



Transport fit for future generations

What the Future Generations
Report 2020 means for
Public Bodies



Changing our approach to transport



Stats and trends:

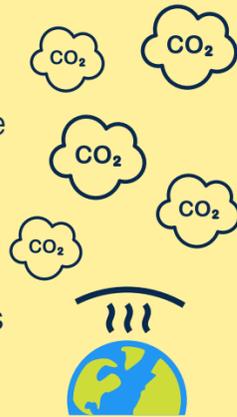
80% of journeys to work in Wales are made by car. The total number of kilometres travelled by motor vehicles reached a [record high in 2018](#).



Walking and cycling rates have [declined](#) in the last five years despite the introduction of the Active Travel Act.



The transport sector contributes to [17% of Wales' greenhouse gas emissions](#), with little change since 1990. Wales risks failing to meet its own targets on greenhouse gas emissions unless it changes its overreliance on the car.



The costs of congestion to the UK economy could rise by 66% from 2013 to 2030.



A growing population, and ageing population (particularly in rural areas), will place further demands on the transport system.



[The World Economic Forum](#) predicted that children born today will never drive a car.



So, what's changing?

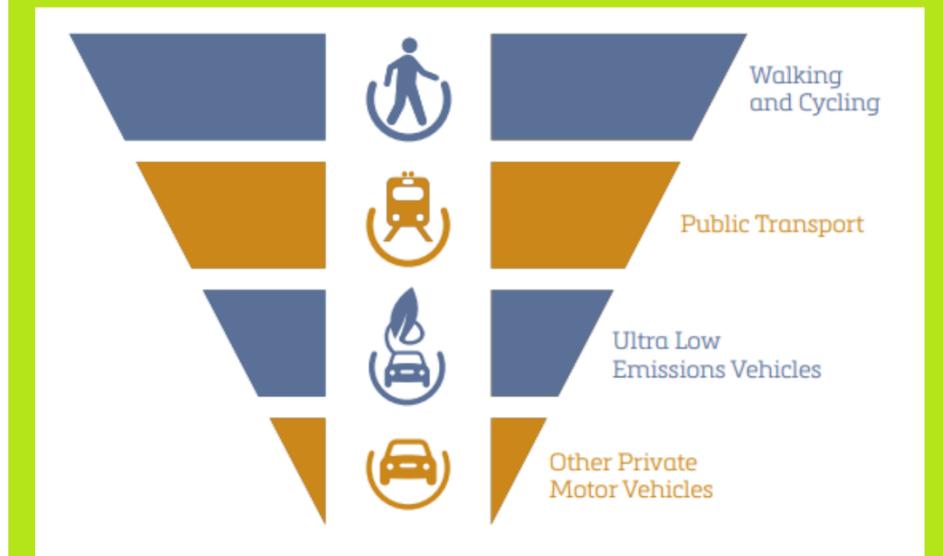
The Well-being of Future Generations Act places a framework for better decision-making processes, including decisions relating to transport, and makes public bodies think differently about how they exercise their already existing functions, as well as plan for the future.

The Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance update in 2017 embeds the principles of the Act, and is a positive step, but effective implementation is key in order to fully transform Wales' approach to planning.

The new Wales Transport Strategy emphasises the need for a modal shift, focused on reducing the need to travel and sets out plans to use the sustainable transport hierarchy from Planning Policy Wales as a criteria for funding future transport schemes. This approach needs to be embraced across all levels of transport planning so that Wales' transport system can support decarbonisation efforts, address the climate and nature emergencies, as well as inequalities.



Planning Policy Wales Sustainable Transport hierarchy





What is the Commissioner's vision?

