

# Scrutiny Report



## Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate

Date: 28 February 2022

### Subject Carbon Management Plan – Progress Monitoring

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

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Ross Cudlipp	Carbon Reduction Manager
Tracey Brooks	Head of Regeneration and Economic Development
Cllr Jason Hughes	Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development

## Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

### 1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider the Carbon Management Plan (the plan) and presentation on the progress against the plan.
2. Assess the contents of the plan and presentation and decide if there has been satisfactory progress against the targets within the plan.
3. Establish whether there is any additional information needed.
4. Decide if the Committee wishes to make any comments or recommendations in relation to the plan

### 2 Context

#### Background

- 2.1 This will be the Committee's first consideration of the Council's Carbon Management Plan (2018-2022). The plan was adopted as a policy of the Council in January 2020 by the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development. The Carbon Reduction Team, led by the Carbon Reduction Manager, oversee the day-to-day management of our energy needs and also the delivery of projects to reduce carbon emissions across the Council's estate.

2.2 Carbon reduction is being achieved by:

- Being more energy efficient
- Replacing energy consuming equipment with more efficient alternatives (including vehicles)
- Retrofitting buildings to a higher level of insulation and reducing draughts
- Generating zero carbon energy on our own sites (such as solar PV)
- Offsetting carbon emissions (if absolutely necessary)

2.3 The ultimate target of the Carbon Management Plan is for the Council to achieve Carbon Neutrality (also known as Net Zero Carbon) by 2030.

2.4 The plan and target cover the emissions from our buildings, streetlighting, and fleet. This scope is a component of the wider organisational climate change plan that has been subject to recent public consultation.

### **3 Information Submitted to the Committee**

3.1 The submission for the committee comprises two documents. The first is the adopted Carbon Management Plan and the second is a presentation giving an overview of the plan and the progress made against the plan to date.

3.2 The Carbon Management Plan has the following structure:

- Context of the plan
- Carbon Emission Baseline
- Vision
- Mission
- Objectives
- Targets
- Strategies

3.3 The Presentation covers the following:

- Carbon emission baseline
- Progress against the Vision, Mission and Objectives
- Progress against the plan's targets
- How the plan's strategies have been implemented

## 4. Suggested Areas of Focus

### Role of the Committee

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

Review and analyse the contents of the report and the additional information contained in the presentation. Establish what progress has been made against the plan and what that means for the Council.

- Take a look at the achievements to date and reflect on whether this constitutes sufficient progress.
- Assess and make comment on the impact that the plan has had on the council, the environment, and schools and local communities.
- Conclusions:
  - Is the Committee satisfied that it has had all of the relevant information to base a conclusion on the performance against the plan?
  - Do any areas require a more in-depth review by the Committee?
  - Does the Committee wish to make any Comments / Recommendations to the Cabinet?

### Suggested Lines of Enquiry

- 4.1 The Committee might wish to think about the following when devising questioning strategies;
- What activities have made the biggest contribution to our carbon reduction progress?
  - What have been the wider benefits of having the plan and delivering against it.
  - What are the opportunities for the next phase of the plan, and to 2030?
  - What are the main challenges to the delivery of the plan?

## Section B – Supporting Information

### 5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 The following have been provided to the Committee for additional / background reading to support the scrutiny of the Carbon Management Plan.

None.

### 6 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

<b>Well-being Objectives</b>	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		
<b>Manifesto commitments</b>	Working Newport: Jobs, growth & the economy	Sustainable Newport: Environment & transport	Learning Newport: Education & skills	Future Newport: Well-being & social care	Fairer Newport: For all our residents	Safer Newport: Community safety & antisocial behaviour	Vibrant Newport: Creativity & culture
<b>Corporate plan actions</b>	A thriving city		Aspirational people		Resilient communities		
<b>Supporting function</b>	A modernised council						
	Objective 1		2	3	4		

## 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.

An FEIA has not been provided as this update is for information purposes only.

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

NA

### 7.2 Summary of impact – Equality Act 2010

NA

### 7.3 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

NA

### 7.4 Summary of impact – Welsh language

NA

## 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](#)

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