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ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- Draft copy for Annual Report Committee Page – “Highlights of Our Work During 2021-22”

Our Membership – photos to be sourced from library

Councillor Ramesh Patel (Chair)

Councillors Bob Derbyshire; Owen Jones; John Lancaster; Jacqueline Parry; Thomas Parkhill; Oliver Owen; Emma Sandrey; Peter Wong.

Our Purpose

- The Environmental Scrutiny Committee works to improve the Council’s services and policies in the area of environmental sustainability, which includes Waste Management, Planning, Environmental Health and Transportation;
- We monitor the effectiveness of who the Council works with in this area, including how resources are spent;
- We ensure that key Council Policies in this area such as One Planet Cardiff, Clean Air Strategy, Recycling Services Strategy, Green Infrastructure Plan and Local Development Plan are developed and put in place; and
- We make recommendations to the Council’s decision-makers to enhance performance and service delivery.

Our Achievements

- **Replacement Local Development Plan** – during the year, the Committee led an in-depth inquiry into the Council’s Replacement Local Development Plan Strategic Options, with the Inquiry membership benefiting from cross-representation from all of the Council’s Scrutiny Committees. A primary focus for this inquiry was to explore and scrutinise the Strategic and Delivery Options for the Plan, with a strict focus on accessibility, inclusivity, and environmental sustainability in future development. As part of this work, we commissioned a Call-for-Evidence seeking the views of key witnesses on the suitability and robustness of the Council’s approach in consulting the public and stakeholders. In addition, we also sought their views on the scope and subject of the Plan’s Strategic and Delivery Options. The Inquiry received **18** responses from the Call-for-Evidence and verbal evidence from **5** stakeholders including **Cardiff Third Sector Council, the Alzheimers Society and Natural Resources Wales**. As a result of the inquiry, **X** formal recommendations on the corporate

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consultation approach have been agreed for Cabinet consideration, as well as a series of key findings for advised incorporation in the development of the Preferred Strategy.

- **One Planet Cardiff** – throughout the year, the Committee has contributed towards the **development of the final One Planet Cardiff Strategy**, which is the Council’s strategic response to the declared Climate Emergency. Within our considerations, we recommended that targets, key indicators, and timescales be incorporated into the One Planet Cardiff Action Plan to ensure effective monitoring of the strategy’s performance.
- **Air Quality** – we have continued to voice our concern over air quality in Cardiff and have **closely monitored the Council’s progress in achieving its Carbon Neutral target by 2030**. As part of our work, we put forward a number of recommendations to the Council’s Executive, including, air quality monitors being placed outside identified Traffic Regulation Order Zones surrounding schools, so the Council can assess if there is a reduction in parents using cars to take children to schools, or whether the problem has simply been relocated.
- **Waste Management Service** – we have continued to **examine how Waste and Recycling Services are delivered in Cardiff** by closely monitoring the Council’s move to a 4-day residential waste collection cycle and stressed the need for improvements in missed collections and assisted lifts. In addition, we have also contributed towards the design of the Council’s Waste Strategy, including the need to ensure more efforts are made to engage with hard-to-reach communities and for recycling in schools to be incorporated into the strategy.

Quotes:

“It is really good to see the Cardiff councillors looking to engage with people living with and affected by dementia through us, at the first stage as part of the replacement LDP process.”

Policy Officer for Alzheimer’s Society Cymru.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend today, and to recognise the importance of the RLDP in terms of setting the aspirations for the city and setting out how it can create all kinds of positive developments across the city.”

Chief Executive Officer, Cardiff Third Sector Council