

Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2024-2025

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee expressed concern and requested an explanation setting out why the cross-party Member Committee to oversee the Climate Emergency Response Programme, agreed by Cabinet on 30 June 2020, had not been established and instead, that the Subject Overview Scrutiny Committee 3 had been given the remit for Climate Change and Nature and recommended that consideration be given to the cross-party Member Committee being established for the purposes intended.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	<p>The Committee was advised that the Bridgend 2030 Net Zero Carbon Strategy (the Strategy) was under review and that a report would be presented to a subsequent meeting of the Committee providing detail on what had been accomplished, the achievability of the ambitions and the necessary steps to progress it.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed the proposed report but expressed their disappointment that it appeared that</p>	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	

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		<p>some aspects of the plan would not work and therefore were taken no further and their concern that there did not appear to be any delivery or decisive action taken in relation to the Strategy which was already at its halfway stage. The Committee therefore recommended that an action plan be put in place to include detail on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Timescales;- The objectives and achievement attained;- How the public are being engaged and listened to, including the means by which the community are engaged; and- The possibility of an annual engagement day.			
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee discussed the impact of river flooding in the Valley areas causing erosion of the riverbank and encroaching onto gardens, fence lines and properties, acknowledged that it was a worrying situation for a those affected and recommended that the Council approach Welsh Government to request some safeguarding for those	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	

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		individuals who may be in danger of flooding to their homes and property in the future.			
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	Members were advised that the expectations arising from the Senedd Climate Committee's Halting and Reversing the Loss of Nature by 2023 report remain unclear as Welsh Government had yet to respond to the recommendations contained within. The Committee recommended that a letter be written to Welsh Government asking when a response is to be expected, in order to provide an understanding of the potential impact and challenges those recommendations could have on local authorities.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee requested further detail/information regarding the national position, across all 22 Welsh local authorities, setting out their approach to Climate Change and Decarbonisation. The Committee expressed that it was important that Bridgend's Strategy aligns with other local authorities recognising that carbon capture does not stop at boundary lines. In addition, the Committee discussed the existence of strategic development plans for	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	

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		planning large scale properties and queried why there was no equivalent plan for Net Zero Carbon 2030 and recommended that consideration be given to including this in a future report to the Committee.			
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee requested a copy of the Climate Change Risk Assessment which was undertaken in partnership with the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board (PSB) and highlighted 11 climate risk priority areas across the PSB. The Committee also requested information regarding the actions being taken by the Health Board to respond to the action plan including any works to their buildings within the County Borough to make them more energy efficient.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee requested further information regarding the Bridgend Local Nature Partnership to include details of its membership, how often it meets and its agenda in order to understand whether it could be used as a key engagement tool.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	

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17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	Members discussed Electric Vehicle charging points, how long it took to complete repairs and whose responsibility it was to do so. Whilst the Committee acknowledged that it had been necessary for public bodies to lead the way in installing electric vehicle charging points, there was now an increased demand and need for higher voltage charging points. The Committee therefore requested whether consideration should be given to the Council leaving the market and facilitating the supply by private companies.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee requested information regarding how much of the £1.4m funding for electric vehicles and infrastructure had been spent on infrastructure, why the Council was not deriving an income from it and regarding the public charging points commissioned by the Cardiff Capital Region on Council land: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Whether there was shared revenue?- Were there possibilities for revenue generation?	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	

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		- Whether capital expenditure to generate revenue been investigated?			
7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	The Committee discussed the challenges of the Authority achieving Net Zero Carbon 2030 and recommended that consideration be given to approaching the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) to seek clarity as to the current status of strategies to reach net zero by 2030 in the other Welsh local authorities, following which, if other Welsh local authorities are experiencing similar challenges, the Committee further recommended that a follow-up request be made to ask the WLGA to make the Welsh Government aware of the situation and consider extending its net zero carbon strategy from 2030 to align it with that of the UK Government, to reach net zero by 2050.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	
7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	The Committee recommended that the final version of the report by the Carbon Trust provide clarity as to the governance arrangements for the strategy including Member representation, for clear political leadership.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Group Manager –	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	

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			Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability		
7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	The Committee recommended that the strategy include focus on practical and achievable goals and that the carbon footprint of the supply chain be an appropriate priority.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	
7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	The Committee recommended that the revised strategy be shared for a 12-week public consultation, as there was a need to engage with the public and obtain views of residents and stakeholders of the county borough.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided. Chased.	