



Report of the Convener

Climate Change and Nature Scrutiny Performance Panel – 2 May 2023

Panel Review of the Year 2022-23

Purpose:	As the municipal year ends, it is good practice to reflect on the Panel's work, experience, and effectiveness.
Content:	A summary of the year's activities is provided.
Councillors are being asked to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflect on the year's work; and• Share ideas to improve the effectiveness of Scrutiny.
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1. Background

- 1.1 As this is the final meeting of this municipal year, the Panel is invited to reflect on the year's scrutiny work, experience and effectiveness. Any ideas that will improve the effectiveness of the scrutiny of Climate Change and Nature, and scrutiny generally, are welcome.
- 1.2 To aid Panel Members, a summary of the year's work has been included at 3.0.
- 1.3 Some of the questions the Panel may want to consider:
 - Have things worked well?
 - What, if anything, could be done better?
 - Has the Panel's work focused on the right things?
 - What have we learnt that will help us to improve and develop future scrutiny?

2. Panel Overview

- 2.1 The Climate Change and Nature Scrutiny Performance Panel is responsible for ongoing monitoring of Council performance in relation to climate change and the natural environment. The Panel monitors delivery of the Council's work, commitments and implementation of agreed plans, and assesses progress.

- 2.2 Possible lines of enquiry - To regularly review performance including asking questions about performance and improvement, focusing on outcomes, provision and leadership. To look at relevant data, commissioning reviews and anything that impacts on Climate Change and Nature in Swansea.
- 2.3 The Panel has a membership of 10 councillors. Overall Councillor attendance at the Panel for the year has been 88% to end of April 2023.
- 2.4 In accordance with the agreed Scrutiny Work Programme, the Panel has met every two months. During the 2022/23 municipal year, 4 meetings have been held. Meeting discussions have regularly been reported on by the local press, indicating the Panel has been focussed on issues of public interest.
- 2.5 The Panel has written to relevant Cabinet Members, to convey its views including suggested action, arising from meeting discussions. Letters, and responses where requested, were reported back to the Panel for comments and discussion as necessary.

3. Climate Change and Nature Work Programme 2022-23

Date	Items Discussed
9 November 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Role of the Climate Change and Nature Scrutiny Performance Panel 2. Water Quality and Water Management 3. Overview of Climate Change and Nature in Swansea (including key priorities and challenges) 4. Draft Work Programme 2022-23
10 January 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Change Update (including action plan for 2030 and Response to WAO report: Public Sector readiness for net zero carbon by 2030) 2. Green Vehicle Adoption 3. Public / Residential EV Charging 4. Weed Management / Use of Glyphosate
8 March 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nature Conservation – Project updates 2. Air Quality Management 3. Local Flood Risk Management – Annual Update
2 May 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Change Update (further discussion on ‘Green Vehicle Adoption’ included under this item – continuing from 10 January meeting) 2. Achievement against Corporate Priorities / Objectives / Policy Commitments 3. End of Year Review

4. Future Scrutiny Work Programme

- 4.1 The future work programme will be discussed at the first Climate Change and Nature Scrutiny Performance Panel in the new municipal year.