

Agenda – Y Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb, Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau

Lleoliad: I gael rhagor o wybodaeth cysylltwch a:
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- 1 Cyflwyniad, ymddiheuriadau, dirprwyon a datgan buddiannau**
(13.30)
- 2 Cyllideb Ddrafft Llywodraeth Cymru 2019–20: Aseidiadau effaith sy'n cyd-fynd â'r cyllidebau drafft (Sesiwn dystiolaeth 1)**
(13.30–14.10) (Tudalennau 1 – 38)
Ruth Coombs, Pennaeth y Comisiwn Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol yng Nghymru
Yr Athro Sally Holland, Comisiynydd Plant Cymru
Rachel Thomas, Pennaeth Polisi a Materion Cyhoeddusm, Comisiynydd Plant Cymru

Dogfennau atodedig:

Papur 1 – Tystiolaeth ysgrifenedig: Comisiynydd Plant Cymru.

Papur 2 – Tystiolaeth ysgrifenedig: Y Comisiwn Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol

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Egwyl: 14.10–14.15

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3 Cyllideb Ddrafft Llywodraeth Cymru 2019–20: Aseidiadau effaith sy'n cyd-fynd â'r cyllidebau drafft (Sesiwn dystiolaeth 2)

(14.15–15.15)

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Mark Drakeford AC, Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyllid

Julie James AC, Arweinydd y Tŷ a'r Prif Chwip

Andrew Jeffreys, Cyfarwyddwr, Trysorlys, Llywodraeth Cymru

Matt Wellington, Pennaeth Cyfnodi a Dadansoddi y Rhaglen Lywodraethu, Llywodraeth Cymru

Paul Dear, Pennaeth Cydraddoldeb, Llywodraeth Cymru

Anthony Jordan, Pennaeth Gweithredu Rhaglen Deddfwriaethol, Llywodraeth Cymru

Dogfen atodedig:

Papur 3 – Papur tystiolaeth gan Lywodraeth Cymru

4 Cynnig o dan Reol Sefydlog 17.42 i benderfynu gwahardd y cyhoedd o weddill y cyfarfod

(15.15)

5 Cyllideb Ddrafft Llywodraeth Cymru 2019–20: Aseidiadau effaith sy'n cyd-fynd â'r cyllidebau drafft (Trafod y dystiolaeth)

(15.15–15.30)



Comisiynydd Plant Cymru Children's Commissioner for Wales

Ymateb i Ymgynghoriad / Consultation Response

Date / Dyddiad: 31st October 2018

Subject / Pwnc: Scrutiny of the draft budget for 2019/20 and impact assessments

Background information about the Children's Commissioner for Wales

The Children's Commissioner for Wales' principal aim is to safeguard and promote the rights and welfare of children. In exercising their functions, the Commissioner must have regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The Commissioner's remit covers all areas of the devolved powers of the National Assembly for Wales that affect children's rights and welfare.

The UNCRC is an international human rights treaty that applies to all children and young people up to the age of 18. The Welsh Government has adopted the UNCRC as the basis of all policy making for children and young people and the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011 places a duty on Welsh Ministers, in exercising their functions, to have 'due regard' to the UNCRC.

This response is not confidential.

This written submission has been prepared to inform the concurrent Committee sessions for the Finance Committee, Children Young People and Education Committee and Equality Local Government and Communities Committee on 15th November 2018.

I understand that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Welsh Government's impact assessments for its draft budget, so I have focused on impact assessments in relation to children's rights within my response. I have picked out particular aspects of the 2019-20 budget to illustrate my points but my response also covers the following general points:

- Due regard to the UNCRC
- Children's Rights Impact Assessments
- UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and General Comment 19 on public budgets
- Children's Budgeting in Wales
- A Children's Rights Approach.

My submission covers international and national expectations around children and participatory budgeting, and seeks to highlight areas where I feel unfortunately these expectations have not been met in the last two years' budget processes.

The key points I will cover are:

- There does not appear to have been progress around the prominence of children and children's rights within the budget considerations;
- There is a lack of analytical evidence in the form of Children's Rights Impact Assessments to show whether children are better or worse off as a result of the budget decisions; and
- Due regard to Children's Rights in exercising Ministerial functions is a legislative requirement and not an 'optional extra'.

Due regard to the UNCRC

As Children's Commissioner for Wales, my legislative remit requires me to have regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) when exercising my functions. Similarly there is a duty on all Welsh Ministers to have due regard to the UNCRC when exercising their functions, under Section 1 of the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011. Whilst the Committee scrutiny session on 15th November 2018 will look at impact assessments in the broadest terms, my contribution to that session is necessarily contained to issues affecting children and the UNCRC.

The Children's Rights Scheme 2014 which sits underneath the above named Measure sets out the arrangements for the Welsh Government to have due regard to the UNCRC when exercising functions. Children's rights impact assessments (CRIA) were a key focus of attention when preparing the scheme, and are described as "the process for providing the evidence that children's rights are being analysed and considered with appropriate rigour in our work." The Scheme contains process flowcharts towards the end at Annex 1, which take officials through a series of questions to consider whether or not a CRIA is required to be completed. Questions include whether advice is being offered to a Minister or whether they are carrying out ministerial functions, and whether or not the decision is "relevant to young people". The flowcharts require officials when submitting advice to ministers to confirm that due regard has been given to the UNCRC.

The Scheme sets out the following arrangements in order that Ministers may evidence their compliance:

- putting a Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) process in place;
- setting out Accountability and Compliance mechanisms;
- providing information and guidance on how Welsh Ministers may be held to account for compliance with the due regard duty.

In recognition of other legal duties and assessments, the Scheme makes clear that Welsh Ministers will align the CRIA process and afford it "adequate prominence" with other assessment requirements. They state that should the wider arrangements be reviewed or amended, "Ministers will ensure that the duty is fully considered and that there is no retrogression in the application of the due regard to the UNCRC".

The Scheme requires reports to be produced at periodic intervals of 2.5 years, to demonstrate compliance with the scheme and the duty of due regard. The 2018 Compliance Report indicated that "it is now time to reflect on the progress made in relation to children's rights, and review the Scheme to bring it up to date." The proposal was to increase the focus on outcomes and changes for children and young people rather than just measuring outputs. It was proposed that the work would be completed by the end of 2018, and that it would be carried out in consultation with children and young people, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and other stakeholder groups. Any changes would require approval by Assembly Members. To date this work has not progressed.

However, in the meantime, the Welsh Government has introduced their Strategic Integrated Impact Assessment (SIIA). The SIIA has been used for the budget process since 2015 and a further SIIA has been published alongside the 2019-20 draft budget proposals on 2nd October 2018. We are aware that SIIA have now been rolled out across the Government, so all new policy and legislative proposals should now be subject to a SIIA rather than individual impact assessments.

Children's Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA)

Children's Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA) are recognised internationally as a key mechanism to 'operationalise' the UNCRC and its guiding principle of best interest. A CRIA would therefore consider the potential impact that any proposed policy, legislation, budget or change in administrative services could have on children and their rights, prior to enactment or implementation. This process is said to help ensure effective protection and realisation of rights, and to avoid any adverse impact.

The CRIA template used by the Welsh Government follows a six stage process:

Step 1- What is the piece of work and its objective(s)?

Step 2 - Analysing the impact.

Step 3 - How does the work support and promote children's rights?

Step 4 - Advising the Minister and Ministerial decision.

Step 5 - Recording and communicating the outcome.

Step 6 - Revisiting the piece of work as and when needed

In his [2015 evaluation report](#) on the CRIA procedure in Wales, Simon Hoffman from the Observatory on children's human rights at Swansea University stated that "[t]he six-step CRIA is a contribution to embedding children's rights in the legislative and policy-making processes of the Welsh Government." The evaluation report recommended amending the CRIA template because "particular attention needs to be given to strengthening guidance to direct attention to possible discriminatory impacts of a proposal and the need to consult with children and young people (or other relevant stakeholders)."

The evaluation report made a number of recommendations, intended to strengthen and extend existing work around CRIA and embed the use of CRIA earlier within the policy making process.

[A 2017 UNICEF CRIA briefing for Wales](#) reflects that although CRIA are not mandatory in Wales, it is seen as a primary tool for delivering Ministerial duties on children's rights. The intention is for them to be completed early in the policy development process, to inform the direction of each policy and legislative proposal. However where they have been drafted too late in the policy process, UNICEF observed that CRIA became "one-off products drafted to record and communicate decisions rather than to inform them."

CRIA need to be done well in order to make a difference and contribute positively to policy development. CRIA should also be produced across government departments and should seek to include the direct views of children and young people.

Despite there being areas where improvements could be made, Wales was considered to be the leader on CRIA use in the UK, according to the UNICEF work.

