

Scrutiny Report



Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Part 1

Date: 29th October 2021

Subject **Climate Change Plan 2022-27 – Consultation Draft**

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject	Page Numbers
Paul Jones.	Head of City Services	N/A
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Ross Cudlipp	Carbon Reduction Manager	N/A
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Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked

1. Consider the information contained within this report
2. Consider the Consultation Draft Climate Change Plan
3. Feedback views as part of the formal public consultation process

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 Climate Change is one of the defining global challenges of our generation and there is an urgent need for the world to decarbonise, to limit global temperature rise and avert the worst impacts of climate change.
- 2.2 There is also a need for the world to adapt to the impacts of climate change now and in the future. The accumulating impacts of climate change including rising sea levels, poor air quality and extreme weather events are already putting many people at risk both locally and across the globe.
- 2.3 As an organisation we have made a good start and have already made a substantial reduction in our carbon emissions in line with targets set out in our Carbon Management Plan. This has resulted

in a 29% reduction of scope 1 and scope 2 emissions over the past 3 years. However, there is still much more that we need to do.

2.4 The consultation draft of the Newport City Council Climate Change Organisational Plan sets out the proposed themes, priorities, actions and milestones that we need to take as a Council over the next five years to:

- Reach net zero as an organisation by 2030.
- Review the services we provide to ensure they support the city's journey to net zero and adaptation to climate change by 2050.

2.5 This consultation seeks views on the draft Plan which once finalised will document and shape the Council's future climate change mitigation and adaptation journey over the next five years. The closing date for responses is 31 December 2021.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

3.1 To deliver on the Plan the consultation draft sets out six proposed key delivery themes: These are:

3.2 Theme 1: Organisational Leadership & Culture

2030 Vision: The climate emergency will be at the heart of all our work. In the decisions we take we will factor in positive action to tackle climate change impacts. We will lead by example and empower our partners, communities, and individuals to tackle the climate emergency.

3.3 Theme 2: Our Buildings

2030 Vision: To achieve net zero carbon energy across our buildings by 2030.

3.4 Theme 3: Our Land

2030 Vision: A city which sustainably manages and increases its natural resources, protecting and enhancing the natural environment in a carbon neutral and climate responsible manner.

3.5 Theme 4: Transport & Mobility

2030 Vision: A city with healthy and sustainable travel choices for the Council and the people of Newport and Wales.

3.6 Theme 5: The Goods & Services we Procure

2030 Vision: Procurement will be at the heart of ensuring that our external contracting minimises the climate impact and carbon footprint of goods, works, and services procured.

3.7 Theme 6: Our Wider Role

2030 Vision: Leading by example and proactively supporting our communities and partners towards society wide carbon net zero and climate change action.

3.8 These themes are based on the [Welsh Government's: A route map to decarbonisation across the Welsh public sector](#).

3.9 Each theme sets out a proposed vision, set of priorities, actions and milestones that we need to take over the next five years to:

- Reach net zero as an organisation by 2030.
- Review the services we provide to ensure they support the city's journey to net zero and adaptation to climate change.

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

The committee is asked to review the overall aim of the Plan which is to:

- Reach net zero carbon as an organisation by 2030.
- Review the services we provide to ensure they support the city's journey to net zero and adaptation to climate change by 2050.

And consider whether the themes, visions, priorities, actions and milestones set out for the next five years will support the achievement of this commitment.

Specifically, the committee is asked to consider:

- Do you agree with the six identified themes? Is there anything that has been missed?
- Do you agree with the associated vision of each of the themes?
- For each of the themes do you agree with the priorities, actions and milestones identified?
- Do you have any other comments or recommendations about the draft Plan?

Suggested Lines of Enquiry

4.1 In evaluating the Consultation Draft of the Climate Change Plan the Committee and considering the scope of the plan you may wish to consider:

- Do you agree with the six proposed themes?
- Do you agree with the proposed visions?
- Do you agree with the proposed priorities for each of the six themes?

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Supporting Information

5.1 [Welsh Government's: A route map to decarbonisation across the Welsh public sector](#)

5.2 [Carbon Management Plan 2018-22](#)

6 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

Limiting climate change and reducing our carbon emissions are key to achieving all of our well-being objectives and the well-being goals. If we don't continue to reduce our carbon and tackle climate change our well-being objectives and the well-being goals will be difficult if not impossible to realise.

Well-being Objectives	Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	Improve skills, educational outcomes & employment opportunities	Enable people to be healthy, independent & resilient	Build cohesive & sustainable communities
Corporate Plan Commitments	Thriving City	Aspirational People		Resilient Communities
Supporting Function	Modernised Council			

7 Impact Assessment:

- **Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act**
- **Equality Act 2010**
- **Socio-economic Duty**
- **Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011**

The council has a number of legislative responsibilities to assess the impact of any strategic decision, proposal or policy on people that may experience disadvantage or inequality. A copy of the draft Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment (FEIA) is attached.

7.1 Summary of impact – Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

The Climate Change Plan will have **long term** benefits for current and future generations by reducing carbon emissions and supporting the **prevention** of some of the impacts of climate change.

The Plan takes an **integrated** approach and support the achievement of all our well-being objectives and the well-being goals.

Staff and managers from across the council have **collaborated** on the development of the draft Plan and we will soon be inviting the public and partners to take part in a wider **involvement** exercise.

7.2 Summary of impact – Equality Act 2010

The impact of climate change on younger people and future generations are likely to be greater than other sections of the community as temperatures are likely to rise as time goes on.

The Climate Change Plan will help to mitigate and adapt to these impacts.

Further details are to be added following the consultation process.

7.3 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

Public Health studies have shown that the impacts of climate change such as poor air quality, poor health, poor physical environment tend to have the biggest impacts in deprived areas.

For example, poor air quality combined with health impacts of deprivation interact to modify and strengthen associations with all-cause and respiratory disease mortality especially in the ‘most’ deprived areas where the most-vulnerable people live and where health needs are the greatest.

The Climate Change Plan will help to mitigate and adapt to these impacts.

7.4 Summary of impact – Welsh language

No impact.

8. Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)
- [Socio-economic Duty Guidance](#)
- [Public Sector Equality Duty](#)
- [Welsh Language Measure 2015](#)
- [Welsh Government's: A route map to decarbonisation across the Welsh public sector.](#)
- [Carbon Management Plan 2018-22](#)
- [National Indicators](#)
- [Environment Act](#)

Draft Climate Change Plan Attached

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