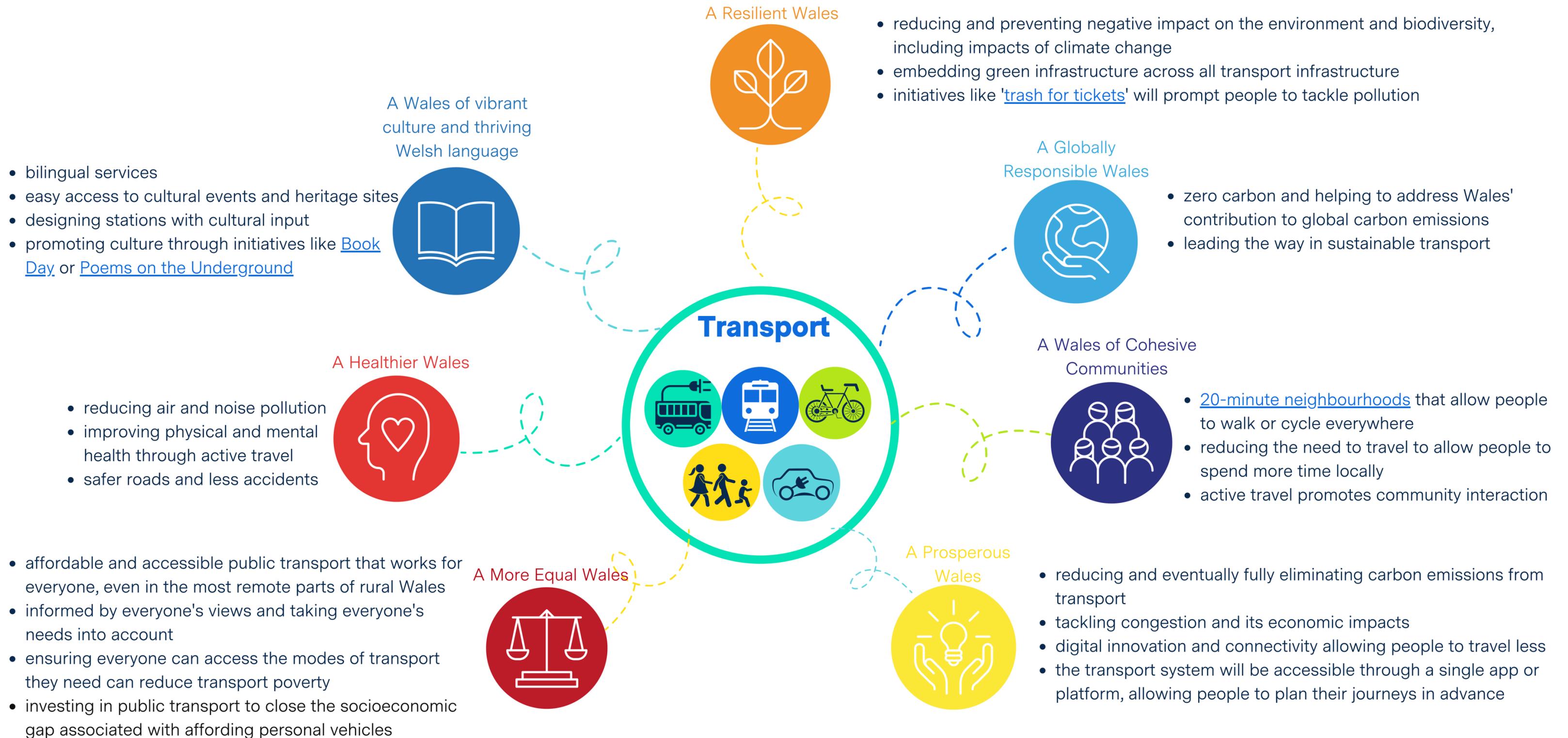


Places, which embed active travel infrastructure, fully integrated with a high-speed, reliable, zero carbon, affordable and completely accessible public and community transport system. Transport that is co-designed with communities and citizens' needs in mind, and which improves the social, environmental, economic and cultural well-being of Wales.

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How can this vision contribute to the 7 well-being goals?



What can you do to contribute to this future vision?*

I want all public bodies to:

- Fully integrate transport, housing and, land use planning, and support 20-minute neighbourhoods, to minimise the need for people to travel.
- Move away from traditional transport planning (such as road infrastructure) and onto a combination of alternative solutions that support the reduction of carbon emissions, such as providing high-quality cycle facilities, encouraging active travel and supporting people to take public transport.
- Use WelTAG 17 as soon as an issue relating to transport is identified, as opposed to retrofitting once a decision on a solution has been made. Use WelTAG to identify more innovative solutions that contribute to achieving the seven national well-being goals.
- Prioritise the development of active travel infrastructure for all new developments.
- Measure the carbon impact of transport investment and of transporting goods to ensure decisions are supporting Wales' emission targets.
- Seek to drive a modal shift and reduce carbon emissions from transport in your own organisations.
- Focus on behaviour change to incentivise people to travel sustainably by continuously promoting sustainable modes of transport and adopting strategies to discourage and restrict car use.
- Better coordinate and communicate alternatives to driving.
- Involve people to understand the reasons why they need to be connected to certain amenities and what would incentivise walking, cycling and using public transport.
- Make transport decisions informed by the views of people and the community as a first step. Engage with representatives of all groups being affected by these decisions, including young people, BAME communities, older people and people with disabilities.
- Collaborate with businesses to explore opportunities for creating viable bus services which can operate for other purposes, especially in rural areas. Scotland, Switzerland and Ireland operate schemes where the bus service doubles up for postal delivery and carrying passengers.



