

Shan Morgan  
Permanent Secretary  
Welsh Government

**20 November 2019**

Dear Shan

In September 2019, the Auditor General published a series of interesting outputs from his work looking at the well-being of young people. The Public Accounts Committee is yet to formally discuss the reports and will be considering how best to take forward any further scrutiny alongside any interest in these matters from the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

I recognise that the Auditor General has adopted a different approach to the presentation of these report outputs and that they did not contain specific formal recommendations for the Welsh Government to respond to. Nevertheless, we would welcome a response from the Welsh Government to support our own decision-making. Specifically, we would request details of how the Welsh Government is reflecting on the various issues raised by the Auditor General's summary report as part of ongoing work to strengthen its overall policy making and delivery. This could be in terms of services affecting young people or more generally and in the wider context of the ways of working expected under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. We would also request details of how the policy teams responsible for the five specific areas covered by the Auditor General's reports are considering and responding to the 'opportunities for improvement' highlighted in each case.



I would be grateful for a response by Christmas recess so that the Committee can consider these matters on its return in the new year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

**Nick Ramsay AM**

**Chair**

