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Today I am publishing the tax policy work plan for 2019, setting out the programme of research, reviews and other activity which the Welsh Government will be pursuing during the year.

The work plan builds on what we have learned to date, and is in line with the principles set out in the Welsh Government’s Tax Policy Framework. In particular, it is part of our open and inclusive approach to tax policy development.

The issues being pursued are grouped under three main headings:

A. Develop tax policy which raises revenue to fund public services as fairly as possible, aligning with Welsh Government policy priorities - including our longer plans to build the Welsh tax base.

B. Build a more effective and coordinated approach to tax across existing Welsh taxes and across the wider tax landscape - including the options to improve data sharing and to strengthen the evidence base to inform tax decisions.

C. Engagement, communications and capacity building - including our aim to engage more widely with citizens.

I will welcome contributions to any of aspect of the work plan. As the programme progresses, I will seek opportunities to debate some of the more strategic issues in the Assembly, in order to enable Members to contribute to this important agenda.

I will publish a report summarising what we have learned in the autumn.

The tax policy work plan for 2019 is available here:

<https://beta.gov.wales/tax-policy-work-plan-2019>