*These are only the recommendations most relevant to the work of you and your team. There are more recommendations contained in the Transport Section of the Future Generations report, which you might wish to look at.



Useful resources and tools, which can help you follow these recommendations:



This is a once in five years report, which sets out the Commissioner's assessment of progress made in implementing the Act within the reporting period. It reflects on the progress of all public bodies in terms of whether they have embraced the cultural change required by the Act and also considers the progress being made on each of the seven national well-being goals.



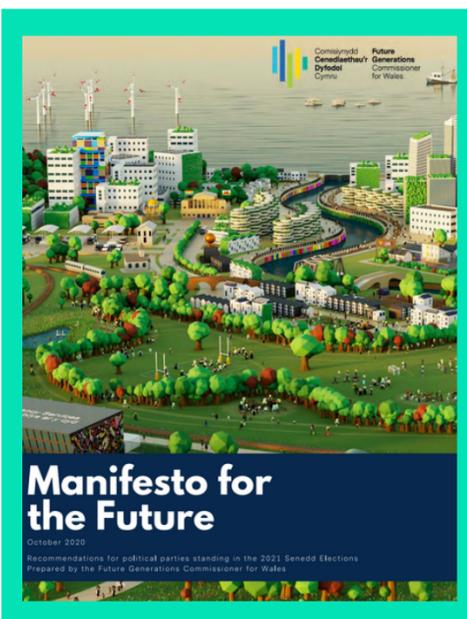
This report shows how Wales could transform its transport system by investing in public transport, active travel and ensuring delivery of all phases of the South Wales Metro with the £1.4bn currently earmarked for the M4 Black Route.



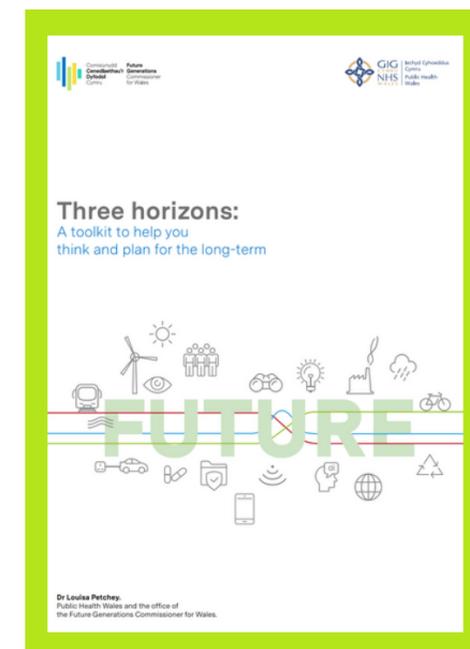
This framework is a series of prompts that could help anyone who is keen to ask questions about how a decision has been made – a member of the public, the media, a manager, elected officials and board members.



This framework can help projects to be developed in an integrated and collaborative way, based on what people need and supporting the well-being of communities today as well as in the long-term.



This document aims to amplify the voices of young people as we approach the Senedd election in 2021. It sets out the key recommendations that the Commissioners wants to see the next Welsh Government commit to. She has called on all political parties to consider these recommendations within their manifesto work.



This is an easy-to-use guide to help public bodies think and plan better for the long-term, by keeping a clear vision and taking future trends into account. The Three Horizons Toolkit is based on a model developed by Bill Sharpe and the International Futures Forum. It was developed by Public Health Wales and my office to help public bodies avoid making decisions that don't stand the test of time.



The Welsh Government released a new draft Transport Strategy for Wales in November 2020 which is currently going through a public consultation.



Useful contacts to support you with following these recommendations:



Cycling UK in Wales

