

Cabinet Secretary for Finance; and Leader of the House

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Dear Cabinet Secretary and Leader of the House

Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019-20

As you will be aware, our three Committees are working together as part of our draft budget scrutiny. This is in direct response to calls from stakeholders during the Finance Committee's preliminary stakeholder engagement on the 2019/20 budget.

These calls included a need to engage with children and young people in relation to the draft budget. In addition, the Equality and Human Rights Commission also called for further scrutiny to be conducted on the quality of impact assessments.

As these calls chimed with issues that all of our committees have considered in our respective budget scrutiny over recent years, we are holding a concurrent meeting on 15 November to further explore them. We are grateful that you have both agreed to come to this session. In advance of the session, please provide us with a paper detailing:

- The **approach taken to the strategic integrated impact assessment** (SIIA) this year;
- specific **improvements made to the SIIA** since the 2016 [review of Welsh Government impact assessments](#);
- how the **Gender Rapid Review** informed how the SIIA was conducted this year;

- how **children's rights** have been considered and assessed for this draft budget, in line with the Welsh Government's duty of due regard to the UNCRC (to include detail of any decisions taken in relation to providing a standalone CRIA, as recommended by the CYPE Committee, and the underlying reasoning for those decisions);
- how the impact of both Welsh Government borrowing and new income tax powers informed the SIIA;
- how the SIIA evidences the financial impact of Welsh Government decisions;
- how the **Cymraeg 2050 Strategy** along with the **Rapid Review of Welsh in Education Strategic Plans 2017-20**, which made specific recommendations around capital investment, impacted on the SIIA this year.

We recognise that matters relating to impact assessment reach beyond the remits of our three committees. However we hope that this session will inform future scrutiny of budgetary matters of a cross-cutting nature.

It would be helpful to receive your submission by 25 October.

Yours sincerely

Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Children, Young People and Education Committee

Finance Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

