



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.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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WORK PROGRAMME
2019-2020**

NOVEMBER 2019				
Report Title	Responsible Officer	Purpose of the report	Previous Committee Consultation?	For Cabinet approval?
Future Work Programme	Chief Executive	To outline the Council's current position in respect of climate change and the proposed future work programme.		
Biodiversity Duty	Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services	To update Members on the progress in discharging the Council's Biodiversity Duty and to seek approval to submit the required update report to Welsh Government.	Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity – 12.12.17	December 2019
Corporate Estates Energy and Carbon Reduction Update	Director, Corporate Estates	To provide an update on Corporate Estates energy and carbon reduction.		
Community Use of Underused/Vacant Land	Director, Corporate Estates	To provide a draft streamlined procedure for the community use of underused/vacant RCT land.		
DECEMBER 2019				
Report Title	Responsible Officer	Purpose of the report	Previous Committee Consultation?	For Cabinet approval?
Recycling in RCT	Group Director, Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services	To receive an update on the recycling performance for the first 6 months of 2019/20, the new Materials Recovery Facility, future developments at Bryn Pica and potential legislative changes.		January 2020
Local Procurement of Supplies and Services	Director, Human Resources	To receive an overview of the Council's contracting arrangements.		
Elimination of single use plastics in all Council contracts and premises	Chief Executive	To receive an overview of the current guidance that is in place to support organisations when seeking to eliminate single use plastics.		

Taffs Well Thermal Spring	Director, Corporate Estates	To outline the current situation with regards to the Taffs Well Spring Renewable Energy Project.		
JANUARY 2020				
Report Title	Responsible Officer	Purpose of the report	Previous Committee Consultation?	For Cabinet approval?
Transportation and the reduction of carbon emissions	Group Director, Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services	To focus on maximising the benefits of the South Wales Metro; consider electrical vehicle charging; opportunities to significantly increase active travel options; how we reduce the impact of the Council's fleet of vehicles, commissioned/subsidised public transport, and licenced taxis and home to school transport.		
Air Quality Management Areas	Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services	To consider what action can be taken in the air quality management areas, to ensure air quality improves across the County Borough.		
Development of Infrastructure to support Low Carbon Vehicle Ownership	Service Director, Democratic Services and Communication	To outline and monitor the progress of recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which were endorsed by Cabinet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 03.09.19 • Cabinet – 24.19.19 	
Community Engagement	Joint report of the Service Director, Democratic Services and Communication External Representatives	To discuss how the Council can work with Friends of the Earth, Extinction Rebellion, Greenpeace and other local environmental groups engage residents and businesses to adapt and change how they live their lives to reduce their demand on planet Earth.		
FEBRUARY 2020				
Report Title	Responsible Officer	Purpose of the report	Previous Committee Consultation?	For Cabinet approval?

Energy Generation	Director, Corporate Estates	To set out a series of proposals for the Council to build and finance potential solar, wind and hydro schemes on Council or other public sector owned land and rivers, which will make a significant contribution to the Council achieving its Carbon Neutral target.		
Nature's Assets - Using the Natural Environment to reduce carbon emissions and the effects of climate change	Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services in partnership with National Resources Wales	To build upon the previously considered Biodiversity Report and to discuss a range of projects, which will have a positive impact on improving air quality.	Climate Change Steering Group – 18.11.19	
Strategic and Local Development Plans	Director, Prosperity and Development	To consider the regional SDP and a RCT LDP ten year plans and their policies and commitments to ensure housing, transportation and business infrastructure minimises the carbon footprint.		
MARCH 2020				
Report Title	Responsible Officer	Purpose of the report	Previous Committee Consultation?	For Cabinet approval?
Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group Commitments and Progress	Chief Executive	To receive an update of the progress made and actions to date		