

Meeting of:	CABINET
Date of Meeting:	3 FEBRUARY 2026
Report Title:	SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	This report has no effect on the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.
Executive Summary:	<p>The report presents Cabinet with the recommendation of the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee from their meeting held on 3 November 2025, during consideration of a report on the Net Zero Strategy.</p> <p>Cabinet is requested to consider and respond to the recommendation of the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Cabinet with the recommendation of the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee from their meeting held on 3 November 2025, during consideration of a report on the Net Zero Strategy.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 3 November 2025, the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the [Net Zero Strategy](#), when Members discussed the review of the Strategy, details of the public consultation to be undertaken upon the revised Strategy, and expressed concern regarding the projected cost to achieve net zero as set out in the financial implications of the report of approximately £109.65m.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member and Senior Officers, the Committee made the following recommendation:

The Committee expressed concern regarding the unlikelihood of meeting the 2030 Net Zero target given the funding for the identified cost of £109.65 million for implementation that would be needed and **recommended** that Cabinet reconsider its commitment to the 2030 target, request the Welsh Government (WG) to review their target for Net Zero and provide guidance on how to proceed.

- 3.2 Cabinet is requested to consider and respond to the recommendation above.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales, the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

- 5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.
- 5.2 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 Ways of Working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The scrutiny function contributes to the 5 Ways of Working set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and how they contribute to the Council developing its own five ways of working, driving and measuring those ways of working.
- 5.3 The scrutiny arrangements assists in the achievement of the Council's 4 Well-being Objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, listed below:
1. A prosperous place with thriving communities
 2. Creating modern, seamless public services
 3. Enabling people to meet their potential
 4. Supporting our most vulnerable

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 6.1 There are no climate change or nature implications arising from this report. The potential future reconsideration of the commitment would have wider climate change and nature implications.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The potential future reconsideration of the commitment could have wider financial implications.

9. Recommendation

9.1 Cabinet is requested to consider and respond to the recommendation of the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Background documents

None.