

<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	Communities Scrutiny Committee
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	6 July 2022
<b>TITLE</b>	Nominate a representative to the Climate and Nature Board
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<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>	Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn, Leader
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Membership of the Communities Scrutiny Committee has changed following the Council elections in May 2022, therefore the committee needs to agree anew on its representative on the Climate and Nature Board.

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council adopted the [Climate-and-Nature-Emergency-Plan.pdf \(llyw.cymru\)](#) following a Cabinet meeting on 8 March 2022. The plan's ambition is that "Gwynedd Council will be net zero carbon and ecologically positive by 2030." "Responding to the climate change emergency" is also one of the eight Improvement Priorities within the Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-2023.
- 1.2 The Climate and Nature Emergency Plan outlines how we as a Council will adapt our ways of working and of providing services in order to reduce our carbon emissions and increase our carbon sequestration. It offers examples of projects we will undertake, their projected costs and timetables for completion.
- 1.3 The plan was developed under the strategic leadership of the Climate and Nature Board (formerly the Climate Change Board), and the Board continues to maintain this responsibility during the present Council term. The Board also has a role to play in the performance management of the plan's development.
- 1.4 The Board's members are: Council Leader (who also leads on the climate and nature portfolio), Cabinet Members for the most relevant portfolios, Chief Executive, Heads of Department for the most relevant portfolios, Biodiversity Champion and a representative from the Communities Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.5 The role of the representative of the Communities Scrutiny Committee on the Climate and Nature Board is:
- Communicate information and opinion in a two-way process between the Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Climate and Nature Board.
  - Contribute to the process of providing strategic leadership on climate and nature matters via the Climate and Nature Board.
  - Drawing the Communities Scrutiny Committee's attention to climate and nature matters which may need further scrutiny.

## 2. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

- 2.1 Membership of the Communities Scrutiny Committee has changed since the beginning of the new Council term following the elections in May 2022. There is a need, therefore, for the committee to agree anew on their representative on the Climate and Nature Board.
- 2.2 Following the Communities Scrutiny Committee's decision to nominate their representative on the Climate and Nature Board, this person will commence their role with immediate effect.