

Report of the Convener

Public Services Board Scrutiny Performance Panel 9th May 2018

Future Generations Act and Scrutiny

Purpose: To review how the Panel are considering the Future

Generations Act in its Scrutiny Activity

Content: Guidance for Local Authority

Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards (An Overview)

Councillors are

being asked to: Consider the report and feedback any ideas

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a requirement on councils to designate an overview and scrutiny committee to scrutinise the work of the PSB. Under the provisions contained in the Act, overview and scrutiny committees have extensive powers to review the PSB's governance arrangements as well as any decisions made or actions taken by the PSB
- 2. This report has taken some of the key messages from the guidance developed by the Centre for Public Scrutiny on behalf of the Welsh Government.
- 2.1 This report is intended to assist the Panel with its Scrutiny of the PSB by highlighting some of the requirements placed on it.

3. Public Services Board Scrutiny Performance Panels have additional requirements and powers compared to other performance panels and this report is intended to remind, highlight and assist the Panel.

Background papers:

 Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards – Centre for Public Scrutiny, August 2017

Appendices:

- An Overview of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and guidance in relation to Public Services Board Scrutiny Performance Panel
- The Sustainable Development Principle and well-being goals