



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CLIMATE CHANGE CABINET STEERING GROUP

18TH DECEMBER 2019

CLIMATE CHANGE CABINET STEERING GROUP WORK PROGRAMME 2019- 2020 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION, COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR R. LEWIS

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To comment and approve the proposed list of matters requiring consideration by the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group Work during the 2019-2020 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group:

- 2.1 Subject to any amendments, approve the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group Work Programme for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that progress is monitored and action can be proposed to Cabinet to respond to the Cabinet's commitment for the Council to be Carbon Neutral by 2030, and to work with residents and businesses within the Borough to ensure the whole County Borough is Carbon Neutral as close as possible to the 2030 target.
- 3.3 The updated Work Programme is attached to this report for Members' consideration and covers the 2019-2020 Municipal Year.
- 3.4 For ease of reference the work programme will also be available on the main Cabinet webpage for Members and members of the public information.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Cabinet Steering Group has been established to ensure an Authority-wide approach to issues of climate change and the Council becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030. Its membership will provide strategic direction and will initially consider any local policies regarding climate change and associated matters
- 4.2 This Cabinet Steering Group will provide the opportunity to proactively discuss progress and delivery of actions, which emanate from the Corporate Plan, which aims to meet climate change challenges and reduce the Council's carbon footprint.
- 4.3 The document is a rolling work programme for the 2019 - 2020 Municipal Year, to allow for regular updates and amendments. The work programme is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 4.4 During the period outlined, the work programme may be subject to further change to take into account any additional/deletion reports.

5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 The work programme has been compiled by members of the Senior Leadership Team in discussion with the Climate Change Champion, County Borough Councillor Rhys Lewis.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report. Any investment required to address any of the recommendations will be reported and considered separately.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

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

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

- 9.1 This report seeks to set out a Work Programme for the Steering Group to develop and recommend to Cabinet a series of proposals and recommendations to reduce the impact the Council and its residents and businesses have on the environment and respond to the issues set out in the Committee on Climate Change Report – Net Zero. The future actions that arise as a result of the recommendations in this report will be

considered by the Council's Cabinet and it will take full regard to the seven national wellbeing goals.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The work programme for the Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group seeks to set out an ambitious programme to enable the Council to achieve the 2030 target, and the Council welcomes input from other organisations and individuals in helping to achieve this ambitious target.

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