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DYMA WŶS i gyfarfod **Grŵp LLYWIO'R CABINET AR FATERION YR HINSAWDD** i'w gynnal ar **ZOOM Dydd MERCHER, 2 MAWRTH, 2022** am **11.00 AM.**

Caiff Aelodau nad ydyn nhw'n aelodau o'r pwyllgor ac aelodau o'r cyhoedd gyfrannu yn y cyfarfod ar faterion y cyfarfod er bydd y cais yn ôl doethineb y Cadeirydd. Gofynnwn i chi roi gwybod i Wasanaethau Democrataidd erbyn Dydd Llun, 28 Chwefror 2022 trwy ddefnyddio'r manylion cyswllt uchod, gan gynnwys rhoi gwybod a fyddwch chi'n siarad Cymraeg neu Saesneg.

AGENDA

Tudalennau

1. DATGAN BUDDIANT

Derbyn datganiadau o fuddiannau personol gan Aelodau, yn unol â'r Cod Ymddygiad.

Nodwch:

1. Mae gofyn i Aelodau ddatgan rhif a phwnc yr agendwm mae eu buddiant yn ymwneud ag ef a mynegi natur y buddiant personol hwnnw; a
2. Lle bo Aelodau'n ymneilltuo o'r cyfarfod o ganlyniad i ddatgelu buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu, mae **rhaid** iddyn nhw roi gwybod i'r Cadeirydd pan fyddan nhw'n gadael.

2. COFNODION

Cadarnhau cofnodion cyfarfod Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Hinsawdd a gynhaliwyd ar 10 Tachwedd 2021 yn rhai cywir.

3. Y WYBODAETH DDIWEDDARAF AM ACHLYSUR SERO NET RHCT I STAFF - 17 IONAWR 2022

Derbyn diweddariad llafar gan y Rheolwr Cyflawniad ar yr achlysur sero net i staff a gynhaliwyd ar 17 Ionawr 2022.

4. ADRODDIAD DIWEDDARU AR EIN HYMATEB CAFFAEL O RAN NEWID YN YR HINSAWDD

Derbyn adroddiad y Pennaeth Caffael sy'n rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd ar yr ymatebion a gafwyd o ran Newid yn yr Hinsawdd.

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5. ADRODDIAD DIWEDDARU AR Y PROSIECT FFERM SOLAR ARFAETHEDIG

Derbyn adroddiad y Pennaeth Materion Ynni a Lleihau Carbon, sy'n rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y Prosiect Fferm Solar arfaethedig.

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6. ADRODDIAD DIWEDDARU AR LEIHOU EITEMAU DEFNYDD SENGL

Derbyn adroddiad y Pennaeth Caffael, sy'n rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd ar leihau eitemau defnydd sengl/untro.

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7. DERBYN DIWEDDARIAD AR LAFAR GAN GYFARWYDDWR EIDDO'R CYNGOR

Derbyn diweddariad llafar gan Gyfarwyddwr Eiddo'r Cyngor ar y materion a ganlyn:

1. Y Prosiect Plannu Coed
2. Y Strategaeth Wefru Cerbydau Trydan a Sylwadau'r Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu

8. ADRODDIAD DIWEDDARU O RAN DATGANIAD CAEREDIN

Derbyn diweddariad ar Ddatganiad Caeredin a rôl Awdurdodau Lleol o fewn y fframwaith bioamrywiaeth byd-eang ôl-2020.

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9. ADRODDIAD CRYNO O'R CANLYNIADAU A GYFLAWNWYD YN Y BLYNYDDOEDD DIWETHAF

Derbyn adroddiad Cyfarwyddwr Eiddo'r Cyngor, sy'n crynhoi'r hyn a gyflawnwyd yn y blynyddoedd diwethaf wrth fynd i'r afael â Newid yn yr Hinsawdd.

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10. MATERION BRYN

Trafod unrhyw faterion sydd, yn ôl doethineb y Cadeirydd, yn rhai brys yng ngoleuni amgylchiadau arbennig.

Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y Gwasanaethau Democraidd a Chyfathrebu
Cylchreliad: -

Cadeirydd ac Is-gadeirydd:

(Y Cynghorydd R Lewis a Y Cynghorydd A Crimmings)

Y Cynghorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol:

Y Cynghorydd J Barton, Y Cynghorydd S Belzak, Y Cynghorydd M Norris and
Y Cynghorydd E Webster

Swyddogion:

Chris Bradshaw, Prif Weithredwr

Christian Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y Gwasanaethau Democraidd a
Chyfathrebu

Paul Mee, Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cymuned a Gwasanaethau i
Blant

Simon Gale, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu

Richard Evans, Cyfarwyddwr - Materion Adnoddau Dynol

Barrie Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Digidol

David Powell, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Eiddo'r Cyngor

Lesley Lawson, Rheolwr Cyflawniad

Cynrychiolaeth Allanol:

Cyfeillion y Ddaear

Croeso i'n Coedwig

Tudalen wag

RHONDDA CYNON TAF
GRŴP LLYWIO'R CABINET AR FATERION YR HINSAWDD

Cofnodion o gyfarfod y Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd a gynhaliwyd Dydd Mercher, 10 Tachwedd 2021 am 10.00 am.

Y Cynghorwyr Bwrdeistref Sirol - Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd
Aelodau oedd yn bresennol:-:-

Y Cyngorydd R Lewis Y Cyngorydd M Norris
Y Cyngorydd A Crimmings Y Cyngorydd J Barton
Y Cyngorydd S Belzak Y Cyngorydd E Webster

Cynrychiolwyr Allanol a wahoddwyd i'r Grŵp Llywio

Ms H Richards – Aelod Cyfetholedig
Mr I Thomas – Aelod Cyfetholedig

Swyddogion oedd yn bresennol

Mr C Bradshaw, Prif Weithredwr
Mr C Hanagan, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chyfathrebu
Mr P Mee, Cyfarwyddwr Cyfadran y Gwasanaethau Cymuned a Gwasanaethau i Blant
Ms L Davies, Cyfarwyddwr – Iechyd a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd, a Gwasanaethau'r Gymuned
Mr S Gale, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ffyniant a Datblygu
Mr R Evans, Cyfarwyddwr - Materion Adnoddau Dynol
Mr R Waters, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaeth – Gwasanaethau Rheng-flaen
Mr D Powell, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Eiddo'r Cyngor
Lawson, Rheolwr Cyflawniad
Mr A Roberts, Pennath Ynni a Lleihau Carbon
Mr R Wistow, Ecolegydd

9 Croeso'r Cadeirydd

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd bawb i gyfarfod Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd a chroesawodd Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol J Barton i'r Grŵp. Yn ogystal â hynny, rhoddodd y Cadeirydd wybod nad oedd Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol M Webber bellach yn aelod o'r Grŵp, a diolchodd iddi am ei chyfraniadau i'r Grŵp. Cadarnhaodd y bydd Cyngorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol A Crimmings yn cymryd rôl yr Is-gadeirydd.

10 DATGAN BUDDIANT

Yn unol â Chod Ymddygiad y Cyngor, doedd dim datganiadau o fuddiant

ynglŷn â'r agenda.

11 Cofnodion

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 14 Mehefin 2021 yn rhai cywir.

12 Strategaeth Gwefru Cerbydau Trydanol, a'r Cynllun ar gyfer Rhoi Hynny ar Waith

Fe wnaeth y Pennaeth Materion Ynni a Lleihau Carbon roi diweddariad i Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd mewn perthynas â'r gwaith sydd ar y gweill o ran llunio Strategaeth Gwefru Cerbydau Trydan (EVC) a sut mae'n berthnasol i ymrwymadau ehangach y Cyngor o ran Sero Net a Lleihau Carbon.

Atgoffwyd yr aelodau bod y Gweithgor Gwefru Cerbydau Trydan a Thrafnidiaeth wedi'i sefydlu ym mis Ebrill 2021. Mae'n cynnwys swyddogion o bob grŵp Gwasanaeth, ac yn cael ei arwain gan Garfan Materion Ynni a Lleihau Carbon Eiddo'r Cyngor.

Rhan gyntaf y prosiect oedd datblygu Strategaeth i gwmpasu dyfodol Gwefru Cerbydau Trydan. Cafodd yr Aelodau wybod bod hyn yn nodi dyheadau'r Cyngor ac yn gosod y llwyfan ar gyfer datblygu isadeiledd gwefru Cerbydau Trydan yn y dyfodol, sy'n rhan o gylch gorchwyl y Cyngor.

Mae'r Strategaeth Gwefru Cerbydau Trydan (EVC) wedi'i diweddarau ac yn barod i'w chyhoeddi yn amodol ar gymeradwyaeth y Cabinet. Mae hyn yn dilyn gwaith ymgynghori mewnol â rhanddeiliaid ac ail ymgyrch ymgynghori gyhoeddus. Cafodd yr Aelodau ragor o fanylion am yr ymgyrch ymgynghori helaeth a gynhaliwyd trwy blatfform ymgysylltu 'Dewch i Siarad' y Cyngor, gyda phrosiect pwrpasol o'r enw 'Dewch i Siarad am Wefru Cerbydau Trydan'. Cafodd y sylwadau, y ceisiadau a'r wybodaeth arall a gyflwynwyd yn rhan o'r ymgynghoriad eu rhoi mewn adroddiad a'u bwydo i mewn i'r ddogfen strategaeth derfynol.

Cafodd yr Aelodau wybod mai'r camau nesaf fydd llunio Cynllun Gweithredu gyda'r nod o amlinellu'r ffordd ymlaen yn glir, yn ogystal â nodi gyda phwy y mae angen cysylltu â nhw, a sut y bydd angen cynllunio a gweithredu'r camau arfaethedig. Bydd y Cynllun yma hefyd yn cynnwys 'Cynllun Camau Gweithredu' sy'n nodi nodau clir i'r Cyngor, gan gynnwys targedau tymor byr, canolig a hir i'r Cyngor anelu atynt, wrth symud tuag at ddefnyddio cerbydau trydan.

Yn ogystal â hynny, cafodd yr Aelodau wybod am broses asesu effaith gynhwysfawr a gynhaliwyd gyda chydweithwyr yn Uned Gwasanaethau'r Gymraeg a'r Gwasanaeth Amrywiaeth a Chynhwysiant wrth ddatblygu'r strategaeth.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r swyddog am yr adroddiad a chydabu'r gwaith

a wnaed i sefydlu'r Strategaeth gadarn gan nodi bod y strategaeth yn amlwg wedi'i hystyried yn ofalus, gan gynnig lleoliadau diogel a hygyrch i breswylwyr.

Canmolodd un Aelod y broses ymgynghori fanwl a gynhaliwyd a sut mae'r sylwadau o'r broses yma wedi cael eu hystyried a'u bwydo i'r strategaeth derfynol. Dywedodd fod hyn yn dangos gwerth ymgysylltu ag aelodau o'r cyhoedd a grwpiau ehangach o ran sicrhau bod y rheini ag anableddau wedi'u cynnwys yn y gwaith a goresgyn unrhyw rwystrau posibl o ran manteisio ar y rhwydwaith gwefru cerbydau trydan.

Holodd Aelod arall am wybodaeth a welwyd y tu allan i'r cyfarfod ynghylch gosod cyfyngiad Llywodraeth y DU ar wefru Cerbydau Trydan yn ystod yr oriau prysuraf. Dywedodd y swyddogion nad oedden nhw'n effro i fanylion y cyfyngiadau penodol a grybwyllwyd gan yr Aelod, ond oherwydd cymhlethdod y rhwydwaith ynni, mae'n bosibl y bydd angen cynnal trafodaethau gyda chyflenwyr ynni ynghylch cyflwyno dull gwefru deallus ar adegau penodol, a allai arwain at lywio arferion defnyddwyr o ran gwefru Cerbydau Trydan. Sicrhawyd yr Aelodau y bydd trafodaethau yn parhau i gael eu cynnal gyda chyflenwyr ynni i sicrhau bod y dull mwyaf addas yn cael ei roi ar waith.

