

## Management response

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R1	<p>The Council should ensure that the high-level actions in its decarbonisation plan are:</p> <p>A) - prioritised based on clear criteria, including carbon and financial impact;</p> <p>B) - aligned with its Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme; and</p> <p>C) - integrated into business plans.</p>	yes	<p>A) Some projects are included in <a href="#">Climate-and-Nature-Emergency-Plan.pdf (llyw.cymru)</a> (CNEP) because we already have data showing that they will have a positive impact on reducing carbon emissions or increasing carbon absorption levels. If data is not available, projects are</p>	June 2023	Bethan Richardson

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			<p>included because there is sufficient evidence that it will lead to a positive outcome – eg. installing charging points in public places for the use of Gwynedd residents. Nonetheless, we are refining our internal processes of prioritising the timeframe for project initiation and delivery.</p> <p>B) The council has set aside £3M as a medium-term revenue budget to fund projects in the CAHN. In addition to this, capital funding of £456k is being spent in 2022/23 on the installation of public charging points, and</p>	Continuous	

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			<p>£2.8M on phase 4 of our PV scheme funded from the Council's reserves which will result in a revenue saving. Various grant applications for external funding have also been/will be submitted. Work continues on costing some of the projects in the CNEP so we will review our budgets annually when the costs are known.</p> <p>C) Reviewing the Council's strategies, policies and business plans is underway and will be ongoing. We are currently organising climate awareness training for staff and members with</p>	<p>June 2023</p>	

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			<p>the intention that it will become second nature to include consideration of climate issues when planning work programmes and creating business plans.</p>		
R2	<p>The Council should develop a robust set of metrics to measure and report progress on its decarbonisation journey.</p>	No	<p>The Council collects data on its carbon emissions and carbon absorption levels and submits them to Welsh Government annually following a reporting template used by most public institutions in Wales.</p> <p>We are able to use the data to measure the impact of a number of our plans in our</p>	<p>Yearly. Continuous.</p>	Bethan Richardson

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			<p>Climate and Nature Emergency Plan – eg. energy consumption, fleet emissions – but it's harder to prove the connection with others – eg. encourage active travel among residents and visitors, foster and maintain the interest of residents and visitors in ecological matters.</p> <p>We are waiting for a guidance pack from the Welsh Local Government Association to measure the carbon impact of land use, but work is also underway internally to measure the carbon impact of working from home, commuting, establishing a baseline to measure biodiversity etc.</p>		

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			We will present an annual report that will measure the progress of the CNEP.		