging to each of the six areas covered

The screenshot shows the Welsh Government website with the 'Future Trends: 2017' report page. The page features a yellow header with a search bar and a navigation menu. The main content area is white with a blue header for the report title. A blue banner below the title states: 'The report has been designed to support the public sector in Wales in making better decisions for the long term.' Below this, a grey box indicates 'This is the latest release'. The page also includes a 'Released' date of 5 May 2017 and a 'Last updated' date of 30 April 2019. A 'View all' link is provided. The footer contains a 'RELATED' section with a link to 'Statistics and research'.

Assessments of local well-being

- A public services board must prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area.
- The next assessments need to be complete by May 2022.
- The assessment must include predictions of likely future trends in the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the area.
- The analysis **must refer to a future trends report** published by the Welsh Ministers under section 11 (once one has been published) to the extent that it is relevant to the assessment of well-being in the area.
- This will enable the board to ensure it is taking account of the long term needs of the area as well as the short term.

Areas of improvement



Awareness
and
Accessibility

Improving the awareness and accessibility of the FTR and associated resources

Use
and
application

Understanding the different users and effective application of the FTR and associated resources (tools)

Data
and
content

Where we may be going? Ensuring the trends identified are up to date, relevant and appropriate.

Analysis
and
scenarios

What could this mean? Drawing out key findings and observations

What SEEMS to be happening?

What is REALLY happening?.

What MIGHT happen? .

Understanding users — accessibility and use



Phases of work

Phase 1 Gathering intelligence about the future <i>Inputs - Strategic Intelligence</i>			Phase 2 Exploring the dynamics of change	Phase 3 Describing possible futures	Phase 4 Policy application and testing
Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Identify trends	Appraise / sift trends	Agree trends (data)	Analysis Interpretation Prospection	Scenarios New Perspectives Perceptions	Use
User insights ----->					

Users



- who the likely users are and what they're trying to do
- how they do it currently (for example, what services or channels they use)
- the problems or frustrations they experience
- what users need from your service to achieve their goal

- improve understanding of users and their needs
- test design ideas and new features with likely users
- assess users' experience of your service, to make sure it meets their needs