

Specification: support for our work on a green, equal and just recovery (economic expertise and financial analysis)

Introduction

This specification is open to anyone interested in an opportunity to work with the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales (FGCW), to provide economic and analytical support for our work on a green, equal and just recovery from the pandemic.

We are seeking support for our ongoing work on the green, equal and just recovery in Wales, specifically financial analysis and economic expertise throughout 2021-22 and potentially in 2022-23. We are looking for an individual, organisation or consortia to work with us to deliver this support on a flexible call off basis over a 24-month period: priorities and resources needed would be planned and agreed at regular intervals. There is also potential for a further one-year extension which will be assessed at the 18-month point.

One of the Commissioner's key priorities for this year is to influence the recovery from the pandemic in Wales, particularly through ensuring the newly elected Senedd and Welsh Government take opportunities for a green, equal and just recovery. The main elements of this work will relate to:

- Jobs and skills in key industries for a green, equal and just recovery;
- Decarbonisation, with a particular focus on the large scale decarbonisation of homes;
- Investment priorities and the Welsh Government budget process.

Proposals should be sent to contactus@futuregenerations.wales 'FAO Cathy Madge' by 5pm on 30th April 2021. If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to meet with us to discuss your ideas during the week commencing 10th May 2021. We expect the first part of the work to begin during May.

We welcome applications from interested individuals, organisations or consortia.

Context

The Commissioner published her first statutory [Future Generations Report](#) in May 2020, charting the progress of all public bodies covered by the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the degree to which they have embraced the cultural change required by the Act. The report contains over 100 recommendations aimed at accelerating the pace of change.

The Commissioner plays a crucial role in influencing national policy in Wales, as well as supporting and challenging Welsh Government and other public bodies to embed the requirements of the Act. During 2020-21 the office has focused on influencing policy and investment decisions which support a green, equal and just recovery, and this focus will continue in 2021-22.

Jobs and skills in key industries for a green, equal and just recovery

There is a particular opportunity for Welsh Government to make links with the climate and nature emergencies and invest in the development of skills in sectors that are shown to have significant job creation for a green, equal and just recovery.

For further context see [‘Equality skills gaps in green jobs, finds new analysis by Future Generations Commissioner, Wales TUC and NEF’](#)

Decarbonisation, with a particular focus on the large scale decarbonisation of homes

Wales has made world-leading pledges to significantly decarbonise housing stock by 2030, which will support the goal to be net zero by 2050. Overcoming levels of fuel poverty that remain stubbornly high (12%) sits at the heart of Wales’ decarbonisation and social justice objectives, and the decarbonisation of homes must be seen as a fundamental part of a green, equal and just recovery from the pandemic in Wales. Managed well, a retrofit programme could be a gamechanger for the Welsh economy - not only meeting decarbonisation and fuel poverty objectives, but creating new industries, skills and jobs, based on local supply chains and supporting the foundational economy.

The office is currently working with New Economics Foundation and Sustainable Design Collective to explore options for how the decarbonisation of homes could be financed, working closely with Welsh Government and Community Housing Cymru.

Investment priorities and the Welsh Government budget process

In the past year analysis of the Welsh Government budget and budget process has been a key part of the office’s approach in influencing investment in opportunities for a green, equal and just recovery.

For further context see [‘Next Welsh Government budget is an opportunity for a green and just recovery from the pandemic’](#)

The work

We are seeking economic and analytical support from individuals, organisations or consortia for the office’s work on influencing Welsh Government and other players to make and implement decisions which will progress a green, equal and just recovery in Wales. This is likely to include:

- Analysis of Government policy documents and budget documents (including carbon budgets and the carbon impacts of budget decisions);
- Collaborative work with members of the FGCW team to draw conclusions and generate ideas;
- Research into key policy topics such as those mentioned in other sections of this document;
- Provision of specific advice on well-being economics or finance;
- Attendance of meetings with Welsh Government and other organisations, alongside members of the FGCW team;

Due to the uncertainty of our current working environment (the pandemic and the outcome of the Senedd election) we do not know exactly what form this work will take and when it will definitely start, and this is something we can explore further at the interview stage. However it is likely that we will want some work to start during May.

We are interested in working with individuals and organisations who can provide added value to our work, for example through other work they are undertaking, or through networks and partnerships.

Your proposal

If you are interested in delivering this work, please prepare a proposal which includes:

A. Relevant experience

- Experience of key policy areas related to a green, equal and just recovery, particularly:
 - Skills and jobs
 - Decarbonisation of homes
 - The interconnections between a green recovery and key equalities issues and trends
- Experience of economic analysis across a range of policy areas, and of well-being economics.
- Experience of analysing Government budget documents.
- Experience of analysing carbon budgets, and the carbon impacts of budget decisions.
- Understanding of the Welsh policy landscape and Welsh Government priorities.
- Understanding of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

B. Approach to the work

- The profiles and specific expertise of the individuals / staff who would be available to undertake elements of the work.
- The payment rates of the individuals / staff who would be available to undertake elements of the work.

C. Broader benefits of working together

- How the support provided to our office could connect to other work that your organisation is undertaking.
- The added value your organisation could bring to our work – for example through other work you are undertaking, or through your networks or partnerships, or shared cultural values.

Further information

Before submitting a proposal, you may wish to familiarise yourself with:

- The requirements of the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act](#).
- The Commissioner's statutory '[Future Generations Report](#)' published in May 2020. In particular, 'The vision' in Chapter 1, 'A prosperous Wales' in Chapter 3 and 'Decarbonisation' in Chapter 5.
- The Commissioner's [statement](#) on her early thinking about key opportunities for Welsh Government to build back better in recovering from the pandemic.
- The Commissioner's [analysis](#) of the draft Welsh Government budget 2021-22.

If you have questions about this work in advance of submitting a proposal please email Cathy Madge (cathy.madge@futuregenerations.wales).