Cododd un Aelod y mater o bwyntiau gwefru a hygyrchedd i bwyntiau gwefru mewn strydoedd teras, gan nodi problem o ran ceblau yn cael eu gosod ar draws palmentydd, a gofynnodd i'r Cyngor ddarparu arweiniad clir i breswylwyr ar gyfreithlondeb yr arfer yma, yn unol ag Awdurdodau Lleol eraill. Aeth yr Aelodau ati i gydnabod yr anhawster a wynebir oherwydd dyluniad y strydoedd mewn sawl lleoliad, yn enwedig yng Ngogledd y fwrdeistref - hynny yw, y problemau o ran strydoedd teras a chyrchu pwyntiau gwefru addas. Nododd y swyddogion y risgiau posibl o ran iechyd a diogelwch sy'n codi pan gaiff ceblau eu gosod ar balmentydd, ac amlygwyd o'r adroddiad bod dewisiadau amgen i barcio gartref yn cael eu cynnwys fel datrysiad posibl o dan yr amgylchiadau hyn. Cafodd yr Aelodau hefyd sicrwydd bod canllawiau ar y dull addas o wefru cerbydau trydan gartref, gan gynnwys cyngor ynghylch sefyllfa gyfreithiol llusgo ceblau o gartrefi i gerbydau, wedi'i gynnwys yn rhan o'r cynllun gweithredu.

Roedd mwyafrif yr Aelodau'n cytuno bod datblygu'r strategaeth yn gam cadarnhaol ac yn symud y trafodaethau ehangach ar ddefnyddio cerbydau trydan i'r cam nesaf. Canmolodd y grŵp ymdrechion y Swyddogion, a diolch iddynt am eu gwaith yn datblygu'r strategaeth.

PENDERFYNODD Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd:

- Ystyried a nodi'r adborth a gafwyd o'r ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus mewn perthynas â'r Strategaeth Gwefru Cerbydau Trydan, a darparu'r adborth uchod i'r Cabinet mewn perthynas â rhoi'r strategaeth arfaethedig ar waith a'i chyhoeddi.
- Derbyn adroddiadau pellach i'r Grŵp Llywio, gan ddarparu

diweddariadau pellach ar gynnydd o ran datblygu Cynllun Gweithredu.

Nodwyd bod un Aelod (Cynghorydd y Fwrdeistref Sirol S Belzak) wedi ymatal rhag pleidleisio ar yr eitem yma, gan nodi y byddai buddsoddiad pellach mewn cludiant bysiau yn well i'r amgylchedd na Cherbydau Trydan.

13 Prosiect Ôl troed Carbon y Cyngor

Rhoddodd Cyfarwyddwr Eiddo'r Cyngor ddiweddariad ynghylch Prosiect Ôl Troed Carbon y Cyngor, sydd â'r nod o fesur a deall Ôl Troed Carbon gweithgarwch Cyngor Rhondda Cynon Taf ar gyfer blynyddoedd ariannol 2019/20 a 2020/21. Bu Cyfarwyddwr Eiddo'r Cyngor hefyd yn ymdrin â gofynion Adrodd Carbon newydd Llywodraeth Cymru am y un ddwy flynedd ariannol, yn ogystal ag agweddau ehangach yn ymwneud â'r dyfodol ar gyfer cyflawni ymrwymïadau tymor hwy Rhondda Cynon Taf o ran Net Sero a Lleihau Carbon.

Atgoffwyd yr Aelodau bod adroddiad blaenorol wedi'i gyflwyno ym mis Mehefin, a oedd yn nodi Ôl Troed Carbon y Cyngor ar gyfer 2019/20. Tynnodd y Swyddog sylw'r Aelodau i adran 4.3 o'r adroddiad, a oedd yn dangos atgynhyrchiad o'r data hwn.

Aeth y Swyddog ymlaen i ddweud wrth yr Aelodau mai hwn oedd cam cyntaf y prosiect gyda'r ail gam yn ymwneud â gwaith i gyfrifo'r Ôl Troed Carbon ar gyfer 2020/21, gyda'r bwriad o nodi effaith Covid-19. Clywodd yr Aelodau fod y Cyngor wedi comisiynu'r Ymddiriedolaeth Garbon i gyflawni'r adroddiad llawn a ddarperir yn Atodiad A.

Tynnodd y Swyddog sylw'r Aelodau at y ffaith fod y cyfrifiadau wedi'u cwblhau ar y cyd â'r Ymddiriedolaeth Garbon gan ddefnyddio cyfrifiannell a ddefnyddir yn helaeth mewn sectorau cyhoeddus eraill. Dywedwyd wrth yr Aelodau nad oedd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi creu cyfrifiannell ar y pryd, felly defnyddiodd y Cyngor y gyfrifiannell gan yr Ymddiriedolaeth Carbon. Hysbyswyd yr Aelodau bod Llywodraeth Cymru hefyd wedi llunio canllawiau yn ystod y flwyddyn, yr oedd modd i Awdurdodau Lleol eu defnyddio i gyfrifo ôl troed carbon. Roedd yn ofynnol i'r Cyngor gyflwyno data ar gyfer ôl troed 2020/21 ynghyd â data 2019/20 ar gyfer y llinell sylfaen. Dywedodd y Swyddog fod y Cyngor yn gallu bodloni'r dyddiad cau a chyflwyno'r ddwy gyfres yn unol ag amserlenni Llywodraeth Cymru.

Aeth y Swyddog hefyd ati i amlygu adran 4.11 o'r adroddiad, sy'n nodi'r tebygrwydd yn y broses adrodd rhwng canllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru a chyfrifiannell yr Ymddiriedolaeth Garbon ond cydnabuwyd bod rhai gwahaniaethau, a gafodd eu hamlinellu a'u hegluro i'r Aelodau.

Bydd y Cyngor yn parhau i gyfrifo ei Ôl Troed Carbon yn unol â chanllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru ond bydd hefyd yn parhau i ddefnyddio

cyfrifiannell yr Ymddiriedolaeth Garbon at ddibenion cymharu.

Tynnodd y Swyddog sylw'r Aelodau at adran 5 o'r adroddiad sy'n amlinellu sefydlu cynllun datgarboneiddio ar gyfer gweithgarwch Cyngor Rhondda Cynon Taf, sy'n brosiect allweddol i'n tywys yn llwyddiannus tuag at fod yn Gyngor Carbon Niwtral erbyn 2030.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Swyddogion am eu gwaith o ran casglu'r data a llunio adroddiad cynhwysfawr sy'n cydnabod pwysigrwydd nodi sefyllfa bresennol y Cyngor. Nododd y Cadeirydd y duedd ostyngol o ran yr Ôl Troed Carbon ond aeth ati i gydnabod yr heriau parhaus er mwyn parhau â hyn.

Holodd un Aelod pa waith yr oedd y Cyngor yn ei wneud o ran Dal Carbon a ph'un a yw'r Cyngor yn mesur faint o gynefinoedd mawn sydd yn y fwrdeistref, gan bwysleisio'r angen i werthfawrogi adnoddau naturiol a all helpu i liniaru rhai o'r lefelau Carbon sy'n digwydd. Dywedodd y Swyddog wrth yr Aelodau bod gwrthbwysio asedau naturiol yn cael ei gynnwys yn y data a ddarperir ar gyfer yr Ôl Troed Carbon ac amlinellodd waith llywodraethu is-grwpiau a sefydlwyd eisoes yn y Cyngor, sy'n gweithio ar brosiectau i ddefnyddio buddion cynefinoedd mawn sy'n bwydo i'r cynllun cyffredinol i leihau lefelau carbon o fewn y Cyngor.

Rhannodd Aelod arall ei bryder nad yw'r Ôl Troed Carbon yn cynnwys buddsoddiadau'r gronfa bensiw'n a'r berthynas â buddsoddiadau tanwydd ffosil. Cafwyd trafodaeth ynghylch rôl Pwyllgor y Gronfa Bensiw'n a'r gwaith sy'n cael ei wneud i edrych ar leihau buddsoddiadau tanwydd carbon.

Cododd Aelod arall ymholiad ynghylch effaith prosesau gweithgynhyrchu ar y data am Ôl Troed Carbon ac effaith bosibl gweithgynhyrchwyr newydd yn symud i'r fwrdeistref. Dywedodd y Swyddog wrth yr Aelodau fod y data a ddarperir yn yr adroddiadau ar gyfer Rhondda Cynon Taf fel Cyngor ac nid y fwrdeistref gyfan. Serch hynny, cafodd yr Aelodau wybod bod lleihau carbon yn flaenoriaeth uchel i adran adfywio'r Cyngor yn ei chyfanrwydd.

PENDERFYNODD Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd:

1. Nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad yma a'i ddiweddariadau yn rhan o waith parhaus Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Hinsawdd.
2. Rhoi adborth i'r Cabinet i gefnogi sefydlu Cynllun Datgarboneiddio Corfforaethol ar gyfer Cyngor RhCT i ddarparu llwybr clir ac amserlenni diffiniedig ar gyfer cyflawni'r nod o gyrraedd Net Sero erbyn 2030 a;
3. Derbynn adroddiadau pellach gyda'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y

cynnydd yn 20212.

14 Prosiectau Cynhyrchu Ynni Allweddol a Materion Cysylltiedig

Cyflwynodd y Cyfarwyddwr Materion Ynni a Lleihau Carbon ddiweddariad pellach i Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd mewn perthynas â'r gwaith sydd ar y gweill o ran datblygu prosiectau ynni adnewyddadwy a materion eraill sy'n gysylltiedig â Lleihau Carbon.

Cyfeiriwyd yr Aelodau at adran 5 yr adroddiad a oedd yn manylu ar ddiweddariad ar brosiectau ynni adnewyddadwy cyfredol.

Amlygwyd y prosiectau canlynol i'r Aelodau, gan amlinellu'r llwyddiannau a'r gwaith yn y dyfodol sy'n ofynnol gyda diweddariadau allweddol yn cael eu darparu o gynnwys yr adroddiad:

- Gosod Fferm Solar 5MW;
- Ffynnon Dwym Ffynnon Taf;
- Datblygiadau Amgen (tyrbin gwynt Nant y Gwyddon a safle Bryn Pica)
- Ffermydd Gwynt 9MW;
- Fferm Wynt 3MW;
- Cyfleoedd Trydan Dŵr
- Prosiect Cerbydau Allyriadau isel iawn (ULEV)
- Rhaglen Lleihau Carbon;
- Prosiect Ôl Troed Carbon

Cyfeiriodd y Swyddog at adran 6 yr adroddiad sy'n rhoi diweddariad i'r Aelodau ar fentrau a sefydlwyd i gefnogi gwaith y Grŵp Llywio, gan nodi bod Swyddogion yn cyfarfod yn rheolaidd ac yn gweithio ar y cyd tuag at nod y Cyngor o ddod yn sero net erbyn 2030.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Pennaeth Materion Ynni a Lleihau Carbon am y diweddariad ac roedd yn falch o glywed am brosiect yn datblygu o amgylch Ynni Solar a Gwynt. Cydnabu'r Cadeirydd bwysigrwydd safle Ffynnon Dwym Ffynnon Taf ac anogodd ymweliad â'r safle gan fod y prosiect yn arloesol iawn. Ar gais y grŵp, nododd y Cadeirydd yr angen i archwilio ymhellach ddichonoldeb prosiectau hydro ar draws y Fwrdeistref Sirol.

Cododd un Aelod ymholiad ynghylch Pymptiau Gwres a'r angen pellach i ymchwilio i nodi eu heffeithlonrwydd yn y tymor hir yng nghartrefi'r Fwrdeistref Sirol. Cydnabu'r Swyddog bwysigrwydd y prosiect o ran y Ffynnon Dwym a chadarnhaodd i'r Aelodau y byddai'n edrych ar drefnu ymweliad â'r safle. Roedd yr Aelodau yn cefnogi hyn gan ei fod yn cael ei ystyried yn gynllun arloesol sydd o fudd i'r Cyngor a'i breswylwyr.

