

## ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Chair); Councillor I.A.N. Perry (Vice-Chair); Councillors C.E.A. Champion, P. Drake, A.M. Ernest, M.J. Hooper, C. Iannucci, J. Protheroe and S.T. William.

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, C.P. Franks, H.C. Hamilton, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors V.P. Driscoll and E. Penn.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TREE STRATEGY (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Cabinet be advised of the comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee. The comments being:

- That the Tree Strategy be welcomed;
- For consideration to be given to engagement with Town and Community Councils that could assist with maintaining and planting trees;
- Recognition that there were capacity issues facing the Council, but it would be useful for Councillors if information on trees could be broken down into individual wards with the understanding that such a survey would be complex;
- Information within the strategy about when the Council would take action to remove or treat trees was clear, but it would be helpful if more could be done to ensure residents were aware of that;

- That an update on the Tree Strategy be added to the Scrutiny Committee's Forward Work Programme for 2024/25.

#### Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and to inform Cabinet of the comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5. PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (CX) –

#### RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress detailed in the report and Appendix A in relation to the challenges within the Climate Change Challenge Plan be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Red, Amber and Green (RAG) rating of progress from April 2023 to September 2023 in Appendix A to the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T the Council's 2022-2023 carbon emissions be noted.
- (4) T H A T the funding available in reserves and the projects awarded funding to date be noted.
- (5) T H A T the Committee refer the report and any comments to Cabinet to be considered alongside the comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee which considered this report on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The comment of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee being:
  - That the Committee would welcome more information about how individual projects and activity make a tangible difference in terms of the targets that the Council was seeking to achieve.
- (6) T H A T the Committee recommend to Cabinet that the report be distributed to all elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information.

#### Reasons for recommendations

- (1-4) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (5) To enable Cabinet to consider the comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee as part of its consideration of progress in delivering the Climate Change Challenge Plan.
- (6) To update all elected Members and other stakeholders on the arrangements in place to deliver Project Zero.

AGENDA ITEM 6. 3RD QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION  
TRACKING 2023/24 AND UPDATED COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK  
PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2023/24 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A and B to the report be agreed, subject to status of the recommendations of the Committee made on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 being changed from 'Ongoing' to 'Completed'.

(2) T H A T the Committee's updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2022/23 attached at Appendix C to the report be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.

(2) For public information.