

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2ND JULY 2021

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22

Purpose:

To give members an opportunity to review extracts relevant to this scrutiny committee in the Department's Business Plan.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

Actions from the business plan relevant to this Scrutiny's remit as identified below:

- Community Safety
- Net Zero Carbon

Reasons:

To show how the department supports the Corporate Strategy.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr. Ann Davies (Communities and Rural Affairs)

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The following two actions relating to Community Safety and Net Zero Carbon are from the Chief Executive's Departmental Business Plan, these are relevant to the portfolio of this Scrutiny Committee:

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Extract from the Chief Executive's Department Business Plan for the ICT & Corporate Policy Division

Ref	Key Actions and Measures	By When? Or EOY target	By Who?	Well-being Objective
1	We will ensure the Council fulfils its duties relating to the current Contest Strategy (counter terrorism) and respond to any duties as they arise.	31/03/2022	Gwyneth Ayers	8 - Support community cohesion, resilience & safety
2	To work with departments to ensure compliance with the new corporate CCTV policy	31/03/2022	Gwyneth Ayers	
3	To work with departments to deliver the White Ribbon campaign action plan	31/03/2022	Gwyneth Ayers	
4	To ensure progress against the Safer Communities Partnership Action Plan	31/03/22	Gwyneth Ayers	

NET ZERO CARBON

Extract from Chief Executive's Department Business Plan for the Regeneration Division:

Ref	Key Actions and Measures	By When?	By Who?	Well-being Objective
21.	<i>We will implement the Action Plan contained in the <u>Route towards becoming a Net Zero Carbon Local Authority by 2030</u></i>	April 2030	Kendal Davies	10 - Look After the Environment Now and In the Future

Various departments contribute to the 28 Actions in the Net Zero Carbon (NZC) Plan, including the Chief Executive's Department (Regeneration Division), for example:

#	Key Actions and Measures	By When?	By Who?	Well-being Objective
1	We shall deliver Re:fit Cymru (Energy Efficiency) Phase 1 project to achieve energy / carbon savings (NZC-01)	April 2021	Kendal Davies	WBO10-C MF5-13
2	We will continue to extend the use of 'smart' and sub-metering technology to ensure accurate and timely capture of energy consumption data and develop appropriate carbon reduction target for the Council's non-domestic buildings as part of action plan (NZC-05 & 06)	April 2022	Kendal Davies	WBO10-C MF5-13
3	We will continue to work with Welsh Government Energy Service to explore and deliver opportunities for large scale renewable energy projects (NZC-13)	March 2022	Kendal Davies	WBO10-C MF5-13
4	We shall explore the feasibility of tree-planting, and other such measures, on Council controlled land to contribute towards carbon offsetting (NZC-15)	Sept 2021	Kendal Davies	WBO10-C MF5-13
5	We shall continue to work with Carmarthenshire PSB partners to identify and develop opportunities for collaboration regarding carbon reduction and Work with Welsh Government and Swansea Bay City Region partners to establish a Regional Energy Plan for South West Wales. (NZC-19 & 20)	March 2022	Kendal Davies	WBO10-C MF5-13
6	We will continue to work with Ynni Sir Gâr, and others, to deliver and support local renewable energy projects (NZC-23)	March 2022	Kendal Davies	WBO10-C MF5-13

The County Council approved a NZC Plan on 12th February 2020.

Action NZC-28 of this Plan requires performance reports on progress towards becoming a net zero carbon local authority by 2030 to be published annually.

The first Annual Progress Report was received by EPP Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 5th March 2021, and was subsequently approved by Executive Board on 22nd March 2021.

Extract from Report to EPP Scrutiny Committee on 5th March 2021:

...As referenced in our NZC Plan, Welsh Government have an ambition for a carbon neutral public sector by 2030 and were to establish Wales-wide methodologies for carbon emissions reporting by the end of 2019/20. Unfortunately, this Guidance is not yet available, and the delay has impacted on the following Actions in the NZC Plan which were dependent on it being published in April 2020:

Ref	Action
NZC-06	Develop appropriate carbon reduction target for the Council's non-domestic buildings as part of annual review of action plan
NZC-07	Develop appropriate carbon reduction target for the Council's street lighting as part of annual review of action plan
NZC-09	Develop appropriate carbon reduction target for the Council's fleet mileage as part of annual review of action plan
NZC-12	Develop appropriate carbon reduction target for the Council's business mileage as part of annual review of action plan
NZC-16	Develop appropriate target for renewable energy generation as part of annual review of action plan
NZC-27	Review action plan following publication of Welsh Government guidance regarding new national carbon reporting framework

We know that Welsh Government's reporting methodologies will differ from our current approach, and until we have the specific detail there appears to be little merit in setting targets etc. as these will inevitably have to be reviewed / amended when the Guidance is published. Following the publication of the reporting Guidance, we will review our carbon reporting methodologies and will set targets incorporating the new Guidance. This will not prevent us from progressing work outlined in our NZC Plan to reduce our carbon footprint...

Welsh Government published the 'Public sector net zero reporting guide' on 24th May 2021, and we are currently reviewing our carbon reporting methodologies and will be proposing targets that incorporate the new Guidance.

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: Noelwyn Daniel Head of ICT & Corporate Policy
Jason Jones Head of Regeneration

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

- The departmental business plan extracts show how the department supports the Corporate Strategy and its Well-being Objectives.
- They will be supported by more detailed divisional business plans/action plans.
- The actions will be monitored throughout the year.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has had a considerable impact on departments and business plans reflect this. There have been many lessons learnt and new ways of working developed that will be maintained.

2. Legal

The Well-being Future Generations Act (2015) requires that functions of the council should maximise their contributions to the Well-being Objectives set by the Council. Our Well-being Objectives maximise our contribution to the seven national Goals of the Act and demonstrate the five ways of working.

2. Finance

The Well-being Future Generations Act (2015) requires that we ensure that resources are allocated annually to meet our objectives. The budget breakdown has been reported to a previous meeting.

4. ICT

The Digital Transformation Strategy sets out the Council's strategic digital priorities and aspirations, and outlines what we plan to do to achieve our vision for a Digital Carmarthenshire.

5. Risk Management Issues

Key risks are identified for each department and mitigating actions are outlined.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Noelwyn Daniel Head of ICT & Corporate Policy
 Jason Jones Head of Regeneration

1. Local Member(s) N/A

2. Community / Town Council N/A

3. Relevant Partners N/A

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDERS AWARE/CONSULTED

YES

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

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Corporate Strategy		<u>Corporate Strategy 2018-2023</u>