



## RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### CLIMATE CHANGE CABINET SUB COMMITTEE

27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

#### CLIMATE CHANGE CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

#### REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION IN DISCUSSION WITH THE RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER, COUNCILLOR C LEYSHON

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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 Sub-Committee during the 2023-24 Municipal Year.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Climate Change Cabinet Sub-Committee:

- 2.1 Subject to any amendments, approve the Climate Change Cabinet Sub-Committee Work Programme for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year, as attached as Appendix 1;
- 2.2 Agree to undertake site visits during the Municipal Year to the proposed list of locations:
  - Launch of School Eco Awards;
  - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf, Rhydyfelin;
  - [Soaring Supersaurus](#), Penrhys;
  - Canolfan Calon Taf; and
  - Welcome to our Woods – [Crop Cycle](#)
- 2.3 Subject to the agreement of 2.2, receive a future report of the Chair with the findings from each of the site visits.

#### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To ensure that progress of the Council's Tackling Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan is monitored to respond to the Cabinet's commitment for the Council to become 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.

## **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The formerly named Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group was established to ensure an Authority-wide approach to issues of climate change and the Council becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.
- 4.2 This Cabinet Steering Group provided 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 At the Council's twenty-seventh Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the Leader announced his [Scheme of Delegation](#) for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, whereby a number of changes were made to the Climate Change Steering Group.
- 4.4 With climate priorities now embedded across the work of the Council, continuous engagement with the third sector and our local communities and Strategies and Action Planning in place, it was agreed that the former Steering Group would function as a Climate Change Cabinet Sub-Committee and as such, the membership was revised to include Cabinet Member representation with voting rights to determine a matter.
- 4.5 The work programme is a rolling document for the 2023 - 2024 Municipal Year, to allow for regular updates and amendments. The work programme is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 4.6 During the period outlined, the work programme may be subject to further change to consider business needs.

## **5. PROPOSED BUSINESS**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Climate Change Cabinet Sub-Committee formally meet on three occasions during the 2023-2024 Municipal Year. Further meetings can be convened at the request of the Chair.
- 5.2 In addition to the formal meetings of the Sub-Committee, it is proposed that Members undertake site visits during the Municipal Year to appropriate locations, such as schools, community projects and businesses throughout the County Borough to gain further insight into the work undertaken to meet the Council and County Borough climate targets.
- 5.3 The following events/locations have been proposed for Member consideration:
  - Launch of School Eco Awards;
  - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf, Rhydyfelin;
  - [Soaring Supersaurus](#), Penrhys;
  - Canolfan Calon Taf; and

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## **6. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT**

- 6.1 The work programme has been compiled by members of the Senior Leadership Team in discussion with the Chair of the Climate Change Cabinet Sub-Committee.

## **7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY**

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

## **8. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 A Welsh Language Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of this report are for information purposes only.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

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

## **11. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.**

- 11.1 The Council's approach to the Well-being of Future Generations Act is to embed its requirements into the Council's business including its Climate Commitments. As such, all reports arising from the Sub-Committee's Work Programme will incorporate the national goals, together with the five Ways of Working to deliver the Council's Climate Commitments.

## **12. CONCLUSION**

- 12.1 The work of the Climate Change Cabinet Sub-Committee seeks to enable the Council to achieve the 2030 target.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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