



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 24 January, 2024

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Deputy Chair),
Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor R Lewis, Councillor C Leyshon,
Councillor M Norris and Councillor B Harris

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor G Caple

Agenda Item : 9

SUBJECT: The adoption of the Authority's revised Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and Action Plan

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the results and the review of the statutory public consultation on the draft LFRMS and Action Plan, which was presented to the Climate Change, Frontline Services & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee on 22nd November 2023 as per the programme of work which was agreed by Cabinet on 15th May 2023;
2. To note the feedback from the Climate and Frontline Services Committee which met on [18th January 2024](#), which will be provided by the Service Director of Democratic Services and Communication;
3. That the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and Action Plan is adopted by the Authority; and
4. That the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, and accompanying environmental assessment, are submitted to the Welsh Government for Ministerial approval.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to advise members on the outcome of the statutory public consultation on the revised Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) and Action Plan (formerly known as a Flood Risk Management Plan), as required under Section 10 of the Flood and Water Management Act (FWMA) 2010.

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

The final LFRMS and Action Plan has identified how the detailed flood risk objectives, measures and actions align with local policies such as the Council's Corporate Plan "Making a Difference" 2020-2024 and the Council's former LFRMS and FRMP produced in 2013 and 2015, respectively. Furthermore, it reflects the sustainable development principles of the Well-being for Future Generations Act and will contribute to all seven national goals.

The final LFRMS and Action Plan has also identified opportunities to align with emerging local policies such as the Council's revised Local Development Plan, RCT's Local Nature Partnership – 'Action for Nature' Plan and the Council's Tackling Climate Change Strategy.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The initial non-statutory public engagement exercise via a questionnaire was conducted in-house and ran for a period of six weeks from the 13th December 2022 to the 24th January 2023.

The results and review of this exercise on the revised LFRMS and Action Plan was

presented to CCFSP Scrutiny Committee on 22nd March 2023⁶. Members were supportive of the public engagement and the review and agreed their comments to be fed into the drafting of the revised Strategy.

It is a requirement of the FWMA 2010 for the LLFA to consult on the LFRMS and accompanying environmental documents (SEA and HRA) with the public and risk management authorities that may be affected by the strategy.

The statutory public consultation on the draft LFRMS and Action Plan, and accompanying environmental documents, was conducted in-house and ran for a period of six weeks from 21st August to 2nd October 2023.

The results and review of the statutory public consultation on the draft LFRMS and Action Plan was presented to CCFSP Scrutiny Committee on 22nd November 2023⁷. Members were supportive of the draft LFRMS and Action Plan and the relevant statutory public consultation, noting one recommendation for more targeted consultation during implementation of the final LFRMS and Action Plan for community specific measures and actions.

Following consideration of the consultation responses and the CCFSP Scrutiny Committee's review, the draft LFRMS and Action Plan and accompanying environmental documents have been finalised and are presented to Cabinet in Appendix 1 of the report for approval.

This is the final opportunity for Cabinet and CCFSP Scrutiny Committee to review and comment on the final LFRMS and Action Plan, and accompanying environmental assessments, before they are submitted to the Welsh Government for Ministerial approval, as per the agreed program presented to Cabinet on 15th May 2023.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

[Cabinet – 29th November 2022](#)

[Climate Change, Frontline Services and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – 22nd March 2023](#)

[Cabinet – 15th May 2023](#)

[Climate Change, Frontline Services and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – 22nd November 2023](#)

[Climate Change, Frontline Services and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – 18th January 2024.](#)

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 29 January 2024

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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