Cydnabu'r Cadeirydd yr her o ddarparu pypiau gwres at ddefnydd preswyl am gostau fforddiadwy ar hyn o bryd ond tynnodd sylw at waith carfan Gwres ac Arbed Ynni y Cyngor sy'n gweithio gyda phreswylwyr ar hyn o bryd i ddarparu cymorth addas wrth osod pypiau gwres.

Cododd Aelod arall y potensial i'r Cyngor ailedrych ar Hydro-Gynlluniau o fewn y Gymuned i annog perchnogaeth, datblygiad a chyfranogiad cymunedol. Hysbysodd Cyfarwyddwr Eiddo'r Cyngor yr Aelodau fod trafodaethau ar y gweill ar hyn o bryd gydag un Grŵp Cymunedol yng Nghwm Clydach ond ar hyn o bryd mae tua 14 o Gynlluniau Hydro yn cael eu hadolygu, ac mae rhai o'r rhain yn y Gymuned. Dywedodd wrth yr Aelodau y byddai'r Cyngor yn barod i ymgysylltu â'r Gymuned i bennu hyfywedd cynlluniau cydberchnogaeth. Trafododd un Aelod y potensial i Gyngor Rhondda Cynon Taf geisio dilyn cynlluniau sy'n defnyddio Dŵr o Fwyngloddiau fel ffynhonnell ynni o'i gymharu â Ffynhonnau Twym

PENDERFYNODD Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd:

1. Nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad yma a'i ddiweddariadau yn rhan o waith parhaus Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Hinsawdd.
2. Derbyd adroddiad yn y dyfodol ar osod Fferm Solar, i dynnu sylw at a chynyddu potensial cynyddol y cynigion penodol yma.
3. Derbyd adroddiadau pellach gyda'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cynnydd yn 2022.

15 Strategaeth Prosiect Cerbydau Allyriadau isel iawn Prifddinas-Ranbarth Caerdydd a'r cynnydd

Rhoddodd Cyfarwyddwr Eiddo'r Cyngor amlinelliad o bwrpas yr adroddiad gan ddefnyddio gwybodaeth a gyflwynwyd i Fwrdd Prifddinas-Ranbarth Caerdydd i ddarparu diweddariad i Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd mewn perthynas â'r gwaith sydd ar y gweill gan Brifddinas-Ranbarth Caerdydd (CCR) gyda'i strategaeth Cerbydau Allyriadau isel iawn (ULEV).

Amlygodd y Swyddog i'r Aelodau fod Cenex wedi'i gomisiynu i baratoi Strategaeth ULEV ddrafft ar gyfer y CCR ac roedd copi llawn o'r strategaeth ynghlwm yn Atodiad 1. Mae comisiynau pellach yn cynnwys Strategaeth ULEV Metro Plus a Strategaeth Tacsï ULEV.

Atgoffwyd yr aelodau mai Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Merthyr Tudful yw'r Awdurdod arweiniol sy'n rheoli cyllido'r trawsnewidiad ULEV ar gyfer y rhanbarth gyda'r Awdurdod Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol (RTA) yn darparu arweinyddiaeth a rheolaeth gyffredinol y prosiect.

Tynnodd y Swyddog sylw'r Aelodau at adran 5 yr adroddiad a oedd yn manylu ar gynlluniau sy'n cael eu cynnal gyda'r cyllid ychwanegol a dderbyniwyd gan Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Merthyr Tudful gan gynnwys darpariaeth gwefrydd tacsï ULEV, ULEV - Darparu Seilwaith Gwefru at Ddefnydd Cyhoeddus ac ULEV - Darparu Seilwaith Gwefru at Ddefnydd Bws. Hefyd cafodd yr aelodau drosolwg o gyfleoedd yn y dyfodol fel yr amlinellwyd yn Adran 6 yr adroddiad.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Swyddog am yr adroddiad diweddar gan nodi'r cyllid a addawyd yn adran 4 yr adroddiad a chynnwys strategaethau ar gyfer darparu tacsï a bysiau. Tynnodd sylw hefyd at y pethau cadarnhaol yn y strategaeth sy'n cyfrannu at ymdrechion ehangach ar draws Rhondda Cynon Taf i gyflwyno seilwaith cerbydau trydanol.

Nododd un Aelod y gostyngiad mewn gwasanaethau bysiau a'r effaith y mae hyn yn ei chael ar breswylwyr a'r gallu i ddarparu strategaeth ULEV. Cydnabu'r Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen bwysigrwydd gwasanaethau bysiau ar draws y fwrdeistref ond cynghorodd yr Aelodau am effaith Covid-19 ar nifer y teithwyr, gwasanaethau ac effeithiau prinder gyrwyr. Sicrhawyd yr Aelodau bod gwaith yn cael ei wneud i sicrhau darpariaeth gyfredol o wasanaethau.

Cydnabu Aelod arall fod y nod ar gyfer fflydoedd bysiau a thacsï ULEV yn uchelgeisiol ond cododd bryderon ynghylch fflydoedd tacsï a'r gwaith paratoi y byddai'n ofynnol ei wneud yn unol â gweithredwyr tacsï cyn rhoi unrhyw newidiadau ar waith. Cynghorodd y Cyfarwyddwr - Iechyd Cyhoeddus, Amddiffyn a Gwasanaethau Cymunedol yr Aelodau fod y strategaeth wedi'i llywio gan ymgynghoriad a gynhaliwyd gyda gweithredwyr fflyd tacsï ledled Cymru a dangosodd canlyniad hyn eu bod yn cael eu calonogi gan gynnig ond eu bod yn nodi bod yr angen am weithrediad peilot yn allweddol.

PENDERFYNODD Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd:

1. Nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad hwn fel diweddariad ar y dull rhanbarth ehangach o ddatblygu strategaeth ULEV.

16 Bioamrywiaeth a'r Bartneriaeth Natur Leol yn Rhondda Cynon Taf

Rhodddwyd adroddiad i'r aelodau a gyflwynwyd gan Ecolegydd y Cyngor. Amlinellodd yr Ecolegydd bwrpas yr adroddiad, sef darparu diweddariad i aelodau ar waith y Cyngor a'r Bartneriaeth Natur Leol mewn perthynas â bioamrywiaeth yn RhCT a nodi cyfeiriad y gwaith hwn yn y dyfodol.

Rhodddwyd rhywfaint o gefndir i'r adroddiad i'r aelodau gyda'r Ecolegydd yn atgoffa'r Aelodau o bwysigrwydd y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth gan osod dyletswydd ar bob corff cyhoeddus i ystyried bioamrywiaeth yn y gwaith y mae'n ei wneud a'r heriau a'r cyfleoedd y mae hyn yn eu

cyflwyno o ran gweithio trawsadrannol. Mae'r broses hon wedi ymsefydlu yn niwylliant perfformiad corfforaethol y Cyngor ac er bod llawer o hyn yn arferol, mae hefyd yn annog rhai prosiectau arloesol.

Cyfeiriodd yr Ecolegydd at brosiect fferm wynt Pen Y Cymoedd a thrafod cynnwys y manylion a nodwyd yn yr adroddiad. Tynnodd sylw hefyd at bwysigrwydd y broses Cynllunio ar fioamrywiaeth yn amlinellu newidiadau i Ganllawiau Polisi Cynllunio gan Lywodraeth Cymru fel y nodir yn yr adroddiad.

Atgoffwyd yr Aelodau o adroddiad Asedau Natur a gyflwynwyd yn flaenorol i'r pwyllgor sydd hefyd wedi arwain at nifer o brosiectau parhaus sy'n gysylltiedig â chyfleoedd adfer corsydd mawn, potensial storio carbon, rheoli dŵr a photensial bioamrywiaeth tir, ysgolion, coetiroedd hynafol a choed sy'n eiddo i'r Cyngor.

Hefyd, darparodd yr Ecolegydd drosolwg o brosiect ymgysylltu a gynhaliwyd trwy blatfform 'Dewch i Siarad RhCT' y Cyngor o'r enw 'Dewch i Siarad am Flodau Gwyllt' lle gwahoddwyd preswylwyr i nodi meysydd yr hoffent weld mentrau Blodau Gwyllt yn cael eu hystyried mewn rhaglenni gwaith yn y dyfodol. Dywedwyd wrth yr Aelodau bod yr ymgysylltiad wedi cael ymateb da a derbyniwyd nifer o ymatebion hyd yn hyn a fydd yn cael eu hadolygu yn ystod y misoedd nesaf.

Amlygwyd enghreifftiau pellach o ymgysylltu â'r gymuned i'r Aelodau trwy drafodaeth ynghylch y Cynllun Partneriaeth Natur Lleol a hysbysodd yr Ecolegydd yr Aelodau fod y cynllun newydd wrthi'n cael ei ysgrifennu. Tynnwyd manylion yr arian a dderbyniwyd fel rhan o'r cynllun a sut y cafodd ei wario at sylw'r Aelodau yn adrannau 4.7 a 4.8 o'r adroddiad.

Hefyd, diweddarodd yr Ecolegydd Aelodau o'r adroddiad ynghylch y prosiect Tirweddau Byw a manylion 29 o safleoedd peilot a nodwyd. Hysbyswyd yr Aelodau hefyd am benodi dau brentis bioamrywiaeth yn rhoi cyfle i wneud gwaith ymarferol ar y safleoedd hyn gan ddefnyddio mewnbwn goruchwyllo a hyfforddi gan staff sefydledig, gan gynnwys y cydlynedd LNP a'r ecolegydd graddedig.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Swyddog am adroddiad cynhwysfawr yn nodi'r diweddariad dymunol ynghylch yr amrywiol brosiectau sy'n mynd rhagddynt ledled y fwrdeistref a'r cyfleoedd cydweithredu y mae'r rhain yn eu darparu.

Gwnaeth un Aelod sylw hefyd ar arfer da o ran gwaith trawsadrannol a buddion hyn ar draws yr awdurdod. Rhoddwyd canmoliaeth hefyd i'r ymgysylltiad sy'n cael ei gynnal gyda thrigolion lleol ynghylch bioamrywiaeth trwy'r platfform 'Dewch i Siarad RhCT'.

Cododd un Aelod gwestiwn ynghylch presenoldeb corsydd mawn a gwlypdiroedd yn RhCT a pham y gallai fod cynnydd yn y rhain yn sychu. Cyngorodd yr Ecolegydd yr Aelodau mai'r prif reswm am hyn fyddai

patrymau draenio.

PENDERFYNODD Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd:

1. Nodi'r cynnydd a wnaed yn RhCT yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf a'r cynnydd o ran pwysigrwydd cadwraeth bioamrywiaeth yng ngwaith y Cyngor.
2. Cefnogi'r proffil cynyddol y mae pob plaid yn y Senedd wedi'i roi i fioamrywiaeth, sy'n cael ei adlewyrchu yn y Rhaglen Lywodraethu.
3. Argymhell i'r Cabinet y dylai'r Cyngor fanteisio i'r eithaf ar unrhyw gyllid grant sydd ar gael i barhau â'r gwaith o ran y mater hwn.

17 Strategaeth, Mesurau a Materion Teithio Llesol yn Rhondda Cynon Taf

Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen wybod i'r Aelodau mai diben yr adroddiad oedd amlinellu strategaeth y Cyngor i annog teithio llesol (cerdded a beicio) ar draws Rhondda Cynon Taf, y buddsoddiad sydd naill ai yn ei le eisoes neu sydd ar y gweill a'r materion y mae angen eu hystyried wrth weithredu cynlluniau. Amlygodd y Swyddog arwyddocâd yr adroddiad; gan ganolbwyntio ar Ddeddf Teithio Llesol (Cymru) 2013, fel offeryn hanfodol y gellir ei ddefnyddio i fynd i'r afael â Newid Hinsawdd gyda'r ffocws ar alluogi siwrneiau ystyrlon, trwy Feicio a cherdded. Dywedodd y Swyddog, o dan Ddeddf Teithio Llesol (Cymru) 2013, ei bod yn ofynnol i'r garfan lunio a chyflwyno Mapiau Rhwydweithiau Teithio Llesol i Lywodraeth Cymru erbyn mis Rhagfyr 2021 gydag awdurdodiad gan aelodau'r Cabinet.

