



City and County of Swansea

**Minutes of the Equalities & Future Generations
Policy Development Committee**

Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 25 February 2020 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor L S Gibbard (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
M Sherwood

Councillor(s)

D W Helliwell

Councillor(s)

P K Jones

Officer(s)

Sally-Ann Evans
Kate Jones
Rachel Lewis
Antony Moss
Martin Nicholls
Joanne Portwood

Senior Lawyer
Democratic Services Officer
Project Manager
Energy Manger
Director of Place
Strategy and Policy Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): P B Smith, L J Tyler-Lloyd and L V Walton

26 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interest was declared: -

Councillor M Sherwood – personal – Minute No 28 – Employee of Gower Power.

27 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Equalities & Future Generations Policy Development Committee held on 17 December 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

28 Energy Strategy Update.

The Director of Place provided a report on 'Energy Strategy Update'. He specifically highlighted the following: -

- Updating the current Energy Strategy
- Key Achievements – LED street lighting, renewable energy schemes, green fleet

- Building energy efficient housing to 'Swansea Standard' at Parc yr Helyg, Birchgrove and Colliers Way 2, Penplas
- Refit low carbon programme
- Solar Farm projects
- Reporting of emissions – scope and standardisation

Questions and discussions focussed on the following: -

- Possible locations for Solar Farm sites – feasibility stage
- Air quality
- Planting trees to assist with carbon limitation
- Inclusion of new Corporate Priority, maintaining and enhancing Swansea's natural resources and biodiversity, in the updated strategy
- Private sector schemes – control and influence
- Local Development Plan Policy
- BREEAM Standard for new schools
- Car Club
- Training on carbon emissions – carbon literacy projects
- District energy
- Partnership with Swansea Environmental Forum to look at engagement
- Sustainable transport

Resolved that the amended Energy Strategy be brought back to the Committee for consideration in April 2020.

29 Feedback from the Workshop - Strategic Equality Plan.

The Chair provided an overview from the workshop held on the Strategic Equality Plan.

The Draft Strategic Equality Plan was open for consultation until 3 March 2020.

There had been positive public engagement in the consultation so far, and there was still time for people to provide their comments.

Resolved that the update be noted.

30 Update on Sustainable Development Policy.

The Chair provided an update on the Sustainable Development Policy.

The draft policy was scheduled to be brought to the Committee in April for consideration.

Resolved that the update be noted

31 Workplan 2019/20.

The Chair presented the Workplan 2019/20.

It was noted that the following items were scheduled for the next meeting: -

- Update on Co-production
- Action Plan update from Human Resources & Organisational Development

A site visit had been arranged for the 17 March 2020 to visit Craig Cefn Parc and Parc yr Helyg.

An update on the Energy Strategy and an update on Sustainable Development Policy be added to the Workplan for April.

Resolved that the updates to the Workplan 2019/20 be noted.

The meeting ended at 3.05 pm

Chair