



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Climate Change Cabinet Sub-Committee DATE DECISION  
MADE: 21 December, 2023**

**Committee Members Present:**

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

***Agenda Item : 6***

**SUBJECT: UPDATE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the contents of this report as part of the ongoing work in response to our climate change ambitions and agree to the further progress of the project proposals, in line with the contents of this report.
2. To receive further report(s) to provide updates on progress as/when deemed appropriate.

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

The need to provide a further update to Members with regards to the work underway in the development of a 'Land Based Solar Farm', to be located on Council owned land located at Coed Ely, on an 84-acre 'terraced' former colliery site, near Tonyrefail. The facility will, when constructed, be an asset owned by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

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

The report furthers the ambitions for the Council's Climate Change Agenda. The project has the potential to 'offset' over 1,100 tonnes of carbon per annum and around 47,000 tonnes over the expected 40yr lifecycle of the project (*subject to final detailed design*). Any future actions that arise because of the recommendations of the Climate Change Cabinet Sub Committee report will take full regard to the seven national wellbeing goals.

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

A Pre-planning Application Consultation process (PAC) was undertaken prior to submitting a planning application to the local planning authority.

**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 28 December 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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**PUBLICATION**

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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**