

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30 P.M.

#### PRESENT:

Councillors: M.A. Adams, R. Chapman, C.J. Cuss, D.T. Davies (Chair), N. Dix, C. Elsbury, M. Evans, A. Gair, A. Hussey (Vice Chair), S. Kent, D.W.R. Preece, H. Pritchard, S. Williams and C. Wright.

Cabinet Members: Councillor C. Morgan (Waste, Leisure and Green Spaces).

Officers: M.S. Williams (Corporate Director for Economy and Environment), R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection, Community, and Leisure Services), M. Headington (Green Spaces and Transport Services Manager), J. Davies (Parks and Countryside Operations Manager), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

#### APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Leonard and J.E. Roberts.

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.	N/A
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes: -  Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee held on 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 be approved as a correct record.	12 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
4.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	There were no matters called in.	N/A
5.	Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	It was requested that the Decarbonisation Action Plan report be re-scheduled for the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny meeting to be held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023.  Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that, subject to the amendment, the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.	13 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

		RESOLVED that the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Council's website.	
6.	To receive and consider Cabinet reports listed on the agenda.	It was noted that none of the Cabinet reports listed on the agenda had been called forward for discussion at the meeting.	N/A
7.	Grass Cutting Regime.	<p>Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The approach adopted during the 2021/22 cutting season be adopted as the standard going forward in relation to our highway verges and by-pass routes where mowing is kept to a minimum, in accordance with Traffic Wales guidance.</li> <li>2. The Council shows a commitment to the UK wide 'No Mow May' campaign and formal grass cutting does not commence until June with the exception of designated areas to include: visibility splays and sight lines on highways; margins and access on footways/cycle routes; sports grounds; urban areas such as housing estates, municipal parks, older person accommodation, cemeteries; play/recreational public open spaces, which are maintained at the current cutting frequencies.</li> <li>3. The initial list of areas nominated by both relevant officers and local members within their respective wards as set out in Appendix 1 be endorsed, which could be allowed to flourish during the summer period.</li> <li>4. That the Authority continues to provide wildflower seed packs to community groups on request</li> </ol>	13 For 1 Against 0 Abstentions

		as set out in paragraph 5.11 of the report.	
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