UNICEF UK recommended that Welsh Government:

1. Evaluate the pilot of the revised CRIA template and guidance.
2. Revise the mandatory child rights training for Welsh Government officials, and develop a second tier training programme to support the use of CRIA as a policy development and improvement tool.
3. Introduce systematic CRC and CRIA awareness raising sessions for all Ministers and senior civil servants.
4. Ensure that the Implementation Team is sufficiently resourced to support colleagues across government in undertaking high quality CRIA, including in enabling colleagues to recognise and plan for any resource implications of the CRIA process.
5. Make all CRIAs publicly available, highlighting examples of best practice.
6. Consider ways to link CRIAs relating to specific policies (for example, those produced at consultation, then Bill, then draft regulation stages) to provide a record of how that policy has changed to better promote, respect and protect children's rights.
7. Explore the use of a multi-agency, co-production approach to CRIA which involves external experts, including the distinct role that the Welsh Government's Child Rights Advisory Group could play in supporting the development of individual CRIA.
8. Consider how to use Welsh Government's experience of undertaking CRIA at the national level to promote similar practices at the local level.
9. Share good practice and expertise across the four UK jurisdictions on making effective use of CRIA to improve outcomes for children.

Whilst CRIA are available on request, they are not all 'publically available'. Further, the introduction of SIIA does not require the publication of a CRIA in every case. Only sections 1 and 7 of the SIIA are expected to be published; children's rights sit within section 2. This means that, should an official decide that a full CRIA is not required to be completed, they will not have to publish their reasoning for this. It is also unclear whether, if a full CRIA is completed alongside the SIIA, it will be automatically published.

UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Article 4 of the UNCRC states the following:

States Parties shall undertake all appropriate legislative, administrative, and other measures for the implementation of the rights recognized in the present Convention. With regard to economic, social and cultural rights, States Parties shall undertake such measures to the maximum extent of their available resources and, where needed, within the framework of international co-operation.

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child has produced a number of General Comments on issues related to children's rights. In 2016 the Committee published General comment No. 19 (2016) on public budgeting for the realization of children's rights (art. 4) ("GC 19"). It is intended to assist states in the implementation of article 4 in relation to public budgets.

The messages gathered from 2,693 children from 71 countries to feed into this general comment included the following:

- (a) Plan well. There should be enough money in the budget to provide for all rights of children;
- (b) It is impossible for you to invest in us if you do not ask us what to invest in! We know; you should ask;
- (c) Do not forget to include children with special needs in your budgets;
- (d) Spend money fairly and wisely. Don't spend our money on something that is useless — be efficient, save money;
- (e) Investing in children is a long-term investment, and it generates a lot, so remember to think of it;
- (f) Investment in our families is also an important way of securing our rights;
- (g) Make sure there is no corruption;
- (h) Recognize the rights of all citizens, both young and old, by listening to people's opinions on matters of governance;
- (i) I would like the Government to be more accountable and transparent;
- (j) Publish records of how the money is spent;
- (k) Provide budget information to all children in ways that are easily understood and in media that are popular with children, like social media.

The wording of Article 4 (shall undertake) indicates that this is not optional, and GC 19 notes that all government branches, levels and structures that play a role in devising public budgets shall exercise their functions in a way that is consistent with the Convention.

GC 19 also highlights the four core principles of non-discrimination (article 2), best interests of the child (article 3), right to life, survival and development (article 6) and right to be heard (article 12).

In order for the budget process to be effective, “States parties should constantly assess how budgets affect different groups of children and ensure that their budget decisions lead to the best possible outcomes for the largest number of children, paying special attention to children in vulnerable situations.”

In terms of equity, this “does not always mean spending the same amount on each child, but rather making spending decisions that lead to substantive equality among children. Resources should be fairly targeted to promote equality. States parties are obliged to remove all discriminatory barriers that children may face in accessing their rights.”

Budgets should also be efficient, sustainable and transparent. Transparency is considered “a prerequisite for enabling meaningful participation of the executive, legislatures and civil society, including children, in the budget process.” It is also noted within GC 19 that reflection and audit of the impact of previous decisions is important in order to inform future decision making.

Children’s Budgeting

In October 2009 the then Children, Young People and Education Committee concluded their focused inquiry on children’s budgeting by publishing their report Children’s Budgeting in Wales. In her foreword as Chair of the Committee, Helen Mary Jones stated that children’s budgeting is all about “examining the resources that national and local government allocate to policies and services that affect children and young people, assessing the impact they have, and looking at whether these adequately reflect the needs of children and young people.” At that time Wales was recognised as a lead across the UK having initiated some work around this, but by the Government’s own admission it was “early days”.

The Committee initiated their inquiry due to their concerns that “the ways in which budgets are constructed in Wales made it difficult for us to effectively examine the Welsh Government’s expenditure on children and young people.”

The report made 11 recommendations, around published strategies and action plans for children, statutory guidance on data collection and production of children and young people’s budget statements, monitoring, participation and

improving the information available to the public. The key recommendation (recommendation 4) was for the Welsh Government to produce their own children and young people's budget statement.

In their final substantive response to the Inquiry, in November 2010, the Welsh Government recognised the Committee's concerns, and accepted many of the recommendations, particularly on the publication of children and young people's budget statements and participation. At that time the Government also identified additional benefits of children's budgeting, for example in helping to meet the target to eradicate child poverty by 2020 (a target that has since been abandoned).

I became the Children's Commissioner for Wales in April 2015; in this time I have not seen a single example of a Children and Young People's Budget Statement from the Welsh Government. In addition, the impact assessments for the budget have all been SIIA in this time, despite the Government committing to undertake further work around children's budgeting.

The response also refers to Children and Young People's Plans; these have since been abolished with no replacement or similar requirement created.

The last published Welsh Assembly Government and local authority expenditure - Population group analysis (presenting information on the proportion of budget spent on those aged 0-17, 18-25, 26-64 and those aged 65 and over) is dated 28 July 2010, despite the government committing to revisiting this process every three years.

A Children's Rights Approach

In 2016 I published a guide for all public bodies (including the Welsh Government) on a children's rights approach, entitled The Right Way.

The five principles of a Children's Rights Approach are:

- Embedding children's rights
- Equality and Non-discrimination
- Empowering children
- Participation
- Accountability.

Embedding a children's rights approach includes ensuring that "[p]olicy, procedures and actions, as well as budgets should all be developed and implemented taking into account their impact on children's rights. It should be clear and transparent where children's rights have been taken into account."

Examples of this include developing and making use of performance indicators which reflect children's rights (e.g. should be incorporated in business planning, budgeting and other strategic planning); and children's rights impact assessment i.e. the proofing of any policy and budgetary decisions for their direct or indirect impact on children (or children's rights assessment integrated into Equality Impact Assessment).

Use of CRIA can also help to support equality and non-discrimination, by ensuring that children are involved in the proofing of all budgetary decisions that have a direct or indirect impact on them. In order to do so information needs to be provided to children and young people in a suitable format. Providing opportunities for children and young people to contribute to this process will be empowering in itself, but empowerment can also be extended if you ensure that resources are identified in budgets to support education, training and development opportunities for children, and participation.

Our guide highlights a case study example from the City and County of Swansea. More than 100 children and young people (aged 7 to 18) were invited from local primary and secondary schools to participate in the Council's Big Budget conversation. This was the Council's third annual budget consultation with children and young people in the city. Participation was initiated by city officials as part of a broad policy of giving due regard to the UNCRC in policy-making. Council officials developed consultation tools to engage with a total of 114 pupils from primary and secondary schools in advance of the budget. For example, one workshop presented participants with ten budget headings with resources allocated to each. Participants were asked to consider what they would do as the Council if they had to cut 20 percent of the budget. Participants described their rationale for any suggested cuts, or for protecting spending in some areas. The Council asked in this consultation for children and young people's advice on what to prioritise as the Council reduced the overall budget. It is an example of how children can be involved in decision-making processes where resources are constrained and may not be available for the promotion of children's rights, but where the realisation of children's rights could be better achieved through redirecting or retaining funding for particular services.

The final principle of accountability is important as it can often be overlooked. Accountability can be achieved by encouraging independent monitoring of performance against children's rights standards, including by involving children in monitoring and/or external review/inspection. Public services should be accountable to all those who use them, which includes children and young people.

2019/20 Budget

This year's budget has been prepared in the context of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. While I welcome the consideration of policy lines alongside each other under the headings from *Prosperity for All* rather than under Ministerial portfolios this year, there still does not appear to have been strong consideration for children's rights and the impact on children of particular decisions. This legislation is not directly linked to human rights treaties and obligations, and therefore using this as the approach for budget considerations can unfortunately result in rights being overlooked.

Whilst the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act complements many of the aims of children's rights, it does not directly use rights based language. Participation is one example where the terminology aligns; it is important that there is transparency in the budget papers to ensure meaningful participation. The draft budget refers to Participative Budgeting but it is unclear exactly how this has taken place, particularly with children and young people. The narrative refers to explaining the budget process to different groups when the opportunities arise but it doesn't say a great deal beyond that and doesn't mention children at all.

As noted above, a SIIA has been published together with the draft budget, rather than individual impact assessments. Whilst there are mentions of different articles of the UNCRC within that document, I was disappointed to see that these appear to have been used to back up the particular decisions and allocations that have been made rather than analysing the impact of different options. The narrative of the impact assessment (contained within the budget narrative, not published separately) does not follow the questions set out within the government's SIIA guidance on children's rights, nor does it follow the six stage process for CRIA noted above. It is therefore difficult to ascertain exactly how this process has been undertaken in line with the government's own guidance.

Here are some examples where I feel that the analysis is poor or lacking. I should make clear that I do not disagree with allocating funding to particular groups that may be highlighted, but it isn't possible to see the analysis of options within these parts.

