



## **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 14TH MAY 2019**

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – CLIMATE CHANGE**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor S. Morgan and is supported by Councillors D.V. Poole, B. Jones, C. Cuss, C. Gordon, L. Phipps, N. George, P. Marsden, E. Stenner, C. Mann and K. Etheridge.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure in now referred to Scrutiny for consideration.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

### **4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

### **5. THE REPORT**

- 5.1 Councillor S. Morgan requests in his Notice of Motion that Council: -
- (i) Declare a Climate Emergency;

- (ii) Commit to making Caerphilly County Borough Council a net zero carbon local authority by 2030;
- (iii) Within 12 months develop a clear energy plan for a route towards being net zero carbon;
- (iv) Ask that Welsh and UK Government call on World Leaders to acknowledge the overwhelming scientific evidence that Climate Change has been created by human activity;
- (v) Call on Welsh and UK Governments to provide the necessary support and resources to enable effective carbon reductions and move to a less resource intensive future;
- (vi) Call on Welsh Government to move to measure out countries progress in a way that supports and reflects decarbonisation and the ambitious and forward thinking Well Being Of Future Generation Act, rather than simply measuring resource use and consumerism;
- (vii) Work with Public Services Board and Cardiff Capital Region City Deal partners to develop opportunities to delivery carbon savings and to take advantage of the wider benefits of a green economy;
- (viii) Collaborate with experts from the private second and 3rd sectors to develop innovative solutions to becoming net zero carbon.

## 5.2 The following information supports the Notice of Motion: -

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on “*Global Warming of 1.5°C*” published in October 2018, confirmed that the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050. The Report describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities.

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## 5.3 Caerphilly County Borough Council has already shown foresight and leadership when it comes to addressing the issues of sustainability and climate change when it approved its first sustainable development policy in 1997. In April 2006, the Authority signed the Welsh Declaration on Climate Change, and in 2009 approved an ambitious aspirational Carbon Reduction Strategy with a target to reduce its carbon emissions (buildings and street lighting) by 45% of the baseline 07/08 emissions levels.

The authority has a proven track record of delivering energy and carbon improvements by investing to save. The authority was a founding member (2004) of the national Salix scheme, which provides interest free loans from an £800,000 pot,

with the Authority being the top performer in Wales on the volume of annual carbon saved.

## **6. ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

## **7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

- 7.1 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision making roles and responsibilities which will impact on future generations.

### **7.2 Corporate Plan 2018-2023.**

The subject of the Notice of Motion being Climate Change would impact on Objective 5 - Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

## **8. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

- 8.1 The Notice of Motion is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the act as it complies with the rules and regulations of the Council's Constitution which sets out a clear framework for how the Council operates in particular decision making responsibilities which will consider the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

## **9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

## **12. CONSULTATIONS**

- 12.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

### **13. STATUTORY POWER**

#### **13.1 Local Government Act 1972**

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.

## Notice of Motion

To consider the undermentioned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor Sean Morgan and supported by Councillor David Poole, Councillor Barbara Jones, Councillor Carl Cuss, Councillor Colin Gordon, Councillor Eluned Stenner, Councillor Lisa Phipps, Councillor Philippa Marsden, Councillor Nigel George, Councillor Colin Mann and Councillor Kevin Etheridge

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The reason for this motion

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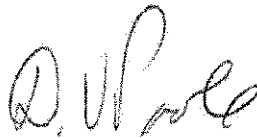
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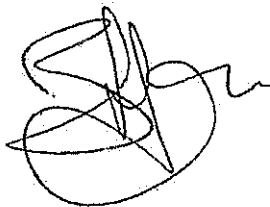
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