

REPORT OF BUSINESS & PERFORMANCE MANAGER

SUBJECT: FUTURE GENERATIONS – EARLY ADOPTERS

Members will be aware that the Welsh Government is working towards enacting the Future Generations Bill during 2015 with the intention to bring it into effect in April 2016.

This places a legal duty on the Welsh public sector to have Sustainable Development as their 'central organising principle'. One of the key aspects of aspects to this legislation will be the requirement for local government to demonstrate how they are planning for the long term in a preventative and collaborative way.

The Welsh Local Government Association is helping a number of local authorities to prepare for this legislation through an 'Early Adopters' project and the three Welsh National Parks have signed up to this. As part of this process the early adopters are requested to carry-out an assessment of how their Members and management consider they already comply with the new requirements and how much work will be involved to satisfactorily meet all the requirements.

An anonymous on-line questionnaire is being prepared by WLGA working with PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Members are requested to complete this by mid-November. The link to the questionnaire will be emailed to Members after the meeting and further information will be provided during the Authority meeting.

Recommendation:

Members are REQUESTED to COMPLETE the Early Adopters questionnaire.

Background Papers: WLGA Publication 'Generation 2050'
<http://www.wlga.gov.uk/sustainable-development/generation-2050-better-long-term-decision-making-l-a-resource-for-local-government>

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