

Dear

ATISN 17181 - Policy 17 and 18 of Future Wales - National Plan 2040 - Benefit v Cost Analysis

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 February 2023. You asked for:

A copy of the Benefit v Cost analysis undertaken by Welsh Government in accordance with criteria set out in "H M Treasury Green Book" to support policy 17 and 18 of Future Wales - National Plan 2040.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. There is no benefit v cost analysis undertaken by Welsh Government to support Future Wales policies 17 and 18.

Informative note

Future Wales is a development plan and was subject to extensive assessment. This [non-technical summary](#) explains the approach taken to statutory and non-statutory assessments.

The issue of using the HM Treasury Green Book was considered and commentary on this issue is included in the [Integrated Sustainability Appraisal](#) (page 723).

Due to the nature and scale of Future Wales, the approach the Welsh Government took to its assessment is considered to be the most appropriate method to assess the impacts of the plan, including the economic impacts. To deliver the type of cost-benefit analysis as set out in HM Treasury's Green Book would require detailed proposals for specific projects and that information is not available at the development plan stage. It was not considered possible to develop a meaningful cost-benefit analysis for the overarching development plan framework. Wider social, economic, cultural and environmental impacts which would be addressed by a Green Book assessment were captured by the integrated assessment approach.

Next steps

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CF10 3NQ

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Wilmslow,
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SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely