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Jenny Rathbone MS
Chair of Equality and Social Justice Committee

5 July 2022

Dear Jenny,

Appointment of The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales (2023 – 2030)

The appointment of the next Future Generations Commissioner will be a significant appointment by Welsh Ministers and is now regulated under the Code of Practice on Public Appointments. I want to set out our plans for the selection process and seek your views on whether the Committee would like to take up the opportunity of a pre-appointment hearing with the preferred candidate.

Today, I have written to Adam Price MS, Andrew RT Davies MS and Jane Dodds MS seeking a nomination for a representative to sit on the Advisory Assessment Panel that will provide advice to the First Minister on the appointment. The Advisory Assessment Panel will be made up of representatives from each of the political parties in the Senedd, and a Senior Independent Panel Member. It will be chaired by a Senior Civil Servant. I will be a member on the Advisory Assessment Panel representing Welsh Labour.

In addition to sift and interview stages, there will also be a stakeholder session stage for shortlisted candidates which will be made up of individuals from the Future Generations Leadership Academy alumni. This Academy is run by the Commissioner's office and brings together a diverse range of people from the public, private and third sector to develop their knowledge, practice, and leadership on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. Shortlisted candidates will be required to engage with Academy stakeholders during the session on a relevant and critical topic which will be agreed nearer the time.

Welsh Ministers and the Senedd have agreed to introduce pre-appointment scrutiny of significant appointments in order to further improve the scrutiny and transparency of the public appointment process. As the Committee with the named role for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 you will have the option to conduct a pre-appointment

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

hearing. I consider the pre-appointment hearing to be the formal discharge of the duty to consult the Senedd. I would be grateful if the Committee could confirm if they wish to conduct a pre-appointment hearing. On the basis of our proposed timetable, we expect this to be in November 2022.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke above the first letter of "Jane".

Jane Hutt AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Cyfiawnder Cymdeithasol
Minister for Social Justice