

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021

**“C621 PROJECT ZERO - DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE PLAN (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The report advised that the draft Climate Change Challenge Plan set out the Council’s response to the climate emergency and the work that would be undertaken as part of Project Zero.

The draft plan detailed eighteen challenges and the steps the Council proposed to take to meet those challenges as part of Project Zero. Those challenges were framed around the need to demonstrate strong leadership, fulfil our responsibility to current and future generations and to make a difference now.

The draft plan also detailed some of the work already underway across the Council as part of work to adapt to and mitigate the impact of climate change. That work also formed part of Project Zero.

The report detailed the consultation undertaken on the draft Plan, the resulting feedback and revisions to the Climate Change Challenge Plan.

The report also detailed some of the ongoing engagement as part of Project Zero and the recent Welsh Public Sector net zero guidance issued by Welsh Government to calculate carbon emissions.

The report also set out the timetable for the plan being approved and endorsed by Council.

Consideration of the revised Plan by Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as attached at Appendices C and D were duly noted and the resolutions agreed by Cabinet.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration said that it had been two years since the Motion to Council to declare a climate emergency and a great deal had happened since that time, not least a pandemic. Councillor Burnett was pleased with the partnership working relationship with the Public Services Board.

The pupils of Barry Island Primary School had already questioned Cabinet Members and made suggestions for consideration, and a number of schools already had their own plans and projects in place. They also had a dashboard they could use to monitor carbon usage within their own schools and levels of engagement had been positive across the Vale of Glamorgan.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the revised draft Climate Change Challenge Plan (Appendix A to the report) be approved.

(2) T H A T the feedback (Appendix B to the report) received through the recent consultation undertaken from 24<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 be noted.

(3) T H A T the comments and recommendations of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (Appendix C to the report) and the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Appendix D to the report) which considered the revised draft Plan in June 2021 be noted.

(4) T H A T the ongoing engagement being undertaken as part of the work around Project Zero be noted.

(5) T H A T the new Welsh Public Sector net zero reporting guide issued on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and detailed later in the report be noted.

**(6) T H A T, subject to Resolutions (1) to (5), the Climate Change Challenge Plan be approved and the report referred to Council at its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 for endorsement.**

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable Cabinet to consider the draft Plan following the consultation process.

(2) Having considered the feedback (Appendix B) received in response to the consultation on the draft Plan.

(3) Having considered the comments and recommendations of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (Appendix C) and the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Appendix D) which considered the revised Plan in June.

(4) Having considered the continuing engagement being undertaken as part of Project Zero.

(5) Having considered the publication of the new Welsh Public Sector net zero reporting guide.

**(6) To enable Cabinet to approve the Council's Climate Change Plan and for it to be considered by Council for endorsement."**