# WRITTEN STATEMENT

# BY

# THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **TITLE**  | **Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) 2017** |
| **DATE**  | **13 December 2017** |
| **BY** | **Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport** |

Today I am delighted to launch the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) 2017.

WelTAG 2017 will ensure that all transport schemes in Wales support our vision for a Wales that is prosperous and secure, healthy and active, ambitious and learning, united and connected.

WelTAG 2017 replaces WelTAG 2008, as the best practice guidance for the development, appraisal and evaluation of transport related projects. WelTAG 2017 combines best practice in transport appraisal with the five case model for better business cases, to ensure that investment in transport is targeted where it can maximise contribution to the well-being of Wales. Alongside the core guidance, WelTAG 2017 includes supplementary guidance notes that provide additional support and advice on key issues. These will be kept under review and updated as required.

I have been delighted to work closely with the Future Generations Commissioner to ensure that WelTAG 2017 embeds the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, to ensure that transport schemes are developed using the sustainable development principle and maximise their contribution to the well-being of future generations.

Following this launch my officials will be setting up a WelTAG Community of Practice, with workshops and case studies to support the transition to WelTAG 2017.