



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024 - 2025**

**COUNCIL**

**15 JANUARY 2025**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &  
COMMUNICATION**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion (NOM) as set out below for which the necessary notice has been provided and make an appropriate recommendation in accordance with Rule 10.1 of the Constitution.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Consider the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 4.2 and make an appropriate recommendation; and
- 2.2 Request that the Service Director Democratic Services & Communication makes the necessary arrangements to record the NOMs and provide any updates through the publication of 'information reports' on the Council agenda, as formerly agreed.

**3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

**4. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 4.1 To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion which has been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.1 and received by the Proper Officer, standing in the names of County Borough Councillors:
- 4.2 S. Emanuel, A. J. Dennis, L. Addiscott, M. D. Ashford, J. Barton, D. R. Bevan, J. Bonetto, S. Bradwick, J. Brencher, G. Caple, J. Cook, A. Crimmings, S. J. Davies, V. Dunn, E. L. Dunning, J. Edwards, J. A. Elliott, L. Ellis, R. Evans, S. Evans, A. S. Fox, B. Harris, S. Hickman, G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. W. Hughes, W. Hughes, G. Jones, G. O. Jones, R. R. Lewis, W. Lewis, C.

Leyshon, M. Maohoub, C. Middle, A. Morgan, N. H. Morgan, S. Morgans, M. A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, D. Parkin, S. Powderhill, C. Preedy, S. Rees, A. Roberts, G. Stacey, L. A. Tomkinson, W. Treeby, J. Turner, G. L. Warren, K. Webb, M. Webber, D. Williams, G. E. Williams, R. Williams, T. Williams, R. Yeo.

The effects and dangers - both present and future - of climate change are well established, and these have certainly been evident in our communities over recent years with more frequent extreme weather events being experienced, most notably Storm Dennis almost five years ago and Storm Bert at the end of last year.

Wales has been right at the forefront of the fight against climate change, being the first nation in the world to declare a climate emergency, setting ambitious targets for carbon reduction nationally, and matching that ambition with firm actions. Wales is now, for example, second in the world for global recycling rates; and is currently working towards further improving this position.

A key aspect of the wider climate strategy is the drive for the public sector to be carbon neutral by 2030 and zero waste by 2050. Local authorities are right at the forefront of this partnership and are driving forward a range of initiatives that contribute to this.

In a local context, this Council has built climate considerations into its Corporate Plan as a key foundation and, in line with this, has undertaken a range of measures to drastically reduce carbon emissions, improve recycling rates and make our communities more resilient.

Achieving our climate goals, however, remains the greatest challenge facing this Council and Members will have been encouraged by the various progress reports we have received and the adoption of key strategies such as the Corporate Decarbonisation Strategy.

Central to this effort of achieving our goals and meeting our responsibilities is the role of partnership working between Welsh Government, Local Government, the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and private partners. However, the most important aspect of this drive is the role that our residents play in buying in and supporting these efforts, both for the current generation and our future generations.

Whilst these successes must be recognised, it is also vital to acknowledge that more must be done as we strive toward hitting our local, national, and global targets.

This Council therefore notes:

- That climate change continues to present a significant danger to our communities, country, and the world. More must be done to protect our climate.

- That the Council and other partner organisations have a critical role in focussing the conversation on climate change and exchanging ideas and best practice to achieve targets more effectively and efficiently.
- That these outcomes can only be realised through a full partnership between all levels of government, sectors and, most importantly, the public.

The Council subsequently resolves to:

- Reconfirm this Council's commitment to achieving our climate goals and meeting our ambitions to create a clean and green RCT that improves and protects our environment and nature.
- Request that Officers bring forward a report to a future Council meeting to outline the progress that the Council is making.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Constitution

## **7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report and no Equality Impact Assessment is deemed necessary for the purposes of this report as it relates to a procedural matter under the Councils Constitution.
- 7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution which sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 This report presents for Members' consideration the Notice of Motion submitted to Council for the period January 2025, for which the necessary notice has been given.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**as amended by**

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

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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