

ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- Draft copy for Annual Report 2022/23 Committee Page

Our Membership:



Councillor Owen Jones (Chair)



Councillors Bob Derbyshire; Andrea Gibson, Jamie Green, John Lancaster; Margaret Lewis (October 2022 – April 2023), Helen Lloyd Jones, Jacqueline Parry; Bethan Proctor (May – September 2022) Ashley Wood.

Youth Council Representative – Shifa Shazad

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

- **Transport.** The committee commented on the Council's response to the **Welsh Government White Paper Bus Consultation response**, which was strengthened following a number of recommendations made by the Committee. The committee also heard that the Welsh Government was making up to £8m available to grow the number of electric buses within its borders and that officers were consulting with bus companies in order to develop a grant scheme and criteria. The committee made a recommendation in relation to sustainable energy sources which was partially accepted.
- **Recycling & Waste Management Service** – we welcomed public participation from residents that were involved in the segregated recycling pilot when discussing the final **Recycling Strategy for Cardiff**. We noted the need for innovative ways to engage with the public to influence behaviour change, and highlighted challenges for some property types as the strategy is rolled out. During the Budget Scrutiny we asked for clarification about how the one day a week closure of the Household Waste Recycling Centre would be decided, and were informed that the data from the booking system would be used.
- The Committee were pleased to support the final proposals for the delivery of the **Coastal Risk Management Programme** that will protect a significant area of Cardiff from a 1 in 200 year event on completion.
- **One Planet Cardiff**, is the Council's response to the Climate Emergency and strategy to achieve its Carbon Neutral target by 2030. This year we received a One Year update following the adoption of the strategy and the Action Plan, and noted the change in the reporting framework by Welsh Government, therefore making a comparison with the baseline year difficult, but hopefully will improve going forward.