Hysbyswyd yr Aelodau bod y Mapiau Rhwydwaith ar hyn o bryd yn destun ymgynghoriad ffurfiol tan 22 Tachwedd 2021; hyd yn hyn, derbyniwyd 700 o ymatebion i'r ymgynghoriad, sy'n adlewyrchu'r diddordeb mewn Teithio Llesol.

Amlygodd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Rheng Flaen i'r Aelodau y bydd cyflawni'r dyheadau a nodir yn y strategaeth yn dibynnu ar gyllid a chyfeiriodd aelodau at adrannau 5.5 a 5.6 o'r adroddiad, sy'n manylu ar lwyddiant y Cyngor wrth dderbyn cyllid tuag at y Cynllun Teithio Llesol. Dywedodd y swyddog y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn edrych i fuddsoddi £70 miliwn mewn seilwaith Teithio Llesol ledled Cymru eleni, a fydd yn cynorthwyo i greu portffolio helaeth o asedau newydd y bydd angen eu cynnal trwy ystod o ffyrdd gan gynnwys codi sbwriel, graeanu a thrwsio tyllau yn y ffordd.

Dywedwyd wrth yr Aelodau bod yr atodiadau sydd ynghlwm wrth yr adroddiad yn nodi adroddiadau cynnydd blynyddol y mae'n ofynnol i'r

Cyngor eu cyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru bob blwyddyn yn tynnu sylw at waith a phrosiectau a wnaed o dan Ddeddf Teithio Llesol (Cymru) 2013. Dywedodd ei bod yn ofynnol i'r Cyngor ddangos gwelliant parhaus flwyddyn ar ôl blwyddyn a thynnodd sylw at ystod o fentrau seilwaith a chyfleoedd addysg / hyfforddiant a amlinellir yn yr atodiadau.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Gyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaeth Rheng Flaen am yr adroddiad cadarnhaol, a'r camau sy'n cael eu cymryd i fynd i'r afael â Newid Hinsawdd. Cyfeiriodd y Cadeirydd yr aelodau yn ôl at adran 5.6 o'r adroddiad gan dynnu sylw at y pethau cadarnhaol mewn lefelau cyllid gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer 2021/22; fodd bynnag, roedd yn cydnabod yr angen am gyllid pellach ar gyfer prosiectau yn y dyfodol. Anogodd y Cadeirydd aelodau'r Cabinet a'r gymuned i gymryd rhan yn yr ymgynghoriad a fydd yn cael ei lunio a'i fwydo'n ôl i Lywodraeth Cymru ym mis Rhagfyr 2021.

Roedd un aelod yn falch o'r ymdrechion a gymerwyd yn yr adroddiad; fodd bynnag, cododd ymholiad ynghylch llygredd sbwriel yn y llwybrau ac anogodd y Cyngor i ddatblygu strategaethau atal sbwriel i fynd i'r afael â'r broblem hon. Awgrymodd yr Aelod y dylai'r Cyngor ddefnyddio grwpiau yn y gymuned i atal llygredd sbwriel a chodi ymwybyddiaeth ledled y Fwrdeistref. Anogwyd hyn gan Aelodau gan eu bod yn cydnabod arwyddocâd grwpiau cymunedol fel adnodd enfawr i'r Cyngor. Soniodd aelod arall am gyfle'r Cyngor i gydweithredu â menter Trafnidiaeth Cymru 'Green Valley' fel llwybr posib arall i fynd i'r afael â llygredd sbwriel.

Cydnabu'r Grŵp y cyfleoedd y gall ymgysylltu â grwpiau cymunedol lleol ynglŷn â chasglu sbwriel eu cael wrth fynd i'r afael â'r mater ac amlygodd un Aelod waith y Pwyllgor Craffu – Cynnal Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus, Cymunedau a Ffyniant a'r gwaith y mae'n yn ei wneud i edrych ar y mater hwn ymhellach.

Diolchodd yr Aelodau i swyddogion am eu cyfranogiad angerddol mewn ymgynghori â'r gymuned a sicrhau eu bod yn rhagweithiol wrth gael cymaint o safbwyntiau â phosibl ar y mater.

PENDERFYNODD Grŵp Llywio'r Cabinet ar Faterion yr Hinsawdd:

- Nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad hwn er gwybodaeth a'r cynnydd a wnaed gan y Cyngor wrth weithredu ei strategaeth teithio llesol.

**DAETH Y CYFARFOD I BEN AM
11.45 am**

**Y CYNGHORYDD RHYS LEWIS
Cadeirydd.**

Tudalen wag



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CLIMATE CHANGE CABINET STEERING GROUP

2nd MARCH 2022

AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE PROCUREMENT SERVICE TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S AMBITION TO BE NET ZERO BY 2030

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CLLR RHYS LEWIS (THE CABINET'S CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION), AND CLLR. MARK NORRIS (CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES)

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to:

- 1.1 Provide an update on the work that is taking place by the Procurement Service in support of the Council's ambitions to be net zero by 2030.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Acknowledge the changes put in place by the Procurement Service and the general direction of travel, in support of the Council's net zero ambitions.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To provide the Climate Change Steering Group with a summary of the actions put in place by the Procurement Service to support the Council's ambition to become net zero by 2030.

4. BACKGROUND & STRATEGIC DIRECTION

- 4.1 During 2021, the Welsh Government issued a Draft Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill for consultation. Following the consultation exercise, the Draft Bill is due to be presented before the Senedd during the summer of 2022.

- 4.2 The procurement duties contained within the Draft Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill begin with an overarching duty on contracting authorities to seek to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of their areas by carrying out public procurement in a socially responsible way. This means taking action to achieve the well-being goals and the fair work goal (together, the 'socially responsible procurement goals').
- 4.3 As a result of the Draft Bill, the ways in which local government organisations procure will require change. Whereas previously there may have been a focus on procurement delivering financial savings, in the future there will be a shift away from the traditional price and quality evaluation towards also ensuring that economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being outcomes are considered for each procurement process.
- 4.4 A Procurement Strategy 2021/24 has been drafted that pulls together all the requirements of the Draft Bill and aligns them (using themes and clear objectives) to the Council's Corporate Plan 2020/24. A very clear theme throughout the draft Procurement Strategy is to support the Council's ambitions to be net zero by 2030.
- 4.5 Section 5 of this report provides an overview of the changes that have been put in place by the Procurement Service to help enable compliance with the Draft Bill, in doing so a shift in focus has also taken place where the potential climate impact of our procuring arrangements are considered at the start of any procurement (planning) process.

5. WHAT ARE WE DOING AND WHAT DO WE HAVE PLANNED?

CHALLENGING FROM THE OUTSET

- 5.1 We're looking to challenge (everything) from the outset. Our Contract Strategy document (the document that gets populated prior to any work taking place) has been updated and will require each service area who wishes to procure to answer the following:
- What the **need and demand** is now, and in the future and how the 5 ways of working are to be applied.
 - The outcomes that will be achieved from any contract.
 - How these outcomes will **support** the delivery of the Council's **Corporate Plan Priorities**.
 - The **current** (if available) **carbon footprint** of the services delivered or the anticipated gross carbon impact of a new project.
 - *The Service Area will be asked to set out what (if any) arrangements will take place prior to the tender process that*

will aim to reduce the carbon impact should a contract be awarded.

- *Designing carbon out of a new build project for example.*

- The **Social Value** that will be delivered as part of the process.
- If there is a **potential local market** that could deliver the requirements of the contract?
- **Options for delivery** are clearly set out (including lotting to support SME's), and a rationale is in place in support of the preferred option.

CARBON - PURCHASED GOODS AND SERVICES

5.2 Our standard documents have been updated.

Procurement Strategy/Initiation Document:

5.3 All service areas that wish to procure will be required to answer the following questions from the outset:

- *What actions have been or will be taken to reduce the amount of Carbon produced as a direct result of this contract? How does it help meet the Net Zero target?*
- *Is there an opportunity to drive reduced GHG emissions in contract delivery?*
- *Where will the above be addressed (i.e. specification, evaluation)*

Invitation to Tender Document

5.4 Our invitation to tender document has been updated to highlight the Council's ambitions to be net zero by 2030. It also re-enforces the key message that contracted suppliers will need to work with the Council to reduce the carbon impact during the life of the contract.

Reviewing the Council's Carbon Footprint (Procured Goods and Services)

5.5 Procured Goods and Services and Capital Asset emissions have been estimated to account for 48,589 tCO₂e which is 63% of the Council's total footprint for 20/21. Of this total, 27,423 tCO₂e have been directly attributed to Procured Goods and Services.

5.6 We have plans to work through the categories identified within the Carbon Trust's report, but in order to have a tangible impact on the carbon footprint associated with procured goods and services, it is essential that our supply chains understand how to establish/calculate their own carbon footprint. We need to move away from metrics (i.e. formulas) being applied to spend, towards capturing the actual carbon

footprint from our suppliers (their Scope 1 ,2 and 3). Only when we have a better understanding of this can we work with our suppliers to put plans in place to reduce. The Carbon Trust undertook a pilot to test our supplier maturity in respect of being 'carbon aware', they concluded that the majority of suppliers contacted require help and support.

- 5.7 To address this, we have appointed a team of graduates who have been tasked with putting arrangements in place whereby the Council can support our suppliers to begin to understand and calculate their own carbon footprint. Lots of tools are available online, but they are/look complicated and could confuse or turn lots of suppliers away from this important area. The Graduate Team is working on developing a simple to use toolkit that suppliers will find easy to use and relate to. This is not something that anybody else in our region is looking at, therefore there is a lot of interest in this piece of work from the WLGA, Business Wales and Welsh Government.

NEW TENDERS / CONTRACTS

- 5.8 Standard carbon questions are now asked during all tender exercises. These questions are:

1. *Is your organisation able to calculate its carbon footprint in accordance with the Green House Gas Corporate Accounting Protocol?*

If you have answered yes to Question 1 please state your current annual footprint:

2. *Would you be able to calculate the carbon footprint in accordance with the Green House Gas Corporate Accounting Protocol of this specific contract?*
3. *What is your organisation doing to reduce its carbon footprint?*
4. *What proposals would you put in place to reduce the carbon emissions from this contract?*

- 5.9 Welsh Government has recently issued a Policy Note (WPPN06/21) which is recommended for implementation in April 2022. We've implemented it with immediate effect.

- For all contracts with an estimated value in excess of £5m, tenderers will now be asked to complete a [Carbon Reduction Plan](#). This is a Plan (commitment) that the tenderer must provide that sets out what actions the Organisation is taking to address its own carbon impact. These Carbon Reduction Plans must be signed-off at Board level.

- These will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis, i.e. if they fail to provide suitable responses then the tenderer will not proceed in the process.
- Note that this is not specific to the tender, but is targeted at the organisation as a whole (specific carbon questions will be asked that relate to the tender/project).

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no Welsh language implications as result of the recommendations contained within this report.

8. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 8.1 There are no consultation requirements as result of the recommendations contained within this report.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 9.1 There are no financial implications as result of the recommendations contained within this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 10.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

11. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 11.1 In addition to setting out the 3 Priorities of People, Places and Prosperity, the Corporate Plan 2020/24 identifies one of the biggest challenges the Council faces:

Our greatest challenge will be to deliver the Council's commitment to being "A netzero Green House Gas Council by 2030" which is 20 years earlier than the recommendation of the UK Committee on Climate Change. This is a challenge we are taking seriously, and we look forward to receiving the support from all local residents and businesses in working together to change the way we live our lives to achieve this aim.

- 11.2 The carbon footprint (2020/21) associated with the Council's procured goods and services is estimated to be 27,423 tCO₂e. This report summarises the work that the Procurement Service is doing in respect of changing its approach to ensure climate change is at the forefront of the procurement planning process.

