



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Climate Change Cabinet Sub-Committee**  
**DATE DECISION MADE: 27 September, 2023**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor C Leyshon (Chair), Councillor A Crimmings (Deputy Chair),  
Councillor R Lewis and Councillor M Norris

**Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor W Owen

***Agenda Item : 5***

**SUBJECT: 'Nature on Your Doorstep': Update on the implementation of the Living  
Landscape project in Rhondda Cynon Taf**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To consider the progress reported, the planned expenditure and how this contributes to the broader objective of developing a Living Landscape project across RCT;
2. To arrange a site meeting for the Committee to meet with the new Biodiversity Apprentices

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to update Members on Local Places for Nature grant funded works undertaken in 22/23 and planned for 23/24 and 24/25.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:**

The Living Landscapes project contributes to the Council's priorities as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan. Specifically, it contributes to 'People' by Encouraging all residents to lead active and healthy lifestyles and maintain their mental wellbeing and to 'Places' by Getting the best out of our parks by looking after and investing in our greenspaces and specifically, Delivering natural carbon storage solutions such as those provided by trees, peat bogs, marshy grassland and other natural habitats across the County Borough to enhance air quality and reduce the impact of greenhouse gasses.

It also reflects the five ways of working in the Well-being of Future Generations Act. Sustainable management is based on long-term considerations and is focused on preventative and precautionary action. The Living Landscape project aims to involve all the relevant stakeholders and to integrate the biodiversity, carbon, water and community benefits in the proposed works. It will contribute specifically to the Resilience and Global Responsibility goals of the Act, but in the longer term it could have implications for all the goals.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

None

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

None

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

None

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

N/A

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

**Yes**

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**The closing date for Call-In is 5pm on the 2 October 2023**

**8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

**I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-**  
Reason: N/A

**II. URGENT DECISION:-**  
Reason N/A

**8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

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(PRESIDING OFFICER)

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(Dated)

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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**