

Report of: Head of Decarbonisation

Subject: Well-being Objective Deep Dive/ Self-Assessment: Climate - To achieve a carbon neutral Authority by 2030 and support the Park to achieve carbon neutrality and adapt to the impact of climate change.

Management Team Leads: Head of Decarbonisation. Director of Place and Engagement. Strategic Policy Manager.

Outcomes for Objective:

- PCNPA to be a carbon neutral Authority by 2030.
- PCNPA has supported the Park on its pathway to becoming carbon neutral as near as possible to 2040.
- The National Park is made more resilient to the impacts of climate change by working with partners and supporting work led by the Public Services Board.
- Engagement activities with staff and wider public have led to behaviour change.

Outcomes this report is focusing on: The progress made against the Decarbonisation Delivery Plan.

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1. Progress Assessment

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| PCNPA to be a carbon neutral Authority by 2030 | <p>Implementation of Carbon Reduction Delivery Plan, informed by Aquaterra (May 2022)</p> <p>Review of depots and centres, looking at potential carbon reduction activities</p> | <p>Within current budget/ staff resource</p> <p>New Decarbonisation Officer post (funded by SLSP).</p> | <p>Decarbonisation Delivery Plan approved.</p> <p>Appointed Decarbonisation Officer.</p> <p>Staff Travel Survey 2023/24 complete and trends analysed and shared.</p> | <p>Recommendations for decarbonisation actions at sites and centres.</p> <p>Home and Hybrid Working Policy, supporting home working where appropriate and supporting reductions in commuting related emissions.</p> <p>Creation of Eco Champion Group across departments</p> <p>Two Carbon Literacy sessions delivered 23/10/2024 15/3/2024</p> <p>Bespoke Carbon Literacy training package and trainer materials developed, which can be used in the future for internal staff and member training and will be available for all PSB members for use.</p> | <p>When the Authority's removals from land use are factored in, then total emissions for 2023/24 were 29,227 kgCO₂e. When emissions are not offset against land removals, the Authority's emissions were 1,311,318 kgCO₂e - an increase in emissions of 0.59% compared to 2022/23. There has been a 14.68% decrease compared to 2021/22 due to impact in reductions around supply chain and fleet. However, caution is needed when looking at supply chain emissions and trends, due to methodology being based on spend and commuting and homeworking. Figures should be treated as approximates.</p> <p>Staff engaged with decarbonisation actions.</p> <p>27 People certified Carbon Literate, including six Authority Members and the CEO.</p> <p>Total emissions from commuting and homeworking have increased by</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>13.6% between 2022/23 and 2023/24. Annual Commuting and Homeworking survey indicates a 57% reduction in home working in 2023/24 compared to 2022/23, with the average number of days worked from home per week reduced from 2.09 to 1.33 per FTE. It is important to note that working from home is likely to have greater benefits in terms of carbon reduction for those who travel by car and over longer distances, in comparison with workers who live closer to their place of work and/or travel by public transport or who car share. There is also some evidence that working from home in the summer achieves greater reductions than in winter, depending on the level and type of heating chosen by workers.</p> |
| | <p>Development of Socially Responsible and Sustainable Procurement strategy and policy. Considering new legislation and decarbonisation ambition.</p> | <p>Cross Authority team looking at strategy and policy.</p> | <p>New policy and strategy document written.</p> <p>Opportunities for improvement identified for improving Supply Chain reporting.</p> | <p>Policy and strategy in development phase, currently under consultation by staff and Members.</p> | |

