

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND MAY 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. Hussey (Vice Chair), S. Kent, A. Leonard, D.W.R. Preece, H. Pritchard, J. Roberts, S. Williams and C. Wright.

Cabinet Members: Councillor C. Andrews, E. Forehead, P. Leonard, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, J. Pritchard.

Officers: M.S. Williams (Corporate Director for Economy and Environment), R Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services), C Edwards (Environmental Health Officer), M. Godfrey (Team Leader – Pollution Control and Emergency Planning and Resilience), P Cooke (Transformation Manager (Lead) – Decarbonisation), B. Winstanley (Head of Land and Property Services), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), A. Jones (Committee Services Officer)

Also in attendance Cllrs K. Etheridge, J Jones, J. Reed, and Reverend P Cawthorne

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence were received from Councillors A. Gair

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 21 st March 2023.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 21 st March 2023 be approved as a correct record.	15 For 0 Against 0 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.	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 unanimously agreed.	15 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.	Notice of Motion – Ty Llwyd Quarry, Ynysddu	<p>Following consideration of the Notice of Motion, and subject to the amendment proposed, it was moved and seconded that the Notice of Motion be supported. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Council: -</p> <p>That the council will write to the Welsh Government to support a request to the First Minister Mark Drakeford, for an Independent Public Inquiry and investigate and facilitate funding within the Environmental Protection Act Part Two A Second Part Process, on the Ty Llwyd Quarry.</p>	15 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
8.	Update on Decarbonisation Action Plan and Proposed Future Approach	<p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Scrutiny Committee noted the progress made to date on the actions set out in the Decarbonisation Action Plan 2. Members of the Scrutiny Committee considered the 10 officer recommendations below and offered their views on this and any alternative approaches they wished to be considered by Cabinet. <p>Recommendation 1: That the CCBC Decarbonisation Action Plan is reviewed and updated to focus on the 2030 organisational requirements, to align with the WG route map and timeframes, and that a separate action plan for the county borough as a whole in accordance with the 2050 targets, is developed and considered.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: That each Directorate and Service area is given a copy of their carbon baseline, and that during 2023/24</p>	No vote required

		<p>financial year work is done to support them to fully understand and analyse those emissions and to identify priority areas for reduction.</p> <p>Recommendation 3: That from 2024/25 t carbon budgets, with identified reduction targets, are agreed with CMT for each service area, and reported via Directorate Performance Assessments.</p> <p>Recommendation 4: That a working group for each of the 4 pillars of Reduce, Produce, Offset and Buy is established to co-ordinate the work on each area.</p> <p>Recommendation 5: That the following 5 corporate commitments are agreed: • Net zero carbon considerations should be included in all major decisions as part of the Integrated Impact Assessment process • All new corporate buildings and schools will be designed to net zero carbon standards where possible. • All new heating systems will transition to low carbon heat with appropriate insulation upgrades where possible with fossil fuels will be used only as a last resort • A low carbon travel hierarchy should be developed and implemented for business travel which accelerates the transition to low carbon transport. • We will aim to plant 300,000 new trees before 2030 where land availability allows.</p> <p>Recommendation 6: That a programme of skills development, awareness raising, and behaviour change is developed alongside detailed support for specific roles, including Page 32 technical knowledge.</p> <p>Recommendation 7: That we continue our work to develop specific renewable energy projects that contribute to our overall programme.</p> <p>Recommendation 8: That detailed land mapping and evaluation is undertaken to protect existing habitats and to identify land for tree planting. Further work should be</p>	
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		<p>undertaken to assess the feasibility of a potential Caerphilly Forest programme and the potential for growing our own trees.</p> <p>Recommendation 9: That low-carbon procurement policies be embedded through procurement frameworks forming a key part of cost-benefit analysis and contract appraisal. Suppliers and services are challenged to identify and make significant supply chain emissions reductions.</p> <p>Recommendation 10: That progress is monitored and evaluated on an annual basis with an Annual Decarbonisation Report prepared each November.</p> <p>There were no alternative recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet.</p>	
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