The PDG Access programme is stated to "meet the UNCRC" with reference to Articles 26 and 29. Whilst both of these articles are relevant in this area as they relate to additional funding, and young people being able to achieve their full potential through education, it cannot be stated that the provision of £125 to pupils at Reception age and the start of secondary school "meets" the UNCRC. Without analysing the current cost of school uniforms, sports equipment and costs associated with membership of external clubs and societies, it is impossible to state that this funding therefore meets those obligations. There is also no analysis of the impact on children whose family income may be just above the level that makes them eligible for this grant, yet who would still be recognised as living in

poverty using standard measures. It could be said to uphold some of the principles of Articles 26 and 29, but a blanket statement that those articles are somehow completed via this policy cannot be supported.

Within the draft budget narrative, this grant was described as covering articles 26, 27 and 30. There is undeniably a link between the participation in clubs/societies or sporting activities and positive mental health, this is far too simplistic and doesn't take account of whether or not the funding is sufficient for families to afford uniform plus sports kit, subscriptions for clubs, getting to training, attending away matches and competitions.

The full budget narrative refers to £1m additional funding for age 16-18 concessionary travel, which has been "reprioritised" to enhance the existing scheme. Unfortunately as the details of the new scheme are now overdue (expected Sept 2018) it is difficult to understand how this will enhance the scheme. It is therefore impossible to analyse the *impact* of this albeit welcome funding. The funding for free school meals falls into a similar category; there was a consultation in September 2018 about the threshold level for free school meals in the context of Universal Credit. Despite the fact that the response to this consultation has not yet been published, by 2nd October when the draft budget was published, the figures included were based on the consultation proposals. It is unfortunate that the consultation was timed for this period when the results could not possibly feed into consideration of the draft budget. This makes the consultation exercise appear less meaningful as it implies there is no intention to alter the thresholds set despite asking respondents to consider this.

The majority of the SIIA justifies each spending decision relating to children by referencing a UNCRC article. Without any wider strategic statement that explains the government's aims in relation to children's policy, or more comprehensive analysis made available to the public on potential impact of each area of funding on different groups of children, there is a risk that this becomes an overly simple equation. For example, as there is additional funding being provided for mental health support, this is seen to satisfy Article 24. Funding for the All Wales School Liaison Programme (School Beat) has been restored and referenced in this context as protecting children from dangerous drugs under Article 33. I should state that I am extremely pleased that this funding stream has been restored following concerns during the year that it may disappear. I do not think, however, that this description does justice to the broad range of work included in the programme. This simplistic analysis risks a misunderstanding of the value of this work and therefore could place it in jeopardy for future years.

Many areas of concern were raised in relation to last year's budget, due to a lack of clarity and transparency. These include the School Beat Funding, the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant or MEAG, and the school uniform grant. In relation to MEAG, I have recently been contacted by the Neath Port Talbot Youth Council, expressing concerns about how the Education Improvement Grant will affect the Minority Ethnic Services (MEAS) and also the Traveller

Education Service (TES). They were worried that putting all of the grants into one funding pot may risk not reaching all of the different vulnerable groups who would really benefit from this to support educational attainment. The youth council had written to the Cabinet Secretary for Education with their concerns and had asked whether or not a CRIA had been undertaken. The response referred to an integrated approach to impact assessment but went no further to explain how the impact had been considered in relation to these funding streams. The Government had committed to reviewing the Education Improvement Grant in their [response](#) to the CYPE Committee inquiry on the EIG, but we are not aware that this has taken place. The Committee's own view about an amalgamated grant covering outcomes for all learners was that it would be "over-ambitious and unrealistic to expect that a focus on all pupils, even generally on those from deprived backgrounds as measured by eligibility for free school meals, will trickle down sufficiently to specific groups of learners such as Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children and all of the different ethnic groups we have in Wales."

Also within this year's budget there is a notable cut of £5m from the budget previously allocated to the childcare offer. Whilst a CRIA was produced to coincide with publication of the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill, the CRIA took the approach of measuring the impact of the children who were included in the Offer only. My [written](#) and [oral](#) evidence to the CYPE Committee at Stage 1 of this Bill highlighted that this is not the correct approach for impact assessments. Whilst I am aware that specific commitments were made within the Labour party manifesto for the 2016 election around eligibility for the offer, it is clear to me that a CRIA of that option should have identified significant groups that would be further disadvantaged by exclusion from the Offer, such as children whose parents are not in work, and younger children. The position on this Offer is such that, despite a CRIA having been completed, the actual Offer that is going forward is perpetuating disadvantage rather than seeking to mitigate the circumstances and level the playing field for those children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Further, due to lack of take up during the pilot phase, money is now being removed from this budget line for 2019-20. There is no available evidence as to any considerations around extension of the offer due to additional money being available.

This to me highlights the importance of CRIA being completed at the outset of policy development, to *inform* the policy direction rather than *confirm* that the policy is compliant with rights simply by mentioning rights in the context of the children who have been included only. Decisions to allocate funding, whether for an entirely new pot of funding, cutting previous funding levels or amalgamating a number of grants, are all examples of Ministers exercising their functions. As such I would expect a CRIA to be completed in relation to those decisions and published alongside the budget (or record of the decision if this is taken outside of the budget round). In relation to general policy or legislative decisions, I would expect the CRIA to be completed as part of the broader policy development, and the associated budget to then be clearly linked back to that work as opposed to the CRIA being undertaken once the extent, scope and funding have already been decided upon.

Had a CRIA been undertaken in relation to the budget decision making, I would have expected this point to at least have been identified and considered. As it is, children's rights appear to be an 'add-on' within this budget, as seems to have been the case for a number of years, rather than part of the analysis that led to the budgetary decisions in the first place. If children's rights *were* more integrated into the process this year, then this is not evidenced in the publically available documents.

Summary of the approach in Wales

This submission aims to highlight the dichotomy between the narrative in Wales around children's rights being part of all of the business of government and the reality that at present, impact assessments are not taking account of children's rights in a detailed, open and transparent manner. The result of this is that, unfortunately, it is difficult to identify how Ministers have met their duties under the Measure.

For impact assessments in general, it is not intended that policies should be created and then impact assessments are written to 'fit' around the policies that have already been decided upon.

The evidence within this paper picks up the expectations from Wales and from international perspectives around children's rights and public budgets. Unfortunately I would have to conclude that Wales appears not to have made progress on this, despite the introduction of the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Children's Scheme 2014. The use of SIIA appears to have weakened the position on children's rights being actively considered as part of decision making processes. This is despite the statements within the Government's own Children's Rights Scheme which stated that in any review or amendment of arrangements, ministers would ensure there would be "no retrogression" in the application of the UNCRC due regard duty.

This echoes the concerns of the CYPE Committee in their [scrutiny of the 2018-19 budget](#). They called for a specific CRIA on the budget and stated "We fear that without a CRIA, resources to support the rights of children and young people may at best be difficult to identify. At worst, the absence of a CRIA could lead to the Welsh Government paying inadequate attention to the rights of children and young people in important financial decisions."

If the duties on Welsh Ministers within that Measure have not been sufficient to create transparent and participatory budgeting and clear account of children's rights, I believe that further incorporation of the UNCRC is required in order to address this point. This is something that I have already raised with the Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care and the First Minister, and I will be pursuing this further with their officials at their direction, in order to ensure that children's rights are properly considered in government decision making, and that decisions can be challenged should this not be the case.

Submitted by:

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Children's Commissioner for Wales

Ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad gan y Comisiwn Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol:

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Ynglŷn â'r Comisiwn Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol

Mae'r Comisiwn Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol (y Comisiwn) yn gorff statudol a sefydlwyd o dan Ddeddf Cydraddoldeb 2006. Mae'n gweithredu'n annibynnol i annog cydraddoldeb ac amrywiaeth, cael gwared ar wahaniaethu anghyfreithlon, a diogelu a hyrwyddo hawliau dynol. Mae'r Comisiwn yn gorfodi deddfwriaeth cydraddoldeb ar oedran, anabledd, ailbennu rhywedd, priodas a phartneriaeth sifil, beichiogrwydd a mamolaeth, hil, crefydd neu gred, rhyw a thueddfryd rhywiol. Mae'n annog cydymffurfiaeth â Deddf Hawliau Dynol 1998 ac fe'i achredir ar lefel y Cenhedloedd Unedig fel Sefydliad Hawliau Dynol Cenedlaethol 'statws A', i gydnabod ei annibyniaeth, ei bwerau a'i berfformiad.

Crynodeb

Wrth osod ei chyllideb, dylai Llywodraeth Cymru:

- Cydymffurfio'n llawn â Dyletswydd Cydraddoldeb y Sector Cyhoeddus (PSED) yn brydlon, gan gyfeirio'n arbennig at y dyletswyddau penodol ar asesu effaith ac ymgysylltu.
- Adeiladu ymhellach ar argymhellion yr adroddiad 'Ymchwiliad Gwerthfawrogol i ddull Llywodraeth Cymru o asesu effeithiau cydraddoldeb ei chyllideb', gan gynnwys adolygiad o'r broses asesu effaith integredig strategol newydd i sicrhau ei fod yn cydymffurfio â'r PSED.
- Targedu ei phenderfyniadau treth a gwariant ar leihau'r anfantais a brofir gan wahanol grwpiau, a dylai cynnal a chyhoeddi Asesiad Effaith Cronnol o'r effaith amrywiol ar bobl â nodweddion gwarchoddedig gwahanol ochr yn ochr â'r holl ddigwyddiadau ariannol cenedlaethol.
- Defnyddio cyfleoedd cyllidebol i fwrw ymlaen â blaenoriaethau ac argymhellion a nodwyd yn adroddiad y Comisiwn, 'A yw Cymru'n Decach?' a'i hamcanion cydraddoldeb PSED ei hun.