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| | | | Procurement workshop delivered to Warden Area Managers 2023. | | |
| | <p>Record and analyse data for Welsh Government (WG) reporting.</p> <p>Where possible improve data from tier 1 and 2 to tier 3 recording and reporting of waste.</p> <p>Identify opportunities for real time recording/analysis.</p> <p>Identify areas across Authority where circular economy principles can be applied</p> | <p>Decarbonisation Officer recruited.</p> <p>Cross Authority collaboration on data collection.</p> <p>Funding received from WG for recycling bins at centres and sites.</p> | <p>Tier 2 waste recording fully implemented at Llanion. Rollout to other sites will follow.</p> <p>Decarbonisation Officer attended Pembrokeshire stakeholder group including PCC, Port of Milford Haven and Bluestone, looking at supply chain, sustainability issues including waste reduction.</p> | <p>Soft Plastics recycling implemented at Llanion.</p> <p>Re-use/recycling strategy for room move surplus/waste staged and underway. Site Managers engaged to design additional waste reduction interventions.</p> <p>Establishment of uniform refurbishment scheme. Uniforms are now returned and cleaned before being redistributed.</p> | <p>Ability to spot trends and make future interventions.</p> <p>Reduction in waste and increase in amount of waste available for recycling.</p> <p>Compliance with new waste and recycling legislation.</p> |
| | Decarbonisation Plan for PCNPA Fleet . | Funding received for replacing combustion minibus to a fully accessible minibus (funding received from BMW through National Parks | <p>Decarbonisation Plan is currently being consulted on.</p> <p>EV minibus on order which will be fully accessible.</p> | <p>45% of our owned fleet is currently electric</p> <p>Fleet Decarbonisation Phase II intervention delivering ~10% reduction in fleet emissions</p> | Reducing carbon impact of Authority |

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| | | <p>Partnership and MOD at Castlemartin Range)</p> <p>Additional funding likely to be required to implement next phase in fleet decarbonisation</p> <p>£22,846 included in draft capital programme 2024/25 for Fleet (capital receipts/ grants)</p> | <p>Next phase is to replace pool cars and estates van. Existing pool cars are hybrid.</p> | <p>Subject to funding, targeted for execution within FY2024/25. Rental vehicles also identified for possible interventions in Phase III.</p> | |
| | <p>Buildings energy reduction and renewable opportunities.</p> | <p>Wales Energy Services were commissioned to produce a feasibility study into all buildings. This was a free service funded by WG.</p> <p>Funding for decarbonising the National Park from</p> | <p>One estate-wide energy assessment complete with prioritised opportunity register.</p> <p>One study into grid connection as part of feasibility of installing renewables</p> | <p>Priority plan for decarbonising buildings complete.</p> <p>Development of plans for creating solar PV carpark canopies at Llanion and Oriely Parc Car Park.</p> <p>Small scale greening up interventions ongoing (subject to funding) such as</p> | <p>Reduction in energy use and increased production in energy generated from renewables.</p> <p>In 2023/24, the Authority's building emissions were 112,121 kgCO₂e, an increase of 3.27% on the 108,575 kgCO₂e emissions for 2022/23.</p> <p>This is attributable to a 25% decrease in the use of biomass for low-carbon space heating in</p> |

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| | | Sustainable Landscapes, Sustainable Places (WG) for solar canopies 2024/25 | at Cilrhedyn complete. Plans for solar PV canopies at two sites in NP ownership being developed. | installing hand dryers and changing to LED lights. Replacement of solar PVs at Oriol y Parc (WG funded) complete. | 2023/24, and associated increase in consumption of more emissive grid electricity. It is notable that total energy consumption from all fuels in the period fell. This reflected the global increase in average outside temperatures in 2023 and 2024 and associated reduced demand for space heating. In 2023/24, 5,514 kW of renewable energy was produced from the Authority's PV panels – a 15.1% increase on the 4,789 kW produced in 2022/23. |
| PCNPA has supported the Park on its pathway to becoming carbon neutral as near as possible to 2050. | SDF decarbonisation of communities – through supporting community decarbonisation projects. Promoted opportunity to community groups within the National Park to access electric charging points | Sustainable Landscapes, Sustainable Places (WG) funding for grants to be distributed. National Parks Partnership Funding | 6 groups funded SDF grants in 2023/24, total grants awarded £85,292 2x Install renewable energy generation facilities to a community building: Sea Trust Wales - £21,407 | Some examples of projects funding and outcomes