Scotland's Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill

Scotland's proposed Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill offers a unique opportunity for the country to build world-leading legislation. The Bill would enable the Scottish Government to provide a clear vision and guidance for public bodies and others to put wellbeing at the centre of decisionmaking.

The two concepts of collective wellbeing and sustainable development are overlapping and complementary. But what is the relationship between collective wellbeing, sustainable development, Scotland's National Outcomes, and the role of the proposed Future Generations Commissioner? In this graphic, we set out how these components of the proposed Bill interconnect, and the distinct role of the Commissioner in providing scrutiny and support.

the progressive realisation of the National Outcomes.

Sustainable Development:

increasing collective wellbeing in a way that reduces inequalities, remains within planetary boundaries, and does not threaten the wellbeing of future generations both in Scotland and globally.

National Outcomes

defined by the people of Scotland through participatory processes that encompass social, economic, environmental and democratic aspects of peoples' lives.

A Future Generations
Commissioner who acts as
an independent advocate
for long-termism in
policymaking.

Applying a future generations lens to embed a long-term perspective and focus on intergenerational inequality.

Legal duties on government and public bodies to work towards the National Outcomes.

Defining and embedding principles for ways of working - such as long-termism, global citizenship, and transparency - that enhance policy coherence for collective wellbeing and sustainable development.



