



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Economy, Environment & Infrastructure Policy Development Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, 20 January 2022 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor C Anderson (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

J E Burtonshaw
P K Jones
P M Matthews

Councillor(s)

P Downing
W G Lewis
T M White

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
P Lloyd

Officer(s)

Stuart Davies
Alan Ferris
Rachel Lewis
Martin Nicholls
Mark Thomas
Samantha Woon

Head of Highways & Transportation
Senior Engineer
Project Manager
Director of Place
Transport Infrastructure Group Leader
Democratic Services Officer

Also Present

Councillor A S Lewis – Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Service Transformation

Councillor M Thomas – Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement and Infrastructure Management

30 **Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.**

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

31 **Minutes.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Economy and Infrastructure Policy Development Committee held on 16 December, 2021, be approved and signed as a correct record.

The Chair referred to minute no. 26 and reported that a meeting had taken place to discuss the consultation exercise.

32 **Climate Change.**

The Director of Place submitted a 'for information' report. The report highlighted the recently approved Cabinet report on the Climate Change and Nature Strategy (18th

November 2021) which took into account the recent declaration of a Nature Emergency on 4th November 2021. To aid forward planning, it also informs the Committee on the current status of each policy area included within the governance structure.

Members' noted progress in relation to: Governance Update; Strategy and Policy Update; Biodiversity Plan/Section 6/Nature Recovery Action Plan; Develop a Sustainable Transport Strategy; Tree Management Strategy; New School Buildings; Procurement; Housing; Waste Strategy Policy 2022-25; Green Infrastructure Strategy; Local Development Plan; Energy Plan and Well-being of Future Generations Act.

Members' asked questions of the Officers who responded accordingly.

The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Service Transformation stated that the Strategy was a 'living document' with further elements being progressed and developed. She referred to the overarching work with other organisations and praised Officers for their outstanding work in delivering the Strategy.

The Project Manager referred to the collaborative work involving all Welsh Authorities and Swansea's input in the recent COP Cymru initiative.

The Director of Place referred to the volume of work and ongoing progress contained in each of the policy areas detailed above.

The Chair thanked all Officers for their ongoing work in delivering the Strategy and suggested that it may form part of the work plan for the PDC in the forthcoming municipal year.

33 Speed Control Measures in Residential Areas to include 20mph speed limits.

The Senior Engineer submitted a report which provided a brief overview on the background and issues associated with the introduction of speed control measures to support a speed limit of 20mph in residential areas.

The Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement and Infrastructure Management provided an overview of the challenges associated with implementing the measures which included ensuring compliance with the scheme; financial implications and consultation.

The Senior Engineer referred to the eight pilot schemes within Wales and stated that the Welsh Government would be assessing the data derived from each pilot scheme. He stated that there was limited information locally regarding compliance and omissions resulting from speed control areas.

The Head of Highways and Transportation stated that there were many conflicting challenges associated with the Scheme which required careful consideration prior to implementation.

Members' asked questions of the Officers who responded accordingly.

The Chair thanked Officers for their informative report and suggested that the issue could form part of the PDC work plan in the forthcoming municipal year.

34 Work Plan 2020 - 2022.

The Democratic Services Officer presented the Work Plan 2020-2022.

Resolved that the work plan be noted.

The meeting ended at 3.18 pm

Chair