

July 2025

Project Zero Bi-Annual Report

Progress: October '24 to March '25

Place Scrutiny Committee

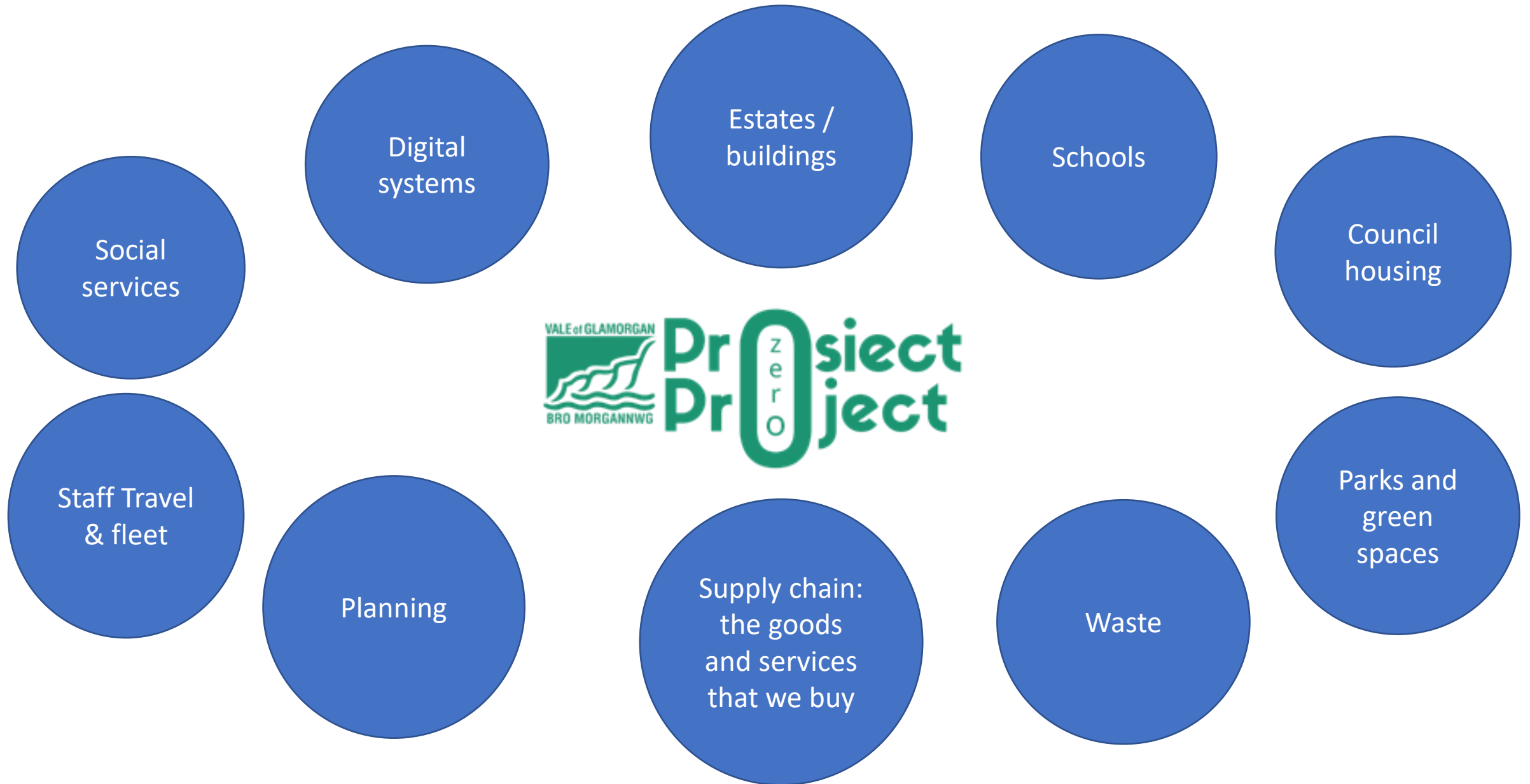


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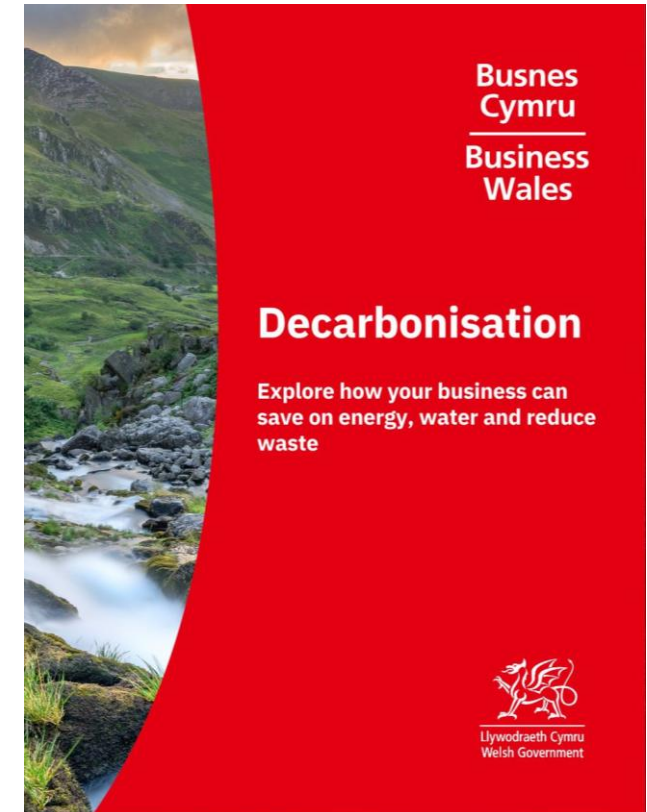
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Project Zero - a joined-up approach



Demonstrate strong leadership: Challenges 1-4



Fulfil our responsibility to current and future generations: challenges 5-12



Make a difference now: challenges 13-18



Overall progress

57 steps

On track

- Tree Strategy adopted
- Completion of Net Zero Buildings Feasibility Study and Cost Assessment
- 2 new Brompton Bike lockers installed (Barry & Penarth)
- Local supply chains clauses in new fruit and veg tenders
- Soft plastics pilot

20 steps

Slower than expected progress

- Delay in development of Biodiversity Forward Plan
- Delay to Cardiff Capital Region delivering additional on street EV chargers
- Delay in publishing updated procurement policy and strategy
- Some schools still to deliver their Active Travel plans
- Delay in implementing the Local Area Energy Plan

3 steps

No progress

- Sustainable Urban Drainage Guidance
- Review / produce Supplementary Planning Guidance to support work on Climate Change
- Implementing a Flood Risk Management Strategy

Resources



UK Government

**LEVELLING
— UP —**

Shared Prosperity

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06 Agreement?

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VALE OF GLAMORGAN PSB CLIMATE & NATURE EMERGENCY CHARTER

Celebrating our environment and leaving a proud legacy for future generations



OUR COMMITMENT

Taking action together across the Vale of Glamorgan, all PSB partners will work collaboratively, within our organisations and across communities to:

- **reduce environmental harm**
- **lower carbon emissions**
- **enhance biodiversity and nature**



TOGETHER, WE WILL:

- Demonstrate leadership, accountability and support **behaviour change**.
- Work together to understand the **changes & actions** needed to support the Welsh Government's commitment to conserve and manage a minimum of 30% of land and sea for biodiversity by 2030, **known as 30 by 30**.