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 The priorities for the Procurement Service have changed significantly over recent years, external drivers clearly place expectations on the procurement process to deliver change in respect of demonstrating outcomes, delivering social value and helping organisations to tackle climate change.
- 12.2 This report provides an overview of some of the work that is taking place to deliver change and help the Council deliver its wellbeing objectives and achieve its net zero ambitions by 2030.

Other Information: N/A

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: N/A



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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CLLR RHYS LEWIS (THE CABINET'S CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION), AND CLLR. MARK NORRIS (CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES)

Item: AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE PROCUREMENT SERVICE TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S AMBITION TO BE NET ZERO BY 2030

Background Papers

None.

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UPDATE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ESTATES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Author(s): David Powell, Director of Corporate Estates and Anthony Roberts, Head of Energy & Carbon Reduction.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide a further update to the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group with regards to the work underway in the development of a 'Land Based Solar Farm', to be located on Council owned land that allows a South facing aspect. The facility will, when constructed, be an asset owned by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.
- 1.2 For the Steering Group to provide feedback to Cabinet, on the proposals and contents of this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Steering Group:

- 2.1 Note the contents of this update report as part of the ongoing work under the remit of the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group.
- 2.2 Agree that a report can be presented to Cabinet, to recommend the approval of the proposals, as a project.
- 2.3 Receive further reports in 2022 providing further updates on progress as/when deemed appropriate, and/or when more cost certainty is available and needs to be reviewed.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The contents of this report provide contextual information and a key update on this exclusive issue, which is one of the areas of work covered by the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group. It provides an update on the proposal where the Council has plans to build and finance a credible solar farm, that will make a vastly significant contribution to the Council's ability to offset its Carbon Footprint, and towards achieving its Net Zero Carbon target.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 The Corporate Estates Energy team has previously reported on the ongoing work to investigate the potential of using RCT owned land for the development of major renewable energy projects for both wind and solar generation, with the assistance of the Welsh Government Energy Service (WGES). These are projects which would be primarily developed by the Council and as such would both contribute to the increase in the renewable energy provision and carbon reduction in the area, whilst also making a positive economic contribution to the financial situation of the Council, which could then be invested in further related improvements, or other services, for the benefit of citizens.

4.2 The name and location of the site has been anonymised at this stage for commercial reasons. Negotiations are in the crucial stages of the process to agree a Power Purchase Agreement / Offtake Contract with a potential partner. The Council has also signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement regarding this sensitive matter.

5. UPDATE ON SOLAR FARM INSTALLATION

5.1 Project Principles:

The project is described as a 6MW Solar Farm and has been given this title because of the combined output of the two 'export aspects' contained within the proposals. Firstly, the magnitude of the grid connection offer that the Council previously accepted from Western Power Distribution, which is set at a maximum of 5MW and to be exported at 33kV. Secondly, the capacity to increase the generation potential for the total size of the solar farm, which takes into account a further export capacity of up to 1MW at the lower voltage of 11Kv, to a potential partner in a local facility, via a private wire arrangement.

As things currently stand, the proposals have three alternative routes we can take, scenarios which can be summarised as follows:

Option 1 is to build the solar farm to take advantage of our secured 5MW grid connection, as a stand-alone entity, that will feed directly into the grid at 33kV and trade the power generated via that sole route.

Option 2 is to combine the setup described above with a private wire arrangement to a local partner, and export to trade at two levels, these being 33kV and 11kV.

Option 3 is to combine both of the above scenarios with the exploration of other opportunities to provide green energy, at a low cost, to future commercial enterprises on a local industrial estate. We hope that this approach will incentivise traditional high energy consumers to relocate to the site, not only for the green energy but also the growth potential of the site. As part of this process, we will also consider creating a sizeable Electric Vehicle Charging Station, powered partly by the solar farm but with battery storage facilities, initially for use by the council and wider public sector fleet, but also in the longer term for commercial HGVs and private vehicles.

At the time of writing, our proposals and financial models are based on Option 2 above.

5.2 Looking Back:

As previously reported in the previous update reports' on 'Key Energy Generation Projects' (presented in June and November), an outline timeline was compiled with the assistance of the WGES. A HV specialist was appointed to advise on the Private Wire and Grid connections, and a Geotechnical / Topographical Specialist to explore, examine, analyse, and report on the ground conditions at the site. Lawyers were also appointed to draft heads of terms for a typical private wire connection arrangement, and WPD have now concluded their report into grid capacity issues at Upper Boat, the result of which does not affect the original terms and conditions of our previously confirmed grid connection offer.

5.3 Timing of Recommendation:

The original timeline indicates that the project was due to be elevated to project status later in this financial year, however, with negotiations on the Power Purchase Agreement with a potential partner now reaching a critical stage, we feel that the time is now right to move our outline proposals to the status of a recognised project.

5.4 Project Proposal Details:

Considering the reasons given above, the decision to grant project status will then enable the necessary approved systems of governance to be put in place for the continued development of the project, and will enable the Council's appointed team to control, approve and execute spending decisions, both in the continuing development phases (identified within the overall programme) and regarding the collaborative opportunities identified in item 5.1 and 5.3 above.

At the time of writing this report, the headline estimated figures that need to be considered are identified in section 9, however it should also be noted that that the project, if realised, has the potential to 'offset' over

1,500 tonnes of carbon per-annum and approaching 54,000 tonnes over the expected lifecycle of the project.

The committed spend on the project thus far is in the region of £130,000 to maintain progress in line with the identified programme. These costs are an investment towards the feasibility and development stages of this potential project and are covered further in section 9.

Looking forward, the budget estimate for the full development and construction costs for this entire project stands in the region of £6.82million (including all fees).

Periodic updates will be afforded to the CCCSG during the progress of the project and further approval will be sought from the Steering Group before the project is taken to the next stage of development.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 6.1 This supporting report is for the purpose of update and consequently an Equality Impact Assessment is not required in regard to this report.

7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This supporting report is for the purpose of update and consequently Welsh Language Impact Assessment is not required with regard to this report, however a copy can be made available in Welsh if requested.

8. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 8.1 There are no consultation requirements at present with regards to this supporting report.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 9.1 The Council has already had a committed spend in the region of £130,000 to maintain progress in line with the identified programme. This expenditure is funded from existing resources already set aside to support the key energy generation projects.
- 9.2 Looking forward, the budget estimate for the full development and construction costs for this entire project stands in the region of £6.82million (including fees).
- 9.3 It is anticipated that it would be affordable to fund this by use of Prudential Borrowing, with the annual income from the energy generation being sufficient to cover the annual borrowing repayments and the ongoing annual costs and maintenance of the assets. This is subject to a full project report and business case being presented to Cabinet and, if approval is given, a further report to Council to obtain the Prudential Borrowing approval.

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REDUCING THE USE OF SINGLE USE ITEMS IN ALL COUNCIL CONTRACTS AND PREMISES

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CABINET'S CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION (COUNCILLOR RHYS LEWIS)

Author: Gemma Ellis - Procurement Manager (Operations & Projects)

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to:

- 1.1 Provide members of the group with an update of the progress made to reduce the use of single use plastics/items across the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members of the Group:

- 2.1 Note the progress made in respect of removing the ability to order single use items from the Council's online ordering system across the Council, where there is a suitable alternative product.
- 2.2 Acknowledge the impact that Covid-19 has continued to have since the previous report to the Group, in relation to tackling single use plastics/items within the school sector.
- 2.3 Note the work that is progressing with broader 'supply categories' where single use plastics/items are being purchased, with a focus on the Council's cleaning and janitorial contracts.

3. UPDATE – SINGLE USE PLASTICS / ITEMS

- 3.1 Within the previous report (October 2020), the results of an in-depth audit on high use single use plastics was provided which focused on the Council's food and catering sector. Following this review, some immediate steps have been taken, with further analysis and progress required in other areas. Given the desire to achieve a sustainable approach to the Council's supplies, the review

has broadened to include other single use items (i.e. not just plastics) where a more sustainable alternative could be sourced.

- 3.2 Delivering a reduction in single use plastics/items in the food and catering sector for the corporate and school environments has not achieved all the immediate outcomes hoped for during the period as Covid-19 measures continued to have a direct impact, particularly in schools. In the school's sector for example, the disruption caused in respect of temporary closures, reduced menus and supply chain issues faced by our suppliers has hindered progress. However, the following single use plastics have been removed from the online catalogues used in the non-school sector:

Item Description	Quantities previously ordered in a financial year:
7oz Cold Water Cup	42,000
Std Plastic Knife	2,000
Std Plastic Fork	5,000
Std Plastic Stirrer	5,000
Food Box	1,800
4oz White plastic Dish	1,000
Oval salad Pack	3,000

- 3.3 Additional items that have been recently removed from the Council's Purchasing system are listed below (note that these are not classed as single use plastics, but single use items, where alternative or more sustainable options are available):

Item Description	Quantities previously ordered in a financial year:
Paper Plate	8,000
Trifle Dish White	3,000
Single Use Cups	6,500
Wooden Stirrers	2,000

- 3.4 Whilst good progress has been made in this area, not all items can be removed at this stage until suitable alternatives are sourced. For example, the food compartment trays and plastic food pots used by the Meals on Wheels service cannot be removed. These products are recyclable however and should be recycled at kerb side in residential homes. Proactive discussions are taking place with the current supplier, to review the use of suitable alternative products.

- 3.5 The continuing impact of Covid-19 in relation to our schools, and the suppliers that provide us with stock for schools has meant that we've not been able to

progress this work as swiftly as we had hoped. However, we now plan to take action to review the use of single use items across our schools. The key enablers to this being done effectively are:

- To liaise with our suppliers to identify suitable alternative products.
- Ensure that our waste management colleagues at Amgen are included to help us assess whether any suitable products are recyclable.
- Ensure key service areas from the Council are consulted (i.e. Catering Direct).
- To begin the process of engaging with a selection of eco-committees in schools with the aim of raising awareness and ensuring young people contribute to the solutions and their ideas and thoughts are gathered.

3.6 This work will begin imminently.

3.7 In addition to the catering sector, the cleaning and janitorial sector is now being reviewed. Consumables used in this service are typically provided to us in the form of diluted (ready to use) products - in plastic containers.

3.8 Usage data will now be used to liaise with service areas with a view to building a pilot initiative with our current supplier. This will require engagement with our Cleaning Services Colleagues. It is intended that the pilot will trial the use of dissolvable pods containing a concentrated product for certain items that are used on a regular basis. The pod can be put into a pre-existing container (it will need to be thoroughly cleaned prior to use) and dissolved in water, therefore reducing the need to purchase further plastic bottles. In addition to the environmental benefits, the pods are also lower in cost and therefore will offer better value.

3.9 These products are currently being piloted in a neighbouring Authority and we're in the process of liaising with them with the aim of learning.

4. ADOPTING A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO SURPLUS PRODUCTS

4.1 In addition to the review of single use items, it is also important that consideration is given to what happens to items when they come to the end of their useful life for the Council. Adopting a responsible and sustainable approach to managing products that we no longer have a use for is important. Simply sending everything off for disposal is not acceptable. Two examples are provided below.

I.T Equipment

4.2 With a large digital reliant workforce that delivers a wide range of services, the Council endeavours to adopt a modern approach to helping ensure that our staff have access to I.T equipment that suits their needs. Maintaining the performance of I.T equipment is essential, along with adhering to stringent

controls in respect of data security. As a result of this, the Council has a rolling programme of replacement in respect of its I.T equipment.

- 4.3 When I.T equipment reaches the end of its useful life with the Council, for example – it may be due for renewal or some items may have developed a fault, it is passed to an approved local supplier. The supplier is:
- An accredited contractor of ADISA (Asset Disposal and Information Security Alliance).
 - This helps ensure that the Councils assets are processed in accordance with the industry's highest standards which reflect current best practice for handling data, performing high-security data destruction, carrying assets and WEEE (Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment) recycling services.
 - Operates a 'zero landfill' policy.
 - Re-uses as much hardware as possible for professional refurbishment, and re-sale.
 - Devices that are unable to be refurbished are stripped of parts and either:
 - Stocked for the suppliers refurbishment programme, or
 - Down streamed to partners for use.
- 4.4 Of the assets passed to the supplier during 2021:
- *35% were refurbished, and sold on by the supplier,*
 - *20% were stripped for re-use, and*
 - *45% were recycled.*
 - *The recycled percentage includes all items that were stripped as much as they could for re-use before being down streamed for further disposal/recycling, plus all assets shredded to 6mm such as failed hard drives, phones and tablets.*

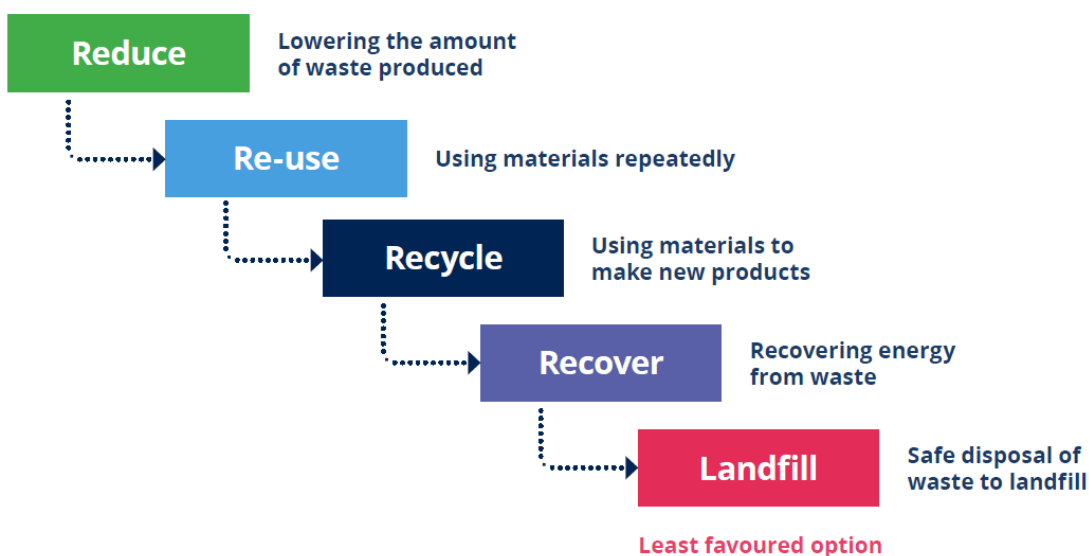
Office furniture, fixtures and fittings

- 4.5 The Procurement Service is working closely with Corporate Estates to develop a strategy that aligns the Council's objective to have modern agile/shared office space facilities for its staff whilst at the same time managing old furniture, and surplus furniture that is currently held in storage. The increasing transition by our services to digital storage solutions, has also reduced the requirement for local physical storage hardware.
- 4.6 The Council has engaged with the Ministry of Furniture Ltd in recent years who have helped us deliver modern facilities whilst also re-purposing our old stock.
- 4.7 Recent examples include the office refit at Ty Oldway and Porth Plaza where the objective was to utilise existing furniture from our offices (and our storage) and have them upcycled into modern furniture that is fit for purpose. A case study for a different site is provided in this [LINK](#).

4.8 In addition to our surplus/old furniture, the refurbishment of our Ty Oldway Office also identified the opportunity to engage with a contractor to collect the floor tiles from the building, take them away and clean them, and re-use them in the office.

4.9 Clearly the examples provided within this report are consistent with the waste hierarchy of the Waste Framework Directive (2008). **i.e. re-use and recycle:**

Most favoured option



Source: EU Waste Framework Directive, 2008

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS/ SOCIO ECONOMIC DUTY

5.1 There are no equality and diversity or socio economic implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no Welsh language implications as result of the recommendations contained within this report.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 There are no consultation requirements emanating from the recommendations set out in the report at this stage.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

8.1 Currently, there are no direct financial implications as a result of the recommendations made within this report.



9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

9.1 There are no legal or legislative implications emanating from the recommendations set out in the report.

10. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

10.1 This report sets out the changes that have been implemented to reduce the Council's use of single use items. It also identifies further work that is required to reduce the use of single use items further. This work supports the Council's ambitions to be environmental responsible, which contributes to the Council's ambitions to be Net Zero by 2030.

11. CONCLUSION

11.1 This report sets out the activity that has taken place, together with the planned activity which aims to reduce and eliminate (where practicable) single use plastics/items across the Council.

11.2 The Council is committed to addressing this important issue in support of the Council's ambitions to be net zero by 2030.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

as amended by

THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, 1985

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

CLIMATE CHANGE CABINET STEERING GROUP

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Report of the Director of Human Resources

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**REDUCING THE USE OF SINGLE USE ITEMS IN ALL COUNCIL CONTRACTS
AND PREMISES**

Background Papers: None.

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2nd MARCH 2022

REPORT OF DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

EDINBURGH DECLARATION

Author(s): Richard Wistow - Ecologist
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Members of the Edinburgh Declaration and the role of Local Authorities within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework - ensuring transformative change for nature over the coming decade.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members support the signing of the Edinburgh Declaration by Rhondda Cynon Taf Council.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Declaration strengthens the role of Local Authorities within the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and in particular, the post 2020 global biodiversity framework being developed at the Conference of the Parties (COP15). This meeting was held over from 2020, with virtual meetings in Autumn 2021 and is due to be completed and signed in March 2022.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Welsh Government is a signatory to the Edinburgh Declaration, which is a political statement setting out commitments to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework locally. It believes that this is important to encourage a greater involvement of Subnational and Local Authorities internationally within the new framework and has written to Local Authorities welcoming their support (see appendix one).

- 4.2 The 'Edinburgh Process' has been led by the Scottish Government on behalf of the CBD and the Declaration calls upon the CBD Parties to:
- Take the transformative action required to halt biodiversity loss;
 - Recognise the vital role of Subnational and Local Governments;
 - Support a dedicated decision on a new Plan of Action for Subnational Governments, City and Local Authorities. A decision to be taken at COP15: The Conference of Parties, who signed the UN Convention on Climate Change and are meeting in China in Autumn 2022 (see para 3 above); and
 - Develop a multi-stakeholder platform for the implementation of the post-2020 framework.
- 4.3 Members may be aware that Welsh Government declared a Nature Emergency in the Summer and has created a Biodiversity and Ecosystems Resilience Duty for all public bodies through S.6 Environment (Wales) Act. Their Programme for Government and the re-organisation of Cabinet portfolios demonstrates a desire for the Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies to be considered in an integrated way.
- 4.4 In their letter, Welsh Government recognises the vital role Local Authorities are playing in addressing the impacts of climate change and habitat loss. They believe it is essential to have a healthy and safe natural environment and to ensure people who live in local authorities across Wales can live in harmony with nature and protect valuable local ecosystems for future generations. The Declaration recognises the increasingly valuable role of Subnational Governments and Local Authorities in translating global targets into local delivery.
- 4.5 In RCT we have a strong 'track record' in taking forward biodiversity action. This includes:
- 'Action for Nature' the former Local Biodiversity Action Plan, currently being revised and re-presented via a website by the Local Nature Partnership,
 - Strong Planning policy which enables development in the right locations and protects and enhances biodiversity and ecosystem resilience
 - A clear S.6 Biodiversity Duty framework integrated into the corporate planning process
 - Integration of biodiversity and ecosystem services with Climate Change work; and
 - Delivery of active biodiversity management and community engagement through the Living Landscape project.

- 4.6 Further information about the Edinburgh Process, the Edinburgh Declaration and signing up is available at [Edinburgh Declaration on post-2020 global biodiversity framework - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2020/04/Edinburgh_Declaration_on_post-2020_global_biodiversity_framework_-_gov.scot)

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1 There are no Equality and Diversity Implications arising from this report.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no Welsh Language Implications arising from this report.

7. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 7.1 The consultation with the Steering Group will inform the Cabinet decision.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 No financial implications are anticipated arising from this report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 The Council has a Biodiversity Duty under S.6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

10. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 10.1 The report reflects the priorities in the Council's Corporate Plan and demonstrates a long term and precautionary approach, collaboration between tiers of governance and should encourage stakeholder participation. It should specifically assist the Council in promoting the WFG Act Resilience and Global goals but, because biodiversity is central to human flourishing, should contribute to all the goals in the long term.

11. CONCLUSION

- 11.1 The Edinburgh Declaration strengthens the role of Local Authorities within the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and in particular, the post 2020 global biodiversity framework being developed at the Conference of the Parties (COP15). Having considered the purpose and scope of the Declaration, the Steering Group may wish to recommend to Cabinet that the Council sign the Edinburgh Declaration.

Appendix 1: Letter from Welsh Government

Julie James AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd
Minister for Climate Change
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Ein cyf/Our ref



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

September 2021

Dear

I am writing to invite you to join me in supporting the Edinburgh Declaration: the greater inclusion of the role of local authorities and cities within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework - ensuring transformative change for nature over the coming decade.

The UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is currently developing a post-2020 framework for global biodiversity and new global targets. We are moving into the next decade with a stepped up ambition to deliver for nature, and there is increasing recognition of the role of local authorities and cities in translating global targets into local delivery.

On behalf of the CBD, the Scottish Government has been leading the “Edinburgh Process” – an online, global engagement and consultation for subnational, regional and local players – with the aim of securing greater reference to the role of subnational and Local Authorities, including cities, in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Welsh Government supports the Edinburgh Process for biodiversity, and in particular the Edinburgh Declaration, a political statement setting out commitments to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework locally. It will ensure people who live in local authorities across Wales can live in harmony with nature and protect valuable local ecosystems for future generations.

Now, more than ever, it is essential to have a healthy and safe natural environment and Welsh Government recognises the vital role local authorities are playing in addressing the impacts of climate change and habitat loss. This framework recognises the increasingly valuable role of subnational governments and local authorities in translating global targets into local delivery.

Through the Edinburgh Declaration we support the call upon CBD Parties to:

- Take the transformative action required to halt biodiversity loss
- Recognise the vital role of subnational and local governments
- Support a dedicated decision on a new Plan of Action for subnational governments, city and local authorities. A decision to be taken at COP15: the Conference of Parties, who signed the UN Convention on Climate Change, and are meeting in China in Autumn 2021 ; and
- Develop a multi-stakeholder platform for the implementation of the post-2020 framework.

I recognise the key role of local authorities in taking forward local level actions for nature and am writing to request your backing for the principles set out in the Edinburgh Declaration. This will demonstrate the global will for a dedicated decision and renewed plan of action for subnational governments and local authorities to be adopted within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at COP15.

Further information about how to sign up to pledge your support for the Edinburgh Process and Edinburgh Declaration is available at [Edinburgh Declaration on post-2020 global biodiversity framework - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/Edinburgh-Declaration-on-post-2020-global-biodiversity-framework)

I believe that it is important to encourage a greater involvement of subnational and local authorities internationally within the new framework. I would therefore very much welcome your support.

Yours sincerely

Julie James AS/MS
Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd
Minister for Climate Change



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CLIMATE CHANGE CABINET STEERING GROUP

02 MARCH 2022

SUMMARY REPORT OF OUTCOMES IN RECENT YEARS

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ESTATES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Author(s): David Powell, Director of Corporate Estates and Anthony Roberts, Head of Energy & Carbon Reduction.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update to the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group, with regards to the key environmental and energy outcomes achieved in recent years and highlight work underway on the development of renewable energy projects and certain other carbon reduction related issues.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 The Steering Group Members read, comment on and acknowledge the contents of this report, as part of the ongoing work of the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group.
- 2.2 Further reports are presented to the Steering Group in the future, providing further updates on achievements and progress.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The contents of this report provide background information and key updates pertinent to the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group. It provides an update on the key energy reduction achievements in recent years and provides further brief details on all the positive measures taken by the Council, in response to the Climate Change Agenda.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In RCT's Corporate Plan 2020-24, 'Making A Difference', the Council acknowledged that delivering on our Climate Change commitment is our greatest challenge. In our plan we committed to delivering priorities, all of which will contribute to and benefit from tackling climate change. The Climate Commitments set out in the plan underpin the work of the CCCSG and set priorities, and as such the content of this report seeks to record the good work undertaken so far, underline what we are doing now and set out what we need to do in the future.

5. WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR ?

- 5.1 Rhondda Cynon Taf Council purchases 100% of its electrical energy supply from renewable energy sources and since 2009 the Council's commitment to carbon reduction has resulted in a total spend exceeding £9.6million in energy conservation projects up to FY' 2021/22. This focused approach has already produced reductions of around 40% of reported carbon emissions, in relation to our direct energy consumption, and has resulted in annual savings of around £2million per year for our Schools, Care Homes, Leisure Centres and Council Buildings (circa 7,000t., i.e.7,000 Metric Tonnes of CO₂).
- 5.2 All street lights in RCT (approx., 29,700) have already been converted to LED versions, or equivalent, and since 2016 this has resulted in an annual 84% reduction in the reported carbon (equivalent to 5,300t. per annum) by 2018/19.
- 5.3 The Council has installed 108 Solar Panel arrays across Schools and Corporate Buildings, a total already around 2MW and equivalent to 4 football fields in size. As part of an incentive scheme for solar installations, we currently receive approx. £120K in cashback every year and in addition to this we are also saving far more on our own energy costs, by generating our own energy thus reducing our offtake from 'Grid'.
- 5.4 In addition to item 5.3, and new for 2022, we have just completed our largest rooftop solar array project so far, at the Rhondda Fach Leisure Centre, rated at 150kWp, and work has just started on site to install an additional 200kWp array, at Ty Elai, which will take the total solar capacity at Ty Elai to 250kWp.
- 5.4 Apart from installing Combined Heating and Power Units (CHP's) at all our leisure centres with pools, we were one of the first Councils in Wales to install Hydrogen Fuel Cells and now have 21 such units installed in Leisure Centres, Schools and Offices, throughout RCT. We have also previously invested in 8 Biomass boilers, consuming sustainable wood pellets, producing clean energy 'in-situ' to heat some of our Schools.

- 5.5 To date, over 80% of the Council owned buildings have benefitted from an upgrade to more energy efficient lighting, mostly using LED technology, and additional controls have been afforded in many instances to fully optimise savings. Since 2010 the Council has invested some £4.4million on such initiatives, resulting in a savings of over 7million kWh (over 1,800t. of CO₂).
- 5.6 The Council has previously commissioned over 22 Voltage Optimisation units, mainly at very large consuming sites, producing on average around 10% in savings on their electricity bills.
- 5.7 Over 11,000t. of food waste is collected from RCT households every year & recycled at the Biogen site where it is converted into energy, enough to power the equivalent of over 1,000 homes (further information on the work of AMGEN at Bryn Pica and other sites, is included in Appendix A).
- 5.8 In October 2020, a report on the results of an in-depth audit on high use single use plastics were presented, which focused on the Council's food and catering sector. Following this review, some immediate steps were taken, with further analysis and progress undertaken in other areas. Given the desire to achieve a sustainable approach to the Council's supplies, the review then broadened to include other single use items (i.e. not just plastics) where a more sustainable alternative could be sourced, and this subject area is covered 'in depth' in a separate report, brought forward by the Head of Procurement today.
- 5.9 Through various Government grant schemes, the Council has enabled many residents on low incomes to improve the heat insulation in their own homes, working with Housing Associations and other partners. The Housing Strategy Team introduced the 'Arbed am Byth' scheme in Penrhiwceiber, which has recently helped 113 homes out of fuel poverty, by helping facilitate a range of new efficient energy measures (further information on this work is included in Appendix B).
- 5.10 RCTCBC has declared that all new Schools and other Council buildings are to be certified as BREEAM "Very Good" or "Excellent" with EPC ratings of A, including the recent opening of a new low carbon Primary School building in Hirwaun.
- 5.11 The Council has been working with partners across South-East Wales to ensure there is a joined-up approach to tackling Climate Change and this includes working with the ten councils in the Cardiff Capital Region to develop sustainable transport options across the area including the South Wales Metro, trialling Electric Vehicle taxis and buses, with further plans to install Electric Vehicle charging points at major car parks. The Council has already invested in park and ride facilities across the County Borough to help get people out of their car and onto the train/metro. A good example of this is the new transport hub being built in Porth that connects bus and rail transport to make it easier to travel by public transport.

- 5.12 Delivering the Carbon Reduction Programme during the period of the pandemic has been challenging. However, despite this, during 2021/22:
- We have installed LED lighting upgrades at 10 sites.
 - Delivered our largest solar PV installations installed to date at Tonyrefail, Rhondda Fach Leisure and Ty Elai Offices, totalling 400kWp as an addition to our solar portfolio.
 - We have continued to develop water saving measures by installing telemetry devices to our Leisure Centre water meters to provide consumption monitoring features.
 - Tonyrefail Leisure Centre has seen an upgrade to its air handling unit, including heat recovery, and pool covers have been installed at Rhondda Sports Centre and Bronwydd Pool.
 - We have continued to explore the potential of exciting new technology with support from the Welsh Government's Smart Living through their WBRID decarbonisation studies and have been working closely with the Welsh Government Energy Service, scoping and modelling larger renewable energy projects, which are mentioned in further detail later in the report.
- 5.13 Through planning agreements with windfarm developers, hundreds of hectares of peat and associated habitats have been targeted for restoration and their carbon and water storage has been increased, where they have the potential to store much higher amounts of carbon than trees, for any given area of land. We have also invested in the Healthy Hillides project with Welsh Government and the Fire Service, with benefits for carbon reduction, biodiversity and air quality.
- 5.14 The RCT Carbon Footprint Project commenced in conjunction with Carbon Trust in January 2021 and produced a report on RCT Council Emissions for the Financial Year 2019/20, finalised in April 2021. This report gave a comprehensive analysis of the RCT Carbon Footprint for 2019/20. Following the completion of the 2019/20 Carbon Footprint, it was agreed to establish the RCT Carbon Footprint for the Financial Year 2020/21. This exercise commenced in July 2021 and a further comprehensive report on the RCT Carbon Footprint for the Financial Year 2020/21 was finalised in September 2021.
- 5.15 During the Council's progress of the Carbon Footprint project, Welsh Government published its Welsh Public Sector Net Zero Carbon Reporting Guide in May 2021 and subsequently clarified the reporting guidance in September 2021. The Welsh Government Carbon Reporting requirement was then that both FY'2019/20 and FY'2020/21 needed to be reported by 31st October 2021, and this target was achieved by RCT.
- 5.16 A system of corporate governance and reporting has been set up, involving a structure of sub-groups and a main working-group, to help develop and support the work of the CCCSG, and more details of this are provided later in the report and in Appendix C.

- 5.17 The Council has recently published its Electrical Vehicle Charging Strategy which was a substantial element of work prepared under the umbrella of the 'Transportation & EV Charging' sub-group, reporting to the CCCSG.
- 5.18 The Council has undertaken several trials of electric vehicles to assess their suitability for purpose, with varying results. Recently, in late 2021, 1 RCV, 2 Large Vans & 2 Small vans were trialled over a short period. The RCV was found to operate acceptably on the flat, however some serious issues were noted when used on hillier terrain. The vans were found to be quite satisfactory in operation.

6. WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW ?

- 6.1 A new Carbon Reduction Programme for FY'2022/23 is in the final stages of approval. The proposed programme has been developed to continue the LED lighting upgrade work and will include a particular focus on solar arrays for the Education portfolio. Work will also continue installing telemetry for water meters and heat saving measures, and we will be also exploring the potential of 'mine water' heat recovery to power heat networks.
- 6.2 At Taffs Well we are installing water source heat pumps to utilise geothermal heat from Wales' only 'Thermal Spring'. Plans are in place to provide a low carbon heating solution for a new school extension block and sports pavilion, with an estimated annual carbon saving of around 17t., and scheduled for completion in early/mid 2022. When complete it is hoped that the lessons learned during this project will act as 'stepping-stones' to future larger heat recovery networks, involving 'mine water', at targeted locations within the County Borough, or in partnership with adjacent authorities.
- 6.3 RCTCBC is already on course to meet the Welsh Government's recycling target of 70% for 2025 and we have Increased our recycling target to 80% by 2025, the only Council in Wales to do so.
- 6.4 The Council has invested in a world leading automated recycling plant at Bryn Pica that has improved the Council's recycling rates and is exploring the option of using the energy generated from the anaerobic digestion plant (Biogen site) to breakdown hard plastics and manufacture alternative products at source. This will eliminate the transfer of the plastic to processing plants and it will create local employment (further information on the work of AMGEN at Bryn Pica and other sites, is included in Appendix 'A').
- 6.5 The Council's Officers are now working, across service areas, to warrant that all future schools are to be elevated above the previously required 'Excellent' BREEAM ratings" to meet the requisite 'Net Zero Carbon - in operation' standard, which aims to further the Council's own carbon neutral objectives, looking towards 2030. EV chargers are also being

introduced to 10% of parking spaces in all new school developments, with a further commitment to allow 'passive infrastructure' for a further equivalent increase, when needed.

- 6.6 Plans are well underway for the development of a 'Land Based Solar Farm' (LBSF), to be located on Council owned land. The facility will, when constructed, be an asset owned and operated by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. The project, if realised, has the potential to 'offset' over 1,500t. of carbon per-annum and approaching 54,000t. over the expected lifecycle of the project, and will take the Council's portfolio of renewable energy potential from Solar over the 8MWp threshold. There is also a further feasibility study taking place to develop a second 3MW 'LBSF' at a second site, in an initiative being driven by AMGEN (again - please refer to Appendix 'A').
- 6.7 The Council has been successful in obtaining two grid connections from WPD in pursuit of its aspirations to generate wind energy, one for 4.2MW at 11kV and a second for 6MW at 33kV. Discussions are underway with several wind farm developers, who have plans to construct turbines on land adjoining to that owned by the Council. Respective grid connection offers, of both parties, are currently being discussed in detail with WPD, with some assistance from the developers, to determine usage details and the potential levels of curtailment. The outcome of these discussions will have a major bearing on the future size and shape of the potential projects, and we remain optimistic that the Council will own substantial wind generation capacity in the near to mid-term.
- 6.8 A specialist company has been engaged to reconsider the previous feasibility study (circa 2010) for a potential hydro-electric scheme at Treforest Weir. The outcome of this review is due in mid to late February 2022. The team have also engaged a specialist company to provide a detailed study of the previously published Dare Valley Country Park proposals. This review report has now been received and is in the process of internal review, however the early indications are that we may have a viable project to bring forward. Further reviews of other potential 'Hydro' opportunities are planned for the near future.
- 6.9 We have some amazing biodiversity work going on all around the County Borough to make the most of our amazing valleys and mountains. We are exploring how trees and peatbogs can be used to capture and store carbon. These include a range of 'Living Landscape' projects, ongoing across RCT, from Dare Valley and Clydach Vale Country Parks, to 'Trees for Parks', to 'Green Roof Classrooms', to community growing areas. Tree planting has increased to around 1,200 within the Council's scheme, this FY' and the Council has commissioned a study of our Peatlands with a view to bringing back some 700ha of peatland to good condition, to prevent any further release of carbon.
- 6.10 A number of 'Active Travel' routes have already been established in RCT such as the Taff Trail, Church Village Community Route and Cynon Trail. The focus is now on improving this network, and to develop new routes

that improve connectivity and serve key local facilities such as schools, colleges, places of employment and shops. The Metro will help with this. There will be space for bikes and more regular services in the evenings and on weekends for people to travel in and out of the County Borough.

