

Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Actions 2022-2023

Actions from 2022/23

Ref No	Meeting Date	Recommendation / Action / Referral	Description	Progress Update	Member / Officer	Status
PS&CC-01-22-23	4th October 2022	Recommendation	<p>7. REVIEW OF CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT ACT FORWARD PLAN 2020-2023</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that: 7.3 the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability provides the relevant feedback in respect of the actions within the Carmarthenshire County Council's Environment (Wales) Act Forward Plan to the Committee.</p>	<p>Feedback on the 2020-23 Environment Act Forward Plan, to be circulated to Committee Members by e-mail before the end of August 2023.</p>	<p>Members of PS&CC Scrutiny</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability</p> <p>R. Carmichael, Rural Conservation Manager</p>	In progress
PS&CC-02-22-23	4th October 2022	Recommendation	<p>8. NET ZERO CARBON PLAN PROGRESS REPORT</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO CABINET that: 8.3 future progress reports of the Net Zero Carbon Plan include the cost of savings.</p>	<p>We'll be publishing a new Decarbonisation / NZC Plan by 31/12/2023. Amongst other things, this will address:</p> <p>PIMS Action ID: 16153 - In order to meet its net zero ambition the Council needs to fully cost its action plan and ensure that it is aligned with its Medium-Term Financial Plan</p> <p>Revised target date: 31/08/2023</p> <p><i>*See below for detailed progress update</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability</p> <p>K. Davies, Sustainable Development Manager</p>	Complete
PS&CC-03-22-23	24th November 2022	Recommendation	<p>4. UPDATED FORWARD WORK PLAN FOR 2022/23</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that subject to the inclusion of a report on the phosphates levels in Rivers within Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Forward Work Plan the 2022/22 be endorsed..</p>	<p>This was included on the Committee's FWP and considered at its meeting held on the 24th February 2023.</p>	<p>J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer</p>	Complete
PS&CC-04-22-23	24th November 2022	Recommendation	<p>9. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) FOR CARMARTHENSHIRE DOG ORDERS</p> <p>9.2 UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO CABINET that an additional Public Space Protection Order be introduced to ban dogs from defined sports fields located within the County.</p>	<p>The PSPO report was withdrawn from the Cabinet agenda held on the 12th December 2022 to further consider and reflect the observations made on the report by the Committee. Once this report is finalised the updated Cabinet recommendations will be circulated to Committee Members.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability</p> <p>D. John, Environmental Services Manager</p>	In progress

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PS&CC-05-22-23	23rd January 2023	Recommendation	5. REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY CONSULTATION 2023/24 to 2025/26 RESOLVED that:- 5.4 the proposal for the introduction of parking charges at the 9 carparks as stated in the report be reviewed by the Cabinet Member on a case-by-case basis.	At its meeting held on the 1st March 2023, Council recommended that: 'The Introduction of charging at the 9 car parks that were currently free be deferred, to allow the Authority time to assess and consider the wider impact on the individual areas.'	Cabinet Member for Waste, Transport and Infrastructure Services, Head of Transportation and Highways	Complete
PS&CC-06-22-23	23rd January 2023	Action arising	8. CARMARTHENSHIRE EQUESTRIAN STRATEGY UPDATE Whilst it was pleasing to note that over 500 responses had been received following the comprehensive public survey questionnaire between 21st June 2021 and 25th July 2021, it was asked if the Committee could receive a summary of the responses [<i>where they are from</i>], to consider the data. The Head of Highways and Transportation agreed.	A breakdown of the origin of the responses to be circulated to Members.	Cabinet Member for Waste, Transport and Infrastructure Services, Head of Transportation and Highways	In progress
PS&CC-07-22-23	14th April 2023	Recommendation	6. CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - CORPORATE STRATEGY 2022-27 UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Committee receive the Corporate Strategy for public scrutiny in a timely manner prior to being endorsed by full Council.	PS&CC Scrutiny Committee to include the Corporate Strategy onto its Forward Work Programme 2023/2024. Officers to advise of timeline.	Chair of PS&CC Scrutiny Committee	Complete

*PS&CC-02-22-23 Progress:

This is the single Recommendation that the Council received from Audit Wales following publication of their report 'Public Sector Readiness for Net Zero Carbon by 2030' (July 2022). In the absence of guidance on costing methodology the council has a draft costing ESTIMATES for its net zero plan working on a basis similar to another Local Authority in the SBCR [Swansea Bay City Region]. That estimation is however recognised to be subject to a wide degree of tolerance and we are working to produce robust £ costings by adopting the following approach:

1. Developing carbon reduction trajectories to produce various scenarios regarding our likely residual carbon emissions in 2030.
2. To estimate the corresponding £ spend to deliver carbon reductions, seeking technical support from Local Partnerships (via Welsh Government Energy Service) to develop a consistent methodology for the four SW Wales local authorities, and potentially all Welsh public bodies.
3. Our non-domestic buildings are responsible for 70% of our reported NZC emissions; consequently, our Re:Fit Cymru service provider is producing a High Level Appraisal of 30+ sites as part of our planned Phase 2 project in order to provide robust £ costs for a range of energy conservation measures.
4. To establish the cost for compensating our residual carbon emissions: (a) Welsh Government Energy Service costing five priority renewable energy opportunities on our Estate, and (b) City Science engaged to cost potential opportunities for carbon sequestration on our land holdings. We continue to lobby Welsh Government on adopting an all-Wales approach and work with other LAs to refine the estimate model.