

# The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill



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The Bill fulfils a Programme for Government commitment to place social partnership on a statutory footing in Wales. It provides for a **framework** to enhance the well-being of people in Wales by improving public services through **social partnership working**, **promoting fair work** and **socially responsible public procurement**.

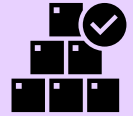
## The Bill brings together 4 principles:

### Social Partnership



Working to achieve a mutually agreed goal, to the benefit of all involved groups.

### Socially Responsible Procurement



Taking action when purchasing goods, works and services, to improve economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being.

### Fair Work



A fair deal for workers which is essential to a fairer, more equal, and prosperous Wales

### Sustainable Development



Doing things now in a way that takes into account the impact on people living their lives in Wales in the future.

## Main provisions of the legislation

### **The establishment of a statutory Social Partnership Council**

This tripartite statutory advisory body, will be a national cross-sector forum, chaired by the First Minister and with representation from a range of social partners representing employers and worker representatives through trade unions.

### **A statutory duty on certain public bodies to**

seek consensus or compromise with their recognised trade unions, or where there is no recognised trade union other representatives of their staff, when setting their well-being objectives and delivering on those objectives under section 3(2) of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

**A statutory duty on Welsh Ministers** to consult social partners, employers and worker representatives through the Social Partnership Council when making strategic decisions of the steps to take to deliver their well-being objectives under section 3(2)(a) of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

**Amendment of section 4 of the WFG Act 2015** by substituting 'fair work' for 'decent work' within the existing "A prosperous Wales" goal. The effect of the amendment is to require certain public bodies to consider 'fair work' when setting objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

**A statutory duty on certain public bodies to consider socially responsible public procurement**, to set objectives in relation to well-being goals which those bodies must meet when carrying out procurement, and to publish a procurement strategy.

**Certain public bodies to carry out contract management duties** to ensure that socially responsible outcomes are pursued through supply chains.

**Reporting duties to be imposed on the public bodies and Welsh Ministers** in relation to the Social Partnership Duty and Procurement duty.

Please see here for further information:

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