Cwestiynau i'w hystyried:

Byddem yn croesawu'r Pwyllgorau yn archwilio'r cwestiynau canlynol gyda Llywodraeth Cymru:

1. Sut mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cydymffurfio â dyletswyddau penodol PSED, yn enwedig y gofynion i ymgysylltu â rhanddeiliaid ac i ddadansoddi effaith?
2. Sut mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn sicrhau bod asesiad effaith cydraddoldeb ei chyllideb yn rhan annatod o'r broses o osod cyllideb o'r cychwyn cyntaf?
3. A yw Llywodraeth Cymru wedi datblygu Asesiad Effaith Cronnol i ddeall effaith gyffredinol pob penderfyniad gwario?
4. Sut mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn defnyddio ei phroses o osod cyllidebau i ystyried cyflawni ei hamcanion cynllun cydraddoldeb strategol a'r prif ganfyddiadau yn 'A yw Cymru'n decach?'

Dyletswydd Cydraddoldeb y Sector Cyhoeddus ac asesu effaith

Eleni, cynhyrchodd Llywodraeth Cymru Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol (Atodiad D y gyllideb ddrafft 2019-20). Rhaid i Lywodraeth Cymru gydymffurfio â'r dyletswyddau a amlinellir yn y PSED wrth gynnal ei hasesiad integredig strategol.

Bwriad dyletswydd cydraddoldeb y sector cyhoeddus (PSED) yn Neddf Cydraddoldeb 2010 yw sicrhau bod ystyriaethau cydraddoldeb yn rhan o ddyluniad polisiâu a chyflenwi gwasanaethau cyhoeddus. O dan y

ddyletswydd, mae'n ofynnol i gyrff cyhoeddus, gan gynnwys Llywodraeth Cymru, roi sylw dyladwy i'r angen i:

- gael gwared ar wahaniaethu anghyfreithlon, aflonyddu ac erledigaeth ac ymddygiad arall a waharddir gan y Ddeddf
- symud cyfle cyfartal ymlaen rhwng pobl sy'n rhannu nodwedd warchoddedig berthnasol i a'r rhai nad ydynt
- meithrin cysylltiadau da rhwng pobl sy'n rhannu nodwedd warchoddedig a'r rhai nad ydynt.

Mae'r dyletswyddau penodolⁱⁱ, a basiwyd gan y Cynulliad Cenedlaethol, yn nodi'r camau y mae'n rhaid i gyrff rhestredig yng Nghymru eu cymryd er mwyn dangos eu bod yn talu sylw dyledus i'r ddyletswydd gyffredinol. Mae asesu effaith cydraddoldeb polisïau ac arferion arfaethedig yn un o'r dyletswyddau penodol.

Mae dyraniad cyllideb yn arfer sylfaenol y mae'n ofynnol i Lywodraeth Cymru ddangos iddo fod wedi asesu'r effeithiau cydraddoldeb ac, ar ôl ystyried hyn, y bod ganddi 'ystyriaeth ddyledus' (hynny yw rhoi pwysau priodol) i ganlyniadau'r asesiadau. Mae hyn yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i Lywodraeth Cymru ystyried cymryd camau i fynd i'r afael ag unrhyw faterion a nodwyd, megis mynd i'r afael ag effeithiau negyddol o fewn y broses o osod cyllidebau.

Yr hyn sydd ei angen ar y ddyletswydd wrth asesu effaith

- asesu effaith debygol polisïau ac arferion arfaethedig ar ei allu i gydymffurfio â'r ddyletswydd gyffredinol
- asesu effaith unrhyw bolisi sy'n cael ei adolygu ac unrhyw ddiwygiad arfaethedig
- cyhoeddi adroddiadau o'r asesiadau lle maent yn dangos effaith sylweddol (neu effaith debygol) ar allu Llywodraeth Cymru i fodloni'r ddyletswydd gyffredinol
- monitro effaith polisïau ac arferion ar ei allu i fodloni'r ddyletswydd honno.

Rhaid i adroddiadau ar asesiadau nodi'n benodol:

- pwrpas y polisi neu'r arfer (neu ddiwygio) a aseswyd
- crynodeb o'r camau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i gyflawni'r asesiad (gan gynnwys ymgysylltu perthnasol)
- crynodeb o'r wybodaeth y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i hystyried yn yr asesiad
- canlyniadau'r asesiad

- unrhyw benderfyniadau a wneir mewn perthynas â'r canlyniadau hynny.

Yn ogystal, wrth asesu ar gyfer effaith polisïau ac arferion ar ei allu i gydymffurfio â'r ddyletswydd cydraddoldeb gyffredinol, mae'n rhaid i Lywodraeth Cymru:

- cydymffurfio â'r darpariaethau ymgysylltu
- rhoi sylw dyladwy i'r wybodaeth berthnasol sydd gan yr awdurdod.

Dylai asesu effaith cydraddoldeb ei chyllideb fod yn rhan annatod o broses gosod cyllideb Llywodraeth Cymru o'r cychwyn cyntaf. Dylai pwy bynnag sy'n cynnal asesiad o effaith:

- meddu ar ddealltwriaeth fanwl o'r maes polisi
- bod mewn sefyllfa i sicrhau y gellir gwneud newidiadau lle bo angen
- cael cefnogaeth ac arweinyddiaeth uwch reolwyr.

Mae'r dyletswyddau penodol yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i Lywodraeth Cymru fodloni'r darpariaethau ymgysylltu fel rhan o asesu'r effaith ar bobl â nodweddion gwarchoddedig. Felly, wrth osod ei chyllideb, mae'n rhaid i Lywodraeth Cymru gynnwys pobl y mae'n eu hystyried yn gynrychioliadol o un neu fwy o'r grwpiau gwarchoddedig ac sydd â diddordeb yn y modd y mae'n gosod ei chyllideb.

Wrth asesu effeithiau cydraddoldeb, mae'n bwysig bod gan Lywodraeth Cymru gymaint o dystiolaeth gyfoes a dibynadwy â phosib ynghylch anghenion a phrofiadau'r gwahanol grwpiau y mae'r gyllideb yn debygol o effeithio arnynt. Lle nad oes digon o wybodaeth, dylid cymryd camau priodol i lenwi'r bylchau hyn, megis cynnwys pobl neu grwpiau perthnasol. Ni ddylid byth â defnyddio diffyg tystiolaeth fel rheswm dros ddiffyg gweithredu.

Mae'r ddyletswydd 'asesu effaith' yn golygu ystyried a yw'r dystiolaeth yn dangos bod yna effaith wahanol ar bobl â nodweddion penodol, ac a yw'r effaith hon yn anghymesur negyddol. Yn anaml iawn y mae'n dderbyniol i ddatgan yn syml y bydd polisi neu arfer (megis cyllideb) yn elwa neu'n anfantais i bawb, ac felly bydd unigolion yn cael eu heffeithio yn yr un modd beth bynnag yw eu nodweddion. Dylai'r dadansoddiad fod yn fwy cadarn na hyn.

Mae'n bwysig sicrhau y gellir esbonio'r casgliadau a gyrhaeddir, yn enwedig lle gellir dehongli'r dystiolaeth mewn gwahanol ffyrdd. Mae dogfennu asesiad y gyllideb yn bwysig er mwyn sicrhau bod y

dyletswyddau cyffredinol a phenodol yn cael eu bodloni. Mae'n bwysig bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn gwneud ei hasesiad yn gyhoeddus, er budd tryloywder ac atebolrwydd. Dylai'r adroddiad amlygu 'effeithiau', yn hytrach na bod yn sylwebaeth ar ddyraniad y gyllideb.