- Work together to **achieve net zero targets** for our organisations by 2030 & for a net zero Wales by 2050.

AS A PARTNERSHIP, AND THROUGH THE WORK OF OUR ORGANISATIONS, TOGETHER WE WILL:

- 1 Understand, value, and protect the natural environment
- 2  **Expand and connect** natural habitats
- 3  **Create opportunities** for everyone to connect with nature
- 4  **Preserve and value** our resources by prioritising reduction of waste over reusing, recycling, recovering and disposing
- 5 Further **embed sustainability** within our procurement policies and practices, and support local supply chains
- 6  **Decarbonise** our buildings with a focus on energy use, water, and how we use our spaces
- 7  **Strengthen** nature and climate friendly land and buildings management practices across our organisations
- 8  **Encourage and promote** low carbon travel whilst decarbonising our fleet and ensuring appropriate infrastructure to support change





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DEMONSTRATING PROGRESS

TO DEMONSTRATE PROGRESS, PARTNERS WILL:



Measure and report progress against our commitments annually, making the most of data that we are already collecting and filling the gaps to help us track progress and understand our impact.



Review and update policies and strategies already in place, as necessary, and look to develop them when there are gaps. Have the right people in place to **lead on the commitments**. If not, we have other ways to help us progress.



Make use of schemes that help us develop and track progress e.g. the Healthy Travel Charter.



Continue to **share learning** across the partnership and make the most of opportunities to **collaborate** and share resources.



Be aware of and use **documents and guidance** that support our commitments E.g. the Nature Recovery Action Plan, national procurement guidance, and WLGA land use tools.



Run **behaviour change campaigns** for staff, service users and communities, and know what impact they are having.



Share the work that we are doing with the **public**.



Engage with and involve the public to shape how we tackle the climate and nature emergencies.

