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Date: 14 July 2022



Councillor Caro Wild

Cabinet Member for Climate Change

Dear Councillor Wild

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 07 July 2022

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee a sincere thank you for attending Committee to facilitate our consideration of the Directorate Delivery Plan for the Planning Transport and Environment Directorate. Please also relay our thanks to the officers who attended the Committee meeting to support this item. Members agreed that I pass on the following observations. You will find our recommendations and requests, listed at the end of the letter.

Replacement Local Development Plan

The Committee noted the potential conflict between economic growth (Replacement Local Development Plan) and reducing emissions (One Planet Cardiff) and the need to protect green spaces.

Climate Change

Members raised concerns that actions in relation to climate change require support and behaviour change by residents, therefore it is **recommended** that an engagement strategy/communications plan is put in place that considers imaginative ways to include the wider community.

Air Quality

The Committee raised concerns about air quality along the M4 corridor and the impact of a dense area of tall buildings in the City Centre could have. The Committee also **recommend** the inclusion of additional Key Performance Indicators that measure 'particulate matter'.

General

The Committee noted that the targets for a number of Key Performance Indicators, namely Air Quality (CL_AIR-01, CL_AIR-02 & CL_AIR-03) have been set higher than the results from previous years and that does not appear to ‘challenge’ or ‘stretch’ services and an explanation for not setting aspirational targets has been requested, it is also **recommended** that in future years justification is provided for not setting targets that take previous year’s results into account

Cabinet members were asked to comment if they were content that a number of Corporate Risks in relation to climate change had a ‘residual risk’ that remained high (B2) following proposed actions.

Recommendation	Accepted, Partially Accepted or Not Accepted	Cabinet Response	Responsible Officer	Action Date
It is recommended that an engagement strategy /communications plan is put in place that considers imaginative ways to include the wider community to support the climate change actions and the behaviour change need by residents.				
The Committee recommend the inclusion of additional Key Performance Indicators that measure ‘particulate matter’, in support of the air quality agenda.				

<p>It is recommended that in future years justification is provided for not setting targets that take previous year's results into account</p>				
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Once again thank you once more for attending Committee and for considering our comments and recommendations.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Owen Jones
Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

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