Ymchwiliad Gwerthfawrogol i ddull Llywodraeth Cymru o asesu effeithiau cydraddoldeb ei chyllideb

Yn flaenorol, comisiynodd y Comisiwn Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol ymchwiliad gwerthfawrogolⁱⁱⁱ i ddull Llywodraeth Cymru o asesu effeithiau cydraddoldeb ei chyllideb. Nododd yr adroddiad sut y gellid nodi materion cydraddoldeb yn briodol a'u defnyddio i lywio penderfyniadau yn y dyfodol. Mae dull Llywodraeth Cymru o asesu effaith cydraddoldeb wedi datblygu ers yr adroddiad hwn, ond mae ei chanfyddiadau a'i hargymhellion allweddol yn parhau i fod yn berthnasol, er y bydd adolygiad pellach o'r broses o fudd. Roedd y canfyddiadau'n cynnwys:

- Dylai adrannau Llywodraeth Cymru gymryd cyfrifoldeb am gynnal Asesiadau Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb ac i sicrhau bod ganddynt rolau wedi'u diffinio'n eglur a'u hariannu'n briodol er mwyn cyflawni a sicrhau ansawdd Asesiadau Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb. Dylai ystyriaethau cydraddoldeb fod yn rhan o weithgarwch bod dydd adrannau ac mae angen eu cynnwys mewn rolau bob dydd.
- Argymhellir darparu hyfforddiant wedi'i dargedu i alluogi swyddogion i gynnal Asesiadau Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb cadarn.
- Argymhellir bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn datblygu ac yn sefydlu mecanweithiau ar gyfer asesu effeithiau cronol penderfyniadau cyllidebol. Dylai effeithiau cronol gynnwys effeithiau penderfyniadau Llywodraeth y DU a sut y maent yn effeithio ar benderfyniadau a wnaed gan Lywodraeth Cymru yn dilyn hynny, yn ogystal â phenderfyniadau a wnaed gan Lywodraeth Cymru ynddo'i hun.
- Argymhellir bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn nodi'n gliriach sut mae penderfyniadau strategol arwyddocaol yn effeithio ar bobl â nodweddion gwarchodedig yn ogystal â, ond yn wahanol i, nodi sut mae penderfyniadau'n effeithio ar grwpiau sy'n wynebu anfantais gymdeithasol economaidd.
- Argymhellir bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn gwneud yn gliriach y dystiolaeth a'r gweithgarwch ymgysylltu a ddefnyddir i lywio penderfyniadau strategol pwysig a sut y defnyddiwyd y wybodaeth hon. Dylai'r wybodaeth hon gael ei chyflwyno mewn dull clir i alluogi gwneud penderfyniadau a chraffu effeithiol.

- Dylai'r broses Aseidiadau Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb fod yn barhaus ac nid ymyrraeth unwaith yn unig. Ni ddylai adrannau unigol o reidrwydd fod yn dechrau o'r cychwyn pan fydd aseiad cydraddoldebau cyllidebol yn dechrau ond dylai fod yn adeiladu ar ddadansoddiad parhaus o gydraddoldeb. Dylai hyn hefyd olygu y caiff Aseidiadau Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb eu datblygu trwy gydol y broses o lunio polisiau. Mae angen i Aseidiadau Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb hysbysu penderfyniadau'r cabinet a phenderfyniadau lefel gweinidogol fel rhan o'r broses ailadroddol hon.

Effaith gronol diwygiadau treth a lles

Ym mis Mawrth 2018, cyhoeddodd y Comisiwn Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol adroddiad (a gomisiynwyd gan Landman Economics and Aubergine Analysis) yn edrych ar effaith gronol treth, lles, nawdd cymdeithasol a gwariant cyhoeddus Llywodraeth y DU o 2010 i 2017^{iv}. Mae'r adroddiad yn nodi argymhellion i Lywodraeth y DU ar gyfer gwerthuso penderfyniadau ariannol sy'n deillio o'r dadansoddiad hwn. Roedd hwn yn adroddiad arloesol, gyda'i fodel yn cynnig potensial enfawr ar gyfer datblygu aseidiadau effaith cronol cadarn. Mae'r argymhellion yn berthnasol i Lywodraeth Cymru wrth iddo ddatblygu ei dull o asesu effaith gronol penderfyniadau gwario. Byddai'n groeso pe bai Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwrw ymlaen â chyfleoedd y mae'r model yn eu cyflwyno. Mae argymhellion yr adroddiad yn cynnwys:

- paratoi mwy parhaus a chydweithredol cyn gosod cyllidebau
- proses gwneud penderfyniadau gliriach, gyda chyfrifoldebau priodol ar draws adrannau yn cael eu deall trwy gydol y broses o osod cyllidebau
- monitro a gwerthuso'n barhaus effaith mesurau gwario ar bobl sy'n rhannu gwahanol nodweddion gwarchoddedig yn ystod ac ar ôl eu gweithredu.

Argymhellodd yr adroddiad, er mwyn cynorthwyo i asesu effaith diwygiadau treth a lles yn y dyfodol, bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn dyrannu adnoddau ychwanegol i alluogi sampl hwb ar gyfer yr Arolwg Adnoddau Teuluol (FRS) a'r Arolwg Costau Byw a Bwyd (LCF) Mae maint sampl cyfredol yr FRS a'r LCF yn rhy fach i ganiatáu dadansoddiad cadarn o rai o'r nodweddion gwarchoddedig (yn arbennig, ethnigrwydd).

A yw Cymru'n decach? 2018

Ym mis Hydref 2018, cyhoeddodd y Comisiwn 'A yw Cymru'n decach?' Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn adroddiad cynhwysfawr ar gyflwr y genedl sy'n

dwyn ynghyd dystiolaeth i asesu lefelau anghydraddoldeb yng Nghymru. Mae'r adroddiad yn amlygu canfyddiadau ac argymhellion allweddol ar draws pob maes bywyd, gan gynnwys iechyd, tai, addysg, cyfranogiad, cyfiawnder a gwaith. Mae'r Comisiwn wedi galw ar Lywodraeth Cymru i weithredu ar ganfyddiadau ac argymhellion yr adroddiad. Mae'r prif ganfyddiadau'n cynnwys:

Anfantais economaidd-gymdeithasol

Mae cynnydd parhaus mewn cysgu ar y stryd, cyfraddau tlodi uwch ac effeithiau andwyol diwygiadau nawdd cymdeithasol ar draws y DU ar y grwpiau tlotaf wedi cyfrannu at ostyngiad cyffredinol mewn safonau byw yng Nghymru ers ein hadolygiad diwethaf.

Mae pobl anabl yn syrthio ymhellach ar ei hôl hi

Mae pobl anabl yn cael eu gwadu o'u hawl i fyw'n annibynnol ac mewn llawer o achosion nid ydynt yn profi'r cynnydd a welir ymysg grwpiau eraill, gyda bylchau mewn cyrhaeddiad addysgol a chyflogaeth yn ehangu yn hytrach na chulhau.

Heriau i ddiogelwch menywod a dilyniant gyrfa

Er bod gan fenywod rai o'r canlyniadau mwyaf cyfartal a gawsant erioed, mae cyffredinrwydd normau rhywedd cymdeithasol mewn addysg a chyflogaeth, a phrofiadau o aflonyddwch a thrais, yn rhwystro'r cynnydd hwn.

Mae anghydraddoldeb hiliol yn parhau yng Nghymru

Mae rhai pobl o leiafrifoedd ethnig yn profi gwelliant ond mae anghydraddoldebau dwfn yn parhau, ac mae troseddau casineb sy'n cael eu hysgogi gan hil yn dal i ddigwydd yn llawer rhy amlwg yng Nghymru

Mae 'A yw Cymru'n decach?' yn cynnwys argymhellion penodol sy'n annog Llywodraeth Cymru i dargedu ei phenderfyniadau treth a gwariant ar leihau'r anfantais a brofir gan wahanol grwpiau, a dylai cynnal a chyhoeddi Asesiad Effaith Cronnol o'r effaith amrywiol ar bobl â nodweddion gwarchoddedig gwahanol ochr yn ochr â'r holl ddigwyddiadau ariannol cenedlaethol.

ⁱ Y nodweddion gwarchoddedig at ddibenion dyletswydd cydraddoldeb y sector cyhoeddus yw: oedran; anabledd; ailbennu rhywedd; beichiogrwydd a mamolaeth; hil; crefydd a chred; rhyw; a thueddfryd rhywiol.

ⁱⁱ Canllawiau i'r PSED yng Nghymru <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/advice-and-guidance/guides-psed-wales>

ⁱⁱⁱDull Llywodraeth Cymru o asesu effeithiau cydraddoldeb ei chyllideb <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/appreciative-inquiry-report>

^{iv}'Effaith gronol diwygiadau treth a lles' <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/cumulative-impact-tax-and-welfare-reforms>

^vA yw Cymru'n decach? <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/is-britain-fairer-2018-is-wales-fairer.pdf>

Yn rhinwedd paragraff(au) vi o Reol Sefydlog 17.42

Mae cyfyngiadau ar y ddogfen hon

Sesiwn Graffu ar y Cyd

Y Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb, Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau

Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

Y Pwyllgor Cyllid

Dyddiad: 15 Tachwedd 2018

Teitl: Cyllideb Ddrafft Llywodraeth Cymru 2019-20

Cyflwyniad

1. Mae'r papur hwn yn darparu gwybodaeth i'r cyfarfod cydamserol o'r Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb, Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau, y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg a'r Pwyllgor Cyllid ynghylch asesiadau effaith mewn perthynas â Chyllideb ddrafft 2019-20.
2. Fel y nodwch yn eich llythyr dyddiedig 23 Awst, mae materion sy'n ymwneud ag asesiad effaith yn ymestyn y tu hwnt i gylich gwaith eich tri phwyllgor ac rydym yn deall y bydd pwyllgorau polisi unigol yn craffu ar bortffolios Ysgrifenyddion y Cabinet a Gweinidogion ynghylch asesiadau effaith yn eu meysydd cyfrifoldeb hwy.

