

PLACE, SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 OCTOBER 2022

NET ZERO CARBON PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Purpose:

To consider the draft Net Zero Carbon Plan Progress Report prior to referral to Cabinet.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

That Scrutiny Committee consider and recommend to Cabinet that:

- (1) the draft Net Zero Carbon Plan Progress Report be endorsed, and
- (2) delegated authority be granted to Officers to make typographical or factual amendments as necessary to improve the clarity and accuracy of the Net Zero Carbon Plan Progress Report

Reasons:

The Net Zero Carbon Plan was approved by County Council on 12th February 2020

The attached draft report is submitted in accordance with Action NZC-28 of the Plan that requires performance reports on progress towards becoming a net zero carbon local authority by 2030 to be published annually.

To be referred to the Cabinet / Council for decision: YES

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:

Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Overview

1. The County Council approved a Net Zero Carbon (NZC) Plan on 12th February 2020.
2. Action NZC-28 of this NZC Plan requires performance reports on progress towards becoming a net zero carbon local authority by 2030 to be published annually.
3. The first Progress Report (March 2021) reflected on our 2019/20 carbon emissions.
4. This second Progress Report reflects on our 2020/21 carbon emissions.
5. In 2020/21, our overall carbon footprint reduced by 14.1% compared to 2019/20, with all four areas showing a reduction in both consumption and carbon emissions i.e., Non-Domestic Buildings; Street Lighting; Fleet Mileage; and Business Mileage.
6. Whilst these reductions are in part attributable to the impact of COVID-19, the continuation of staff home working, together with changes in working practices such as an increased use of video conference facilities and online communication, should see a lasting reduction in carbon emissions in the longer term.
7. This Progress Report is a comparatively focused document as we will be publishing a revised NZC Plan by 31st March 2023 to incorporate recent NZC-related developments and guidance, plus the Nature Emergency declared by the County Council on 9th February 2022.
8. Some of our wider actions that contribute towards addressing the climate emergency are currently being collated in advance of the Cabinet meeting.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

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: **Rhodri Griffiths, Head of Place and Sustainability**

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

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: **Rhodri Griffiths, Head of Place and Sustainability**

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
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER AWARE/CONSULTED	YES

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

THERE ARE NONE