- 6.11 The Amgen Board have instructed Officers to add additional decarbonisation aims and objectives into the Company business plan. The Board have set a target to source 80% of energy, used in the recycling and sorting process, from renewable energy by 2025 (please refer to Appendix 'A').
- 6.12 Changes to the way we deliver goods and services are being put in place by the Procurement Service, to reinforce the Council's direction of travel, in support of its carbon neutral ambitions. Further details and a summary of these actions are provided in a separate report, brought forward by the Head of Procurement today.

7. **LOOKING FORWARD.**

- 7.1 Appendix 'C' illustrates the governance and reporting structure we have set up for sub-groups and a main working-group, to help deliver actions, measure progress and obtain support for future workstreams, all on behalf of the CCCSG. We have already identified and set up sub-groups for Community Engagement and Comms, Transportation (including EV), Natures Assets, Built Assets & Construction, Energy Generation Projects and our Carbon Footprint. The work of the sub-groups is dynamic and will respond to changing demands. Likewise, the attendees of the sub-groups will also change, based upon the scope of work being delivered at any one time.
- 7.2 Work is about to start on developing the content and conclusions of the Insights and Recommendations report provided by the Carbon Trust in support of the RCT Carbon Footprint Project undertaken during 2021. The next stage of developing the contents of the Insights and Recommendations report into a full-blown Decarbonisation Plan (DP) will be one of the priorities of the Council during 2022/23, the outcomes of which will be used to guide future policy direction and activities in this area.
- 7.3 The DP is just one component part of the wider the Climate Change Strategy. This huge and crucial piece of work looks at the complete picture across the entire County Borough. This plan will be a framework to guide us and shape what we do to reduce both the Council's carbon footprint and that of the wider County Borough, learning from best practice, eliminating barriers, and strengthening our data arrangements, so that we are better able to challenge and demonstrate our progress. Much of the work in this plan is reflected and aligned to other plans, strategies, and policies, across the Council. The plan will work in tandem with the Welsh Government's Delivery Plan for a 'Low Carbon Wales'.

- 7.4 Now the Council has published its Electrical Vehicle Charging Strategy, the 'Transportation & EV Charging' sub-group has now moved on to the next stage and is in the process of compiling an Implementation Plan, which will provide a road map to people and organisations aspiring to provide EVC infrastructure. Included in the document will be an Action Plan to help drive future decisions under the influence of the Council and ensure that we can measure our progress, as an organisation, moving forward.
- 7.5 Working with the Cardiff Capital Region, 2022 will see the further roll out of Electric Vehicle charging points at around 30 off-street locations across RCT. The Council will also be assessing further locations for expansion of these facilities, in accordance with the requirements and targets within the Action Plan, when published.
- 7.6 The Council will continue to work in partnership with like-minded organisations such as the Welsh Local Gov't Assoc', Welsh Gov't Energy Service, CLAW, Cwm Taff UHB, Cardiff Capital Region, Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), National Resources Wales, etc. in order to pool resources, share ideas and partake in collaborative working ventures, etc., all in the collective effort to reduce all carbon consumed and achieve our carbon neutral objectives.
- 7.7 Staff training will be essential to raise awareness further, across all service areas. This will help facilitate and promote behavioural change, whilst giving officers the knowledge and tools that they need to take responsibility for their own carbon footprint, and that of their service area. Also, the recruitment of accomplished staff, plus the thriving programme of recruiting talented graduates, will be key factors in our success moving forward.
- 7.8 A 'Green Space' has been created in Teams, the aim of which is to provide staff with the opportunity to discuss climate change issues and share suggestions on how to reduce their carbon impact. From time to time, members of the 'Green Space' will also be invited to participate as a member of a virtual panel to engage with the Council on climate related projects and work programmes. The objective is that once established, the 'Green Space' will be managed by its members. The 'Green Space', and the whole approach is a pilot, and will be reviewed at the end of August.
- 7.9 The Council have applied to the WGES for grant funding to assist with the cost of replacing existing diesel fleet vehicles with ULEV versions. The application was submitted in mid-December and officers are hopeful that a positive decision will be forthcoming soon. As mentioned briefly earlier, the WLGA have also provided £350k of grant funding to assist the Council in meeting the charging needs of any future EV's that will become part of the fleet during FY'2022/23 and beyond.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 8.1 This supporting report is for the purpose of update and consequently an Equality Impact Assessment is not required with regard to this report.

9. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This supporting report is for the purpose of update and consequently Welsh Language Impact Assessment is not required with regard to this report, however a copy can be made available in Welsh if requested.

10. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 10.1 There are no consultation requirements at present with regards to this supporting report.

11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 11.1 All existing 'live' projects are currently funded through relevant cost centres and an existing enabling budget so there are no further financial implications aligned to this interim report.

11. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 11.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report

12. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 12.1 The Council has committed to becoming a Carbon Neutral Council by 2030 and to work with residents and businesses to ensure the whole County Borough is Carbon Neutral, as close as possible to the 2030 target. This supports the priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan 2020-24 "Making a Difference".

- 12.2 The work set out in this report reflects the Sustainable Development principle of the 'Well-being of Future Generations Act', meeting present needs without comprising the ability of future generations to meet theirs. The work described within the report will contribute to all seven national Well-being goals, with more immediate direct contributions to a Globally Responsible Wales, a more Resilient Wales, a Healthy Wales and a Wales of Cohesive Communities.

13. CONCLUSION

- 13.1 This report provides background information pertinent to the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group. It provides brief information on the achievements of the Council, to date, and the significant contributions already made towards the Council achieving its Carbon neutral targets. It also provides key updates on some other associated strategies and plans to reduce the Council's wider carbon impact.

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Appendix 'A'

- **Amgen Update.**

Appendix 'B'

- **Housing Strategy Team Update.**

Appendix 'C'

- **'CCCSG', Organogram of Governance.**
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Appendix 'A'

Amgen Update Feb-22

(PAPER PREPARED BY LEE FOULKES)

1. AMMENDMENT TO BUSINESS PLAN (2022 – 2027)

Amgen Board have instructed Officers to add additional decarbonisation aims / objectives the Company business plan. The Company has set a target to source 80% of energy used in the recycling / sorting process from renewable energy by 2025.

2. BRYN PICA ECO PARK

- RCT Strategic Project Group and Amgen staff overseeing RIBA Stage 4 Completion for the 4 Unit and Energy Centre Design and Tender Docs.
- Shovel ready project for 2022 / 2023 if funding becomes available.
- Project Team engaged with Welsh Government Energy and Environment Team regarding funding.

3. BRYN PICA

- Resurrected a previously discounted scheme for a 3 MW Solar Scheme at Bryn Pica. Increased payback / rate of return parameters to allow an export only income model.
- Large development area identified and provides to Welsh Energy Service for assessment and modelling.
- Reviewing aspects of Amgen's waste management operations to identify plant and machinery currently dependant on red diesel. Where appropriate developed costed proposal to move to electrical energy source.

4. BRYN PICA PRIVATE WIRE TENDER

- Private wire tender issued on 11.02.22.
- Tender returns on 11.03.22.
- Potential energy saving of circa £500k over 5 year contract period.

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Appendix 'B'

Housing Strategy Team - Update Feb-22

(SOURCE: KERYL LANFEAR)

The Councils '**Housing Strategy Team**' have introduced a range of schemes and grants to provide home energy efficiency measures with an aim to address fuel Poverty & reduce carbon emissions for residents within RCT. The schemes introduced by the Council will not only reduce their emissions but also save residents money and improve their wellbeing to meet our Climate Change Targets.

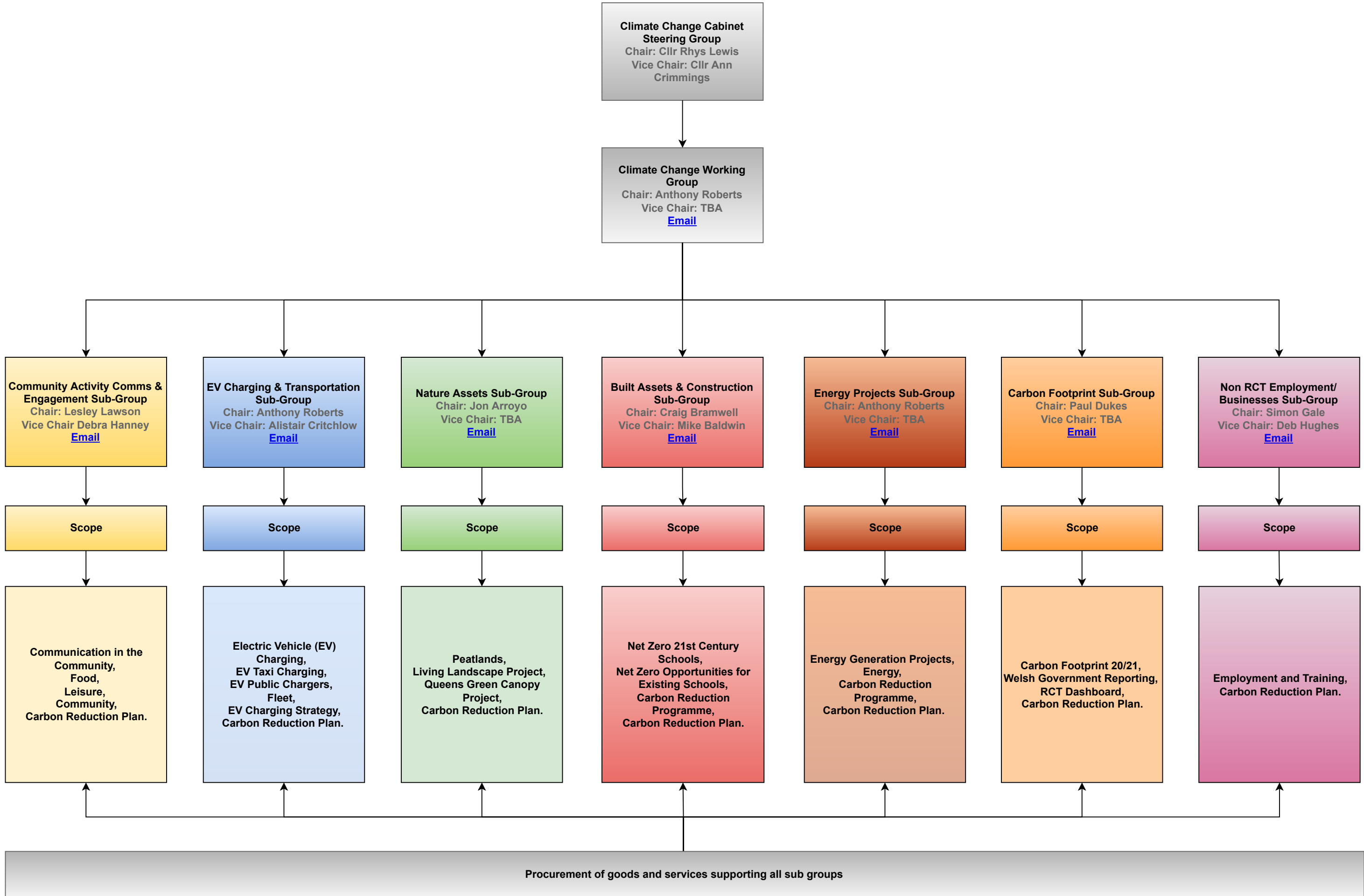
The team are working to address fuel poverty, in a sustainable way, and have running/providing an advice and assistance scheme called Heat and Save. This provides free and impartial advice to residents on tariff switching and access to grants that may be available to them.

The scheme allows self or partner referral to support residents with help and guidance, and to facilitate the correct grant assistance to suit individual circumstances. Opportunities may be available to residents under Eco 3 Flex or the Welsh Governments Nest scheme. In addition to this the Council has just launched a heating Grant as a pilot scheme to further help RCT residents.

One example of the housing strategy team's enabling role, working with Arbed am Byth, is the delivery of energy measures to 113 homes in Penrhiwceiber, with new heat and cost-saving energy measures (since September 2020).

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Procurement of goods and services supporting all sub groups

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