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To: Public Services Board Chairs
CC: Public Services Board Officers
CC: Local Authority Strategy for Older People Coordinators

21st August 2017

Re: Assessments of Local Well-being: Older People's Commissioner for Wales overview

Dear Chairs,

As you know, I have supported the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act from the outset, and have closely monitored developments with the Public Services Boards in recent months.

Following the publication of the 'Well-being in Wales: Planning today for a better tomorrow' report by the Future Generations Commissioner¹, I attach my overview on the Assessments of Local Well-being. Whilst my perspective is clearly older people, my overview is intended to complement the Future Generations Commissioner's report in approach, building upon my Guidance on preparing Local Well-being Plans (published in October 2016²), and also my visits to Local/Public Services Boards undertaken by myself and my team between December 2014 and July 2016.

It is important for the Public Services Boards that there is consistency in the advice and guidance provided by the Commissioners, and for these reasons I have liaised with the Future Generations Commissioner in order to ensure that there are consistent messages.

There is much to welcome in the Assessments however in the context of drafting the Local Well-being Plans over the coming months, more work is needed to take forward the asset-based approach for older people, to

¹ https://futuregenerations.wales/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/FGCW_Well-being_in_Wales-Planning_today_for_a_better_tomorrow_2017_edit.pdf
http://www.olderpeoplewales.com/Libraries/Uploads/PSB_Guidance.sflb.ashx

consider the needs and circumstances of older people beyond health and social care, to maximise the opportunities that come with an ageing population, and to establish closer links with the Ageing Well in Wales programme³.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Communities, Local Government and Well-being Lead, Iwan Williams (iwan.williams@olderpeoplewales.com, 02920 445 045), should you wish to discuss these issues further, and I welcome an ongoing conversation with you to ensure that the needs and circumstances of older people are at the heart of the forthcoming Local Well-being Plans.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Rochira". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Rochira
Older People's Commissioner for Wales

³ <http://www.ageingwellinwales.com/en/home>