

City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Climate Change & Nature Recovery Service Transformation Committee

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

Monday, 16 October 2023 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillor H Lawson (Vice-Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

M Baker

Councillor(s)

S E Keeton

A S Lewis

Also Present:

Councillor A S Lewis Joint Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for

Service Transformation

Officer(s)

Simon Aspland Project Manager Mark Barrow Fleet Manager

Matthew Bowyer Principal Telematics Engineer Ioan Brannigan Transport Strategy Officer

Stuart Davies Head of Highways & Transportation

Phillip John Project Manager Rachel Lewis Project Manager Kieron O'Carroll Associate Lawyer

Jeremy Parkhouse Democratic Services Officer

Jane Richmond Project Manager Strategic Climate Change

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): R Fogarty, D H Hopkins, A J O'Connor, D Phillips, S J Rice and

A H Stevens

20 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

21 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the previous Climate Change & Nature Recovery Service Transformation Committee held on 4 September 2023, be approved and signed as a correct record.

22 Corporate Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020-2030.

Matthew Bowyer, Interim Group Leader Traffic and Network Management presented a report which sought the views and comments of the Committee on the draft Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020-2030.

The report detailed the background; national, regional and local policies and strategic context; vision, aims and objectives; and how the Council would deliver.

It was outlined that the Action Plan at Appendix A provided a roadmap for meeting the key objectives outlined in the strategy. It defined the framework for achieving desired net-zero outcomes by identifying measures and principles that can bring about transport behavioural change at three levels:

- Corporate Measures and principles that apply Council wide;
 i.e. across all departments and staff.
- Departmental Measures and principals that each Council department should adopt when developing transport services and infrastructure relevant to their particular function.
- Transport Specific Particular measures and principles to be used by the two Council departments with direct responsibility for transport planning and delivery (i.e. the Highways and Transportation and Central Transport Unit).

It was added that the Sustainable Transport Strategy would be embedded within the Council Corporate Plan and budget setting process. It would be communicated to all Council staff via the usual channels, including the Council website, social media and staff briefings. Heads of department, in conjunction with team leads, had the responsibility to deliver the strategy in their department. An annual Council-wide travel survey would also be undertaken to monitor the effectiveness of the implementation of the strategy and used to refine or update the strategy as necessary.

Councillor A S Lewis, Joint Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Service Transformation commented in support of the report and highlighted the progress to improve the electric charging infrastructure for Council vehicles and how the Council was also monitoring the progress of hydrogen vehicles as an alternative to electric vehicles. She added that staff and partner organisations would be involved in the Strategy going forward.

The Committee asked questions of the officers, which were responded to accordingly.

Resolved that the views of the Committee on the draft Sustainable Transport Strategy and Action Plan be noted and the final version of the report be forwarded to Cabinet for approval.

23 Work Plan.

The Vice-Chair presented an updated Work Plan report.

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Resolved that the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 3.24 pm

Chair