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Local Democracy and
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For Wales

Sustainable Development Policy Statement

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Sustainable development is a central guiding principle for all of the Commission's activities in respect of its commitment to embrace the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 with the aim to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. These activities include strategy and policy development, service delivery, partnership work, and the way the organisation is run. All activities will take account of a set of six guiding principles, to give a balance between social, economic, environmental, social and cultural considerations:

Living within Environmental Limits

Respecting the limits of the planet's environment, resources and biodiversity - to improve and protect the environment and ensure that the natural resources needed for life are unimpaired for future generations and are used prudently.

Ensuring a Strong, Healthy, Safe and Just Society

Meeting the diverse need of all people in existing and future communities, promoting personal well being, social cohesion and inclusion and creating equal opportunity for all.

Achieving a Sustainable Economy

Building a strong, stable and sustainable local economy which provides opportunities for all, by encouraging local growth and efficient use of resources.

Promoting Good Governance

Actively promoting effective, participative systems of governance in all levels of society – engaging people's creativity, energy and diversity throughout the community. Providing transparency in decision making.

Using Sound Science Responsibly

Ensuring policy is developed and implemented on the basis of strong scientific evidence, whilst taking into account scientific uncertainty (through the precautionary principle) as well as public attitudes and values.

Integrated and Long Term Policy

Ensuring that Commission's policies and programmes of work are integrated, so that, as a Welsh Government Sponsored Body, all strategy and policy works towards the Welsh Government's vision of a Sustainable Wales and that the long term implications of decisions are taken into account.