Y dull o gynnal yr Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol eleni

3. Mae'r Gyllideb ddrafft amlinellol ar gyfer 2019-20, a gyhoeddwyd ar 2 Hydref, yn nodi cynlluniau gwariant arfaethedig (2019-20 yn unig) a chyllid cyfalaf (2019-20 a 2020-21), trethiant a chynigion benthyca. Rydym yn nodi ein ffordd o ystyried paratoadau'r gyllideb ym mhennod pedwar o naratif y gyllideb ddrafft amlinellol. Rydym wedi datblygu a chyflwyno naratif y gyllideb mewn ffordd wahanol eleni, fel ei bod yn haws gweld sut mae ein cynlluniau gwariant wedi eu cysoni â'n blaenoriaethau.
4. Cafodd y cynigion gwariant manwl ar gyfer pob portffolio'r llywodraeth eu cyhoeddi yn ail gam y gyllideb ar 23 Hydref yn unol â phroses newydd y gyllideb, a gytunwyd gyda'r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol a'i chyflwyno y llynedd.
5. Yn yr amlinelliad o Gyllideb ddrafft 2019-20, rydym yn nodi ein blaenoriaethau gwariant, gan ganolbwyntio ar berfformiad, diogelu a thâl yn y meysydd canlynol:
 - Iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol
 - Llywodraeth leol

- Buddsoddiad cyfalaf, i gefnogi darparu gwasanaethau lleol
 - Cefnogi ein busnes a chymunedau drwy ansicrwydd Brexit
6. Yn ail, rydym yn nodi penderfyniadau i gefnogi'r chwe maes blaenoriaeth yn *Ffyniant i Bawb*. Dyma'r chwe maes lle y dangoswyd y gall ymyriad cynnar a chydgyssylltu ar draws gwasanaethau gael effaith sylweddol ar ganlyniadau. Y chwe maes blaenoriaeth yw – blynyddoedd cynnar; tai; gofal cymdeithasol; gwell iechyd meddwl; sgiliau a chyflogadwyedd a datgarboneiddio.
 7. Fel rhan o broses y gyllideb, mae gennym gyfrifoldeb i ystyried ein penderfyniadau drwy nifer o safbwyntiau er mwyn deall eu heffaith. Mae asesiad integredig yn ein galluogi i gael gwell dealltwriaeth o effaith penderfyniadau ar wahanol grwpiau o bobl. Unwaith eto, rydym wedi defnyddio'r dull hwn.
 8. Mae rhai o'n cyfrifoldebau yn statudol ac maent i gyd yn hanfodol er mwyn sicrhau canlyniadau cadarnhaol. Y rhain yw cydraddoldeb a hawliau dynol, hawliau plant, y Gymraeg, newid hinsawdd, prawfesur gwledig, iechyd, bioamrywiaeth a datblygu economaidd. Mae anfantais economaidd-gymdeithasol yn ystyriaeth ganolog wrth asesu effaith penderfyniadau.
 9. Mae'r Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol wedi'i nodi yn yr un ffordd â naratif y gyllideb fel ei bod yn glir am ystyried y dystiolaeth ac effaith sy'n cefnogi ein blaenoriaethau gwariant. Yn dilyn adborth gan y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg y llynedd, rydym wedi cymryd camau i dynnu sylw at effaith Hawliau Plant y Cenhedloedd Unedig mewn cysylltiad â'n proses o bennu cyllideb.
 10. Rydym hefyd wedi newid fformat y Gyllideb ddrafft fanwl - cam dau o'r gyllideb - eleni, yn dilyn adborth gan bwyllgorau'r Cynulliad a Chomisiynydd Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol. Rydym wedi llunio'r naratif o dan 12 amcan lles a chwe maes blaenoriaeth *Ffyniant i Bawb* felly rydym yn fwy clir o ran sut mae penderfyniadau am ariannu yn cefnogi ein hamcanion. Caiff yr amcanion llesiant eu pennu er mwyn manteisio orau ar gyfraniad Llywodraeth Cymru i'r amcanion llesiant cenedlaethol.
 11. Am y tro cyntaf, rydym hefyd yn darparu Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol ychwanegol fel rhan o'r Gyllideb ddrafft, a gaiff ei gynnwys fel atodiad i ddogfen y gyllideb a gyhoeddwyd ar 23 Hydref.

Gwelliannau penodol a wnaed i'r Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol ers adolygiad 2016 o asesiadau effaith Llywodraeth Cymru

12. Polisiâu, rhaglenni, buddsoddiadau a deddfwriaeth lwyddiannus yw'r rhai sydd wedi cael eu hasesu'n briodol o ran eu heffaith yn y cylch cyn iddynt gael eu gweithredu.
13. Rydym wedi bod yn gweithio i ddatblygu ein ffordd o ymdrin ag asesiadau effaith, sy'n rhan annatod o ddatblygu dulliau cynhwysfawr a chytbwys o wneud

polisiâu. Mae arfarnu'r effaith - yn gadarnhaol ac yn negyddol- yn ein helpu i dargedu ein hadnoddau cynyddol brin ar y camau hynny a gaiff yr effaith fwyaf ar lesiant pobl a Chymru. Mae dull asesu integredig yn sicrhau asesiad mwy realistig o effaith gyffredinol penderfyniadau gwario - effeithiau sy'n gysylltiedig â'i gilydd ac na ellir eu hystyried ar eu pen eu hunain.

14. I ymateb i'r adroddiad *Reducing Complexity and Adding Value: A Strategic Approach to Impact Assessment in the Welsh Government*¹ gan y Ganolfan Polisi Cyhoeddus i Gymru (y Sefydliad Polisi Cyhoeddus i Gymru bellach), rydym wedi datblygu offeryn asesu integredig newydd. Bydd hyn yn ein cynorthwyo i gynnal asesiad cyflawn o effaith y camau arfaethedig, gan ddwyn ynghyd yr amrywiaeth o ddyletswyddau mewn fframwaith deallus, gan leihau cymhlethdod a dyblygu ac integreiddio'r broses asesu effaith gyda chyfeiriad sylweddol Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol. Cafodd ei lansio ym mis Gorffennaf 2018 a chaiff ei adolygu ar ôl chwe mis.
15. Bydd yr offeryn newydd yn ein helpu i gynnal asesiad cyflawn o effaith y camau arfaethedig, gan gynnwys effeithiau cymdeithasol, economaidd, diwylliannol ac amgylcheddol.
16. Mae elfennau sylweddol yr asesiadau effaith blaenorol o ran hawliau plant, cydraddoldeb, y Gymraeg ac asesiadau effaith eraill wedi cael eu hymgorffori yn yr asesiad effaith integredig.
17. Ym mis Tachwedd 2018, bydd swyddogion yn mynd i gyfarfod o banel cynghori Comisiynydd Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol i ystyried ymdriniaeth Llywodraeth Cymru o asesiad effaith integredig. Mae aelodau'r panel yn cynnwys y Comisiynydd Plant, y Comisiynydd Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol, y Comisiynydd Pobl Hŷn, Comisiynydd y Gymraeg, Cadeirydd Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru ac eraill.

Sut y llywiodd yr Adolygiad Cyflym o Gydraddoldeb Rhywiol y ffordd y cynhaliwyd yr Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol eleni

18. Cam 1 yr Adolygiad Cyflym o Gydraddoldeb Rhywiol yw'r cam cyntaf o adolygiad dau gam. Mae'r adroddiad gan Chwarae Teg² yn archwilio polisiâu cydraddoldeb rhywiol Llywodraeth Cymru ac yn eu hystyried ynghyd ag adroddiad y Ganolfan Polisi Cyhoeddus i Gymru ar arfer gorau byd-eang *Rhoi Cydraddoldeb wrth Wraidd Penderfyniadau*³.
19. Canfu'r adolygiad bod anghydraddoldeb rhwng y rhywiau, er bod cymaint wedi'i gyflawni yng Nghymru, yn parhau i fod yn un o nodweddion ystyfnig bywyd yng Nghymru.

¹ https://www.wcpp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Impact-Assessments_FINAL-30-Apr.pdf

² <https://www.cteg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/FINAL-Rapid-Review-of-Gender-Equality-Phase-One-Cymraeg.pdf>

³ <https://www.wcpp.org.uk/cy/cyhoeddi/rhoi-cydraddoldeb-wrth-wraidd-penderfyniadau/>

20. Bydd cam 2 yr adolygiad yn cynnwys asesiad o i ba raddau y bydd gan Gymru fframwaith deddfwriaethol a rheoleiddiol effeithiol ac integredig sy'n cynnwys rhywedd mewn polisiau a phenderfyniadau gwario a hynny mewn ffordd ystyrlon.
21. Bydd adroddiad Cam 2 o'r adolygiad yn cael ei gyhoeddi ym mis Gorffennaf 2019. Bydd yr amseriad hwn hefyd yn caniatáu i adborth o'r adolygiad o'r Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol gael ei ystyried.

