

Executive Board
17th December 2018

Subject: The Courtauld Commitment 2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Courtauld Commitment 2025, initiated by WRAP. The report will explain the ethos of the 10 year voluntary agreement, which brings together organisations across the food system, to make production and consumption more sustainable. The report will highlight the benefits of joining the partnership for Carmarthenshire County Council.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Carmarthenshire County Council signs the Courtauld Commitment 2025 Agreement, as a demonstration of the Council's existing strategy to reduce food waste.

Reasons:

By encouraging residents, staff and stakeholders to reduce the amount of food waste they generate, Carmarthenshire County Council can play an important role in reducing food waste. The Courtauld Commitment 2025 agreement will align Carmarthenshire with some other Welsh Local Authorities, along with producers, retailers and consumer organisations that have formed a partnership agreement across the whole food and drink supply chain that are committed in aiming to reduce food waste by 20% by 2025.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted - NO

Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Councillor Hazel Evans, Environment

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1. Background

Courtauld 2025 is a voluntary agreement that brings together organisations across the food system – from producer to consumer – to make food and drink production and consumption more sustainable. Meeting the Courtauld 2025 targets will help the UK achieve UN Sustainable Development Goal 12.3 by 2030.

Courtauld 2025 is a ten-year commitment to identify priorities, develop solutions and implement changes at scale – both within signatory organisations and by spreading new best practice across the UK.

By targeting hotspots of resource use, the agreement could assist in cutting the waste and greenhouse gas emissions associated with food, drink by at least one-fifth per person during the course of the agreement, and improve water stewardship. By working collaboratively the possibilities are to:

- Provide lower impact products
- Provide them more efficiently
- Help people get more value from the food and drink they buy
- Make best use of remaining waste and surplus food.

The targeted overall outcomes from 2015 to 2025, calculated as a relative reduction per head of population, are:

- 20% reduction in food & drink waste arising in the UK
- 20% reduction in the GHG intensity of food & drink consumed in the UK

To put into context with Welsh Government Waste Policy and Welsh Local Authority targets we are currently striving to work towards a 70% recycling rate for 2024/2025 in line with the overarching strategy 'Towards Zero Waste' The waste management plan delivers priority aims for:

- developing a circular economy,
- the goals of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015,
- green growth,
- resource efficiency,
- tackling poverty,
- increasing resilience for the Welsh economy

2. What Courtauld Commitment 2025 will mean for Carmarthenshire County Council

Signing up to the Courtauld Commitment 2025 will allow Carmarthenshire to be a part of a voluntary partnership agreement that will strengthen the existing aims and objectives of the waste division in encouraging recycling for unavoidable food waste to meet statutory recycling targets. The current work of raising awareness of Council recycling initiatives and waste minimisation messages will only be strengthened by the wider resource base available through the agreement. The agreement will provide access to;

- Campaign materials to help residents reduce food waste and save money
- Providing a resident focussed campaign to promote, and that delivers benefits to the community including saving household costs.
- Provision of a framework for, and evidence of progress against the Authorities targets
- Access to new insight, guidance and tools that are outputs from the programme of collaborative working groups.
- Opportunities to participate directly in collaborative Working Groups to develop and share best practice
- Support the delivery of the Wellbeing Future Generations Act goals e.g.;
 - A Wales of cohesive communities – Community events themed around food waste minimisation e.g. better use of leftovers and using food waste bins for any unavoidable food waste
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language – resource materials available bilingually
 - A healthier Wales – The top 10 most wasted foods include healthy, nutritious food such as fresh produce, dairy and poultry, we will encourage Carmarthenshire residents to reduce food waste by providing guidance on planning meals and using leftovers for healthy additional meals

By signing the commitment the requirements are, to provide an account to WRAP annually on the activity and actions taken to support the delivery of the Courtauld 2025 targets. 2018/2019 requirement is to support 'Love Food Hate Waste' by adding detail of the digital campaigns to the Council website using the 'proud to support' logo.

There is no financial contribution. Being an engagement partner is free for Local Authorities. However, Carmarthenshire County Council would be expected to provide support in kind, such as providing meeting venues, promoting or sponsoring community events and training.

The Agreement is attached at Appendix A

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: A Williams

Head of Waste & Environmental Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Supports Council Waste Management Strategy which delivers against the national policy of "Towards Zero Waste". Signing up to the Courtauld Commitment 2025 supports the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act as set out in the report above, but also in terms of delivering a Sustainable Wales.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: A Williams

Head of Waste & Environmental Services

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

N/A

3. Community / Town Council

N/A

4. Relevant Partners

N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection