

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2021

**“C451 VALE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD CLIMATE EMERGENCY CHARTER (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The report sought approval for the Council to sign the Public Services Board Climate Emergency Charter.

The Vale Public Services Board (PSB) had developed a Climate Emergency Charter (Appendix A to the report) which set out a number of commitments for public sector organisations working in the Vale of Glamorgan, recognising that partners had different roles and responsibilities.

The development of the Charter had been led by the Council and Natural Resources Wales with input and discussion from partners across the PSB.

The purpose of the Charter was to set out a clear and collective statement of intent from all partners to tackle climate change.

The commitments in the Charter were grouped under three headings: Lead by Example, Take Positive Action and Reduce our Impact. Each organisation would progress work in an appropriate way for their organisation but with support and where necessary challenge from other partners.

The commitments in the Charter were consistent with work already underway or in development within the Council.

The Charter would be launched at a PSB meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

The Leader sought clarification from the Monitoring Officer about requesting the use of the urgent decision procedure set out at Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution in order to be able to sign the Charter at the meeting to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. It was noted that following the meeting that the relevant Scrutiny Chairman be contacted and to ascertain confirmation of his agreement to the use of the urgent decision procedure.

The Deputy Leader noted the report sat alongside the references discussed earlier on the agenda and the Climate Energy Strategy, working in association with partners and other public sector organisations across the Vale of Glamorgan in order to achieve maximum impact.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein and with the amendment to include an additional recommendation, regarding the urgent decision procedure

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Council sign up to the Public Services Board Climate Emergency Charter and work with the Public Services Board and other partners to tackle climate change.

(2) T H A T in pursuance of Resolution (1), the Leader sign the Charter at the forthcoming Public Services Board meeting in February 2021 on behalf of the Council.

(3) T H A T the Climate Emergency Charter be incorporated into the Council's response to the climate emergency and the developing Climate Change Action Plan.

**(4) T H A T subject to the agreement after the meeting with the relevant Scrutiny Chairman, the urgent decision procedure set out at Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be used in respect of Resolutions (1) – (3) above.**

Reasons for decisions

(1) The Vale of Glamorgan Council participates in the work of the PSB to tackle climate change.

(2) To enable the Council to formally sign up to the PSB Climate Change Charter at the February 2021 meeting.

(3) To ensure synergy between the work of the Council and the PSB with regards to tackling climate change.

**(4) To comply with the Council's Constitution."**