Sut y cafodd hawliau plant eu hystyried a'u hasesu ar gyfer y gyllideb ddrafft hon, yn unol â dyletswydd sylw dyledus Llywodraeth Cymru i Gonfensiwn y Cenhedloedd Unedig ar Hawliau'r Plentyn

22. Fel rhan o welliannau parhaus i broses y gyllideb, rydym yn mabwysiadu dull integredig o gynnal o'r Gyllideb. Eleni rydym wedi cynnwys asesiad effaith integredig strategol fel rhan o'r Gyllideb ddrafft amlinellol a'r gyllideb ddrafft fanwl. Wrth fabwysiadu'r dull integredig hwn rydym yn parhau i adlewyrchu'r effeithiau ar hawliau plant yn ogystal ag anfantais economaidd-gymdeithasol, y Gymraeg, cydraddoldeb a datblygu cynaliadwy drwy lesiant economaidd, cymdeithasol, amgylcheddol a diwylliannol Cymru. Amlinellwyd ein dull gweithredu ar Asesiad Effaith ar Hawliau'r Plentyn mewn gohebiaeth i Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg ym mis Mehefin (gweler gopi yn Atodiad 1).

Sut roedd effaith benthyciadau a phwerau treth incwm newydd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi llywio'r Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol

Cyfraddau treth incwm Cymru

23. Rhoi sefydlogrwydd a sicrwydd yw un o amcanion allweddol gweithredu trethi newydd Cymru, gan gynnwys cyflwyno cyfraddau treth incwm Cymru o fis Ebrill 2019.
24. Cyflwynodd y Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol adroddiad ar effaith cronol diwygio trethi a lles o ran treth incwm, cyfraniadau yswiriant gwladol a threthi anuniongyrchol sydd, hyd yn hyn, wedi dod o dan gyfrifoldeb Llywodraeth y DU. Roedd yn dangos enillion o newidiadau i dreth incwm a chyfraniadau yswiriant gwladol (yn bennaf oherwydd y cynnydd mewn termau real yn y lwfans personol di-dreth ers 2010) ond colledion o newidiadau i drethi anuniongyrchol (yn bennaf oherwydd y cynnydd mewn TAW i 20% yn 2011).
25. Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi nodi ei dull o drin trethi a'i hegwyddorion ar gyfer trethi Cymru yn ei Fframwaith Polisi Trethi⁴. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys yr

⁴ Fframwaith Polisi Trethi Llywodraeth Cymru, Mehefin 2017:
<https://gov.wales/docs/caecd/publications/170612-framework-cy.pdf>

egwyddorion allweddol y dylai trethi Cymru godi refereniw er mwyn cefnogi gwasanaethau cyhoeddus mor deg â phosibl; dylid eu datblygu drwy gydweithrediad a chyfranogiad a chyfrannu'n uniongyrchol i nod Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol. Y rhai sy'n elwa fwyaf o wasanaethau cyhoeddus yw'r rhai sydd ar incwm is na'r cyfartaledd, ar y cyfan. Ar gyfartaledd, mae rhai grwpiau a ddiogelir yn fwy tebygol o fod yn y categori yma. Mae gwariant anghymesur, hefyd ar bobl ifanc a phobl hŷn o ran addysg a gwasanaethau iechyd.

26. Yn 2018-19, defnyddiodd Llywodraeth Cymru ei phwerau trethu newydd i gynyddu graddoliad: mae gan y dreth trafodiadau tirlenwi, sydd wedi disodli treth dir y dreth stamp Llywodraeth y DU yng Nghymru, sydd â'r trothwy cychwynnol uchaf ar gyfer cyfraddau preswyl yn y DU a'r gyfradd dreth gychwynnol isaf ar gyfer prynu eiddo busnes yn y DU.
27. Byddwn yn parhau i ddefnyddio'r system drethi i hyrwyddo tegwch a thwf economaidd a helpu i fynd i'r afael â thlodi. Caiff unrhyw benderfyniadau polisi treth yn y dyfodol eu datblygu o fewn y *Fframwaith Polisi Treth*⁵ gydag asesiadau penodol o'r effaith ar aelwydydd ac unigolion yng Nghymru yn cael eu cynnal fel y bo angen.
28. Roedd maniffesto Llafur Cymru yn cynnwys ymrwymiad i gynyddu cyfraddau treth incwm Cymru ac mae'r gyllideb ddrafft amlinellol yn adlewyrchu'r ymrwymiad hwn. Ein blaenoriaeth yw hyrwyddo newid trefnus i'r cyfraddau treth incwm newydd ar gyfer Cymru, a fydd yn parhau i gael eu gweinyddu gan Gyllid a Thollau EM pan gânt eu cyflwyno ym mis Ebrill 2019.

Benthyca

29. Mae benthyca yn galluogi Llywodraeth Cymru i gynyddu ei grym gwario cyfalaf cyffredinol – yn uwch na'r uchafswm a osodir gan Drysorlys EM drwy'r grant bloc – i gefnogi ein blaenoriaethau buddsoddi seilwaith a nodir yn y *Cynllun Buddsoddi yn Seilwaith Cymru*⁶. Gan ddefnyddio ein pwerau benthyca newydd, gallwn ddarparu buddsoddiadau strategol ar raddfa fawr na fyddent, fel arall, wedi bod yn fforddiadwy, gan ddefnyddio dim ond ein cyllidebau cyfalaf craidd cyffredinol yn unig.
30. Mae'r gostyngiad yn ein cyllideb cyfalaf yn golygu y bydd angen i ni barhau i ddatblygu ffyrdd newydd ac arloesol o lenwi'r bwlch cyfalaf. Yr egwyddor sy'n sail i ddefnyddio cyfalaf yng Nghymru yw y byddwn bob amser yn defnyddio'r dull rhataf o gyfalaf cyn defnyddio ffynonellau cyfalaf eraill. Byddwn bob amser yn defnyddio cyfalaf cyffredinol, gan gynnwys cyfalaf trafodiadau ariannol

⁵ Fframwaith Polisi Trethi Llywodraeth Cymru, Mehefin 2017:

<https://gov.wales/docs/caecd/publications/170612-framework-cy.pdf>

⁶ <https://beta.llyw.cymru/sites/default/files/publications/2018-07/cynllun-buddsoddi-yn-seilwaith-cymru-adolygiad-canol-cyfnod-2018.pdf>

cyfalaf, a sicrhau ein bod yn defnyddio pob ceiniog sydd ar gael i Gymru, i ariannu ein hymrwymiaidau seilwaith.

31. Mae'r Gyllideb ddrafft amlinellol a manwl yn nodi sut y caiff ein cyllidebau cyfalaf, gan gynnwys benthyca, eu gwario ac mae asesiadau effaith integredig strategol yn nodi effeithiau'r buddsoddiadau hyn.
32. Fodd bynnag, nid arian ychwanegol yw benthyca cyfalaf a rhaid ei ad-dalu. Mae canlyniad refeniw i wariant cyfalaf drwy fenthyca. Felly, rydym yn meddwl yn ofalus am gostau benthyca bob tro rydym yn bwriadu defnyddio'r cyfleuster, gan fod cost cyfle sylweddol.

Sut mae'r Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol yn dystiolaeth o effaith ariannol penderfyniadau Llywodraeth Cymru

33. Mae'r asesiad effaith integredig strategol yn nodi'r effaith ar bolisi a darpariaeth penderfyniadau cyllideb a gwariant, a wnaethpwyd. Ategir hyn gan y tablau ariannol ym mhennod pump y naratif Cyllideb drafft amlinellol a'r tablau Llinell Gwariant Cyllidebol mwy manwl, a gaiff eu cyhoeddi ochr yn ochr â'r Gyllideb ddrafft.
34. Wrth werthuso penderfyniadau cyllideb, rydym wedi gwneud penderfyniad cymesur, gan wneud arfarniad cychwynnol ynghylch a oes angen asesiad effaith llawn, er enghraifft, pan mae dyraniad cyllid yn fach iawn o'i gymharu â'r gyllideb gyfan, mae'r newid yn rhan o raglen gau wedi'i chynllunio, pan fydd canlyniadau'n cael eu darparu mewn ffordd wahanol neu ddulliau effeithlonrwydd wedi cael eu gwneud.
35. Mae penderfyniadau wedi cael eu gwneud yng nghyd-destun rhagolygon heriol iawn o ran cyllid cyhoeddus wrth i ni gychwyn ar nawfed flwyddyn o gyni ac wrth inni nesáu at ddyddiad gadael yr Undeb Ewropeaidd, rydym yn dal yn ansicr o'r fargen derfynol. Bydd Llywodraeth y DU yn cynnal Adolygiad o Wariant yn 2019, er nad yw manylion terfynol hyn wedi cael eu cyhoeddi eto.
36. Mae hyn i gyd yn cyfyngu ar ein gallu i gynllunio y tu hwnt i'r tymor byr. Rydym yn cydnabod - ac yn deall - galwadau ein partneriaid yn y sector cyhoeddus i gyllidebu dros gyfnod hwy pan fydd hynny'n bosibl er mwyn cefnogi'r gwaith o wneud cynlluniau ariannol ymlaen llaw. Mae'n rhaid i'n huchelgais i gyhoeddi cynlluniau am dros 12 mis gael ei gloriannu gan ein gallu i ddarparu rhagdybiaethau cynllunio realistig a synhwyrol. Roedd yn rhaid gwneud y penderfyniad i gyhoeddi cynlluniau refeniw ar gyfer 2019-20 yn unig a chynlluniau cyfalaf ar gyfer y ddwy flynedd nesaf - 2019-20 a 2020-21.

37. Er mwyn cynnal gwaith cynllunio ariannol y tu hwnt i'r dyfodol agos, mae adroddiad y Prif Economegydd⁷, a gyhoeddir ochr yn ochr â'r Gyllideb ddrafft amlinellol, yn rhoi dadansoddiad o'r rhagolygon ariannol tymor canolog, a fydd yn helpu i lywio senarios ar gyfer gwariant o ran adnoddau yn y dyfodol yng Nghymru.

Sut y gwnaeth Strategaeth Cymraeg 2050, ynghyd â'r Adolygiad Brys o Gynlluniau Strategol y Gymraeg mewn Addysg (2017-2020), ac a wnaeth argymhellion penodol ynghylch buddsoddi cyfalaf, effeithio ar yr Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol eleni.

38. Gwnaeth yr *Adolygiad Brys o Gynlluniau Strategol y Gymraeg mewn Addysg 2017-20* argymhellion penodol am fuddsoddi cyfalaf. Ym mis Ionawr, dyrannodd Llywodraeth Cymru £30m o gyfalaf yn ychwanegol i gefnogi twf addysg Gymraeg. Wrth gyfuno'r buddsoddiad hwn â phrosiectau sydd wedi'u hanelu at gynyddu darpariaeth gofal plant cyfrwng Cymraeg, rydym wedi gallu cyhoeddi cefnogaeth i brosiectau gyda gwerth cyfalaf o dros £51m. Caiff hyn effaith gadarnhaol ar bobl iau a bydd yn cefnogi twf y defnydd o'r Gymraeg mewn addysg, gan gefnogi ein huchelgais a nodir yn *Cymraeg 2050*.
39. Mae *Cymraeg 2050* yn nodi bod angen i ni gyrraedd sefyllfa lle mae'r Gymraeg yn elfen annatod o fywyd bob dydd. Mae addysg yn ganolog i'n gweledigaeth, ond mae'n rhaid i ni sicrhau bod ein pobl ifanc yn gadael y system addysg yn barod ac yn falch o ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg ym mhob cyd-destun.
40. Yn y Gyllideb ddrafft amlinellol a'r Gyllideb ddrafft fanwl, fe wnaethom osod asesiad effaith integredig strategol lle y caiff penderfyniadau cyllideb effaith ar y Gymraeg, i gefnogi *Cymraeg 2050*. Dangosodd yr arolwg flynyddol ddiweddar o'r boblogaeth ganlyniadau calonogol, gyda chynnydd yn cael ei gofnodi yn nifer y siaradwyr Cymraeg.
41. Rydym yn cefnogi Cymraeg mewn addysg gyda chyllideb o £29m yn 2019-20. Mae hyn yn cynnwys cynllunio addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg i gynnwys gweithredu argymhellion a wnaed o fewn Adolygiad Brys Aled Roberts o Gynlluniau Strategol y Gymraeg mewn Addysg; darparu hyfforddiant ymarferwyr drwy'r Cynllun Sabothol; darparu hyfforddiant y Gymraeg; a chyllid ar gyfer y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol a datblygu darpariaeth cyfrwng Cymraeg ôl-16..
42. Un o themâu canolog Cymraeg 2050 yw'r angen i greu amodau ffafriol ynghylch seilwaith a chyd-destun, gan gynnwys, er enghraifft, cymuned ac economi, diwylliant a'r cyfryngau a thechnoleg ddigidol. Rydym yn buddsoddi £5.9m drwy'r Gymraeg yn uniongyrchol, ond bydd cyfraniadau gan bob maes portffolio fel y gallwn gyrraedd y sefyllfa lle mae'r Gymraeg yn elfen annatod o bob agwedd ar fywyd bob dydd. Fel rhan o gytundeb cyllideb Plaid Cymru,

⁷ <https://beta.llyw.cymru/sites/default/files/publications/2018-10/cyllideb-cymru-2018-adroddiad-y-prif-economegydd.pdf>

rydym hefyd wedi darparu dyraniad cyfalaf ychwanegol o £2.75m i wella gwersylloedd yr Urdd yng Nglan-llyn, ger Bala a Llangrannog.

43. Mae'r Cynllun Gweithredu Economaidd yn cydnabod bod yr economi yn rhan annatod o greu'r amodau cymdeithasol lle y gall siaradwyr Cymraeg aros mewn cymunedau lle y siaredir Cymraeg, neu ddychwelyd i'r cymunedau hynny. Buddsoddi mewn swyddi o safon a rhanbarthau, sy'n fannau deniadol i fyw, i weithio a buddsoddi, ac a fydd yn cynnig rheswm i bobl aros neu ddychwelyd i weithio a byw mewn cymunedau lle mae'r Gymraeg yn ffynnu.
44. Mae'r Gymraeg yn rhan sylweddol o ddiwylliant hanesyddol a hunaniaeth Cymru. Mae dathlu diwylliant unigryw, iaith ac ymdeimlad o le Cymru yn ganolog i frand Cymru. Byddwn yn dod â'r Gymraeg yn fwy fyth i'r amlwg fel pwynt gwerthu allweddol ar gyfer Cymru – yn arbennig o ran twristiaeth mewn marchnadoedd rhyngwladol allweddol. Rydym hefyd yn buddsoddi mewn ehangu ein swyddfeydd dramor er mwyn helpu i agor marchnadoedd newydd ac ehangu cyfleoedd ar gyfer busnesau Cymru.

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Diolch am eich llythyr, dyddiedig 15 Mai, ynghylch craffu ar Gyllideb ddrafft Llywodraeth Cymru. Rwy'n ateb fel Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet â chyfrifoldeb dros broses y Gyllideb.

Tryloywder y Gyllideb

Yn unol ag ymrwymiad y Llywodraeth hon i dryloywder a bod yn agored, rydym wedi bod yn gweithio gyda'r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol dros nifer o flynyddoedd i fireinio cyflwyniad ac ansawdd gwybodaeth am y Gyllideb er mwyn sicrhau craffu effeithiol ar gynigion y llywodraeth.

Mae'r gwaith hwn yn cydnabod cymhlethdod yr wybodaeth sy'n cael ei chyflwyno ar amrywiol adegau yn ystod cylch y Gyllideb, a'r amrywiol ddibenion y mae rhanddeiliaid yn defnyddio'r wybodaeth ar eu cyfer.

Llynedd, mewn cydnabyddiaeth o gyfrifoldebau cyllidol newydd y llywodraeth - gan gynnwys pwerau trethu a benthyg ychwanegol - cytunodd y Cynulliad Cenedlaethol a Llywodraeth Cymru ar broses newydd ar gyfer y Gyllideb. Roedd hyn yn cynnwys protocol yn gosod proses dau gam, sydd wedi arwain at gyhoeddi mwy o fanylion a gwybodaeth ategol yn ystod dau gam proses y gyllideb.

Fel rhan o'r protocol, cytunwyd i gyhoeddi gwybodaeth ar lefel BEL (Llinell Wariant yn y Gyllideb) - lefel fanylach na'r hyn a gyhoeddwyd o'r blaen.

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Rydym yn parhau i adolygu cyflwyniad ac ansawdd gwybodaeth y Gyllideb, ac fe fyddaf yn ystyried y dystiolaeth a'r adborth o'r pwyllgorau, gan gynnwys y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg.

Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Hawliau Plant

Fel rhan o'r gwelliannau parhaus i broses y Gyllideb, rydym wedi edrych mewn ffordd gynyddol soffistigedig ar asesiadau effaith drwy gyhoeddi Asesiad Effaith Integredig Strategol wrth ochr y Gyllideb ddrafft.

Wrth weithio mewn ffordd integredig rydym yn parhau i adlewyrchu'r effaith ar hawliau plant yn ogystal ag anfantais economaidd-gymdeithasol, y Gymraeg, cydraddoldeb a datblygu cynaliadwy drwy wella llesiant economaidd, cymdeithasol, amgylcheddol a diwylliannol Cymru.

Mae asesiadau o effaith y cynlluniau gwario manwl yn rhan o ail gam proses y Gyllideb. Gan mai Cyllideb 2018-19 oedd y gyntaf i ni ei chyhoeddi mewn dau gam, rydym yn cydnabod bod modd i ni wneud mwy i wella asesiadau effaith o ddatblygu polisiau i broses y Gyllideb.

Mae'r Pwyllgor Cyllid wedi argymhell y dylai cyllidebau drafft yn y dyfodol ddarparu esboniad o'r ffordd y gwnaethpwyd penderfyniadau. Mae'r argymhelliad hwn yn gyson â phrosiect Llywodraeth Cymru i ddatblygu fframwaith newydd ar gyfer asesiadau effaith, a fydd yn cael ei gyflwyno ym mis Gorffennaf.

Ymysg yr amcanion ar gyfer y fframwaith mae darparu dibenion clir a diamwys ar gyfer asesiadau effaith ar draws amrywiol ymyraethau'r llywodraeth; lleihau cymhlethdodau a defnyddio asesiadau effaith mewn ffordd gymesur wrth edrych ar ymyriadau. Bydd ein dull gweithredu yn canolbwyntio ar ansawdd y ddealltwriaeth, y dystiolaeth a'r crebwyll ac integreiddio proses asesiadau effaith gyda Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol.

Rwy'n anfon copi o'r llythyr hwn at Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg ac Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol.

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