

Monmouthshire Country Council Audit Wales Assurance and risk assessment review - Management Response

Report Title: Assurance and Risk Assessment Review– Monmouthshire County Council

Issue Date: September 2022

Ref	Recommendation	Management Response	Completion Date	Responsible Officer (s)
R1	The Council should further develop its understanding of its own carbon footprint and use this refined data to inform its refreshed Climate Emergency Strategy.	<p>We are developing our understanding of our own carbon footprint through producing a net zero carbon data report for Welsh Government. Although there remain challenges in the availability of detailed data and complexity of analysis required to inform policy choices and financial impact of these.</p> <p>Complete carbon footprint data baseline assessment and present to full council</p> <p>A new Community and Corporate Plan is being developed which will set updated well-being objectives for the Council. We will refresh the Climate Emergency Action Plan to support the new policy aims and objectives set out in the revised Community and Corporate Plan and informed by data from the baseline assessment. A mechanism to evaluate delivery of these outcomes will be established, including performance metrics where relevant.</p>	<p>December 2022</p> <p>July 2023</p>	<p>Head of Decarbonisation, Transport and Support Services</p> <p>Head of Decarbonisation, Transport and Support Services</p>

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R2	<p>The Council should ensure its proposed actions to reach net zero by 2030 are: fully costed in terms of their carbon and financial impact to enable it to prioritise actions; and fully reflected in its Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Strategy.</p>	<p>We are developing our understanding of our own carbon footprint. There remain challenges in the availability of data and complexity of analysis required to inform policy choices, and financial impact of these.</p> <p>We have commissioned work to develop trajectory plans to decarbonise our built stock.</p> <p>The Council priorities related to reaching net zero will be assessed in the full update of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Plan later in 2022 and part of the preparations leading into the 2023/24 budget process.</p> <p>A new Community and Corporate Plan is being developed which will set updated well-being objectives for the Council. We will refresh the Climate Emergency Action Plan to support the new policy aims and objectives set out in the revised Corporate Plan and informed by data from the baseline assessment. A mechanism to evaluate delivery of these outcomes will be established, including performance metrics where relevant.</p>	<p>January 2023</p> <p>March 2023</p> <p>July 2023</p>	<p>Head of Decarbonisation, Transport and Support Services</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Head of Decarbonisation, Transport and Support Services</p>

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R3	The Council should develop a robust set of metrics to measure and report progress on its decarbonisation journey.	<p>We are developing our understanding of our own carbon footprint. There remain challenges in the availability of data and complexity of analysis required to inform policy choices, and financial impact of these.</p> <p>Complete carbon footprint data baseline assessment and report to full council.</p> <p>A new Community and Corporate Plan is being developed which will set updated well-being objectives for the Council. We will refresh the Climate Emergency Action Plan to support the new policy aims and objectives set out in the revised Community and Corporate Plan and informed by data from the baseline assessment. A mechanism to evaluate delivery of these outcomes will be established, including performance metrics where relevant.</p>	<p>December 2022</p> <p>July 2023</p>	<p>Head of Decarbonisation, Transport and Support Services</p> <p>Head of Decarbonisation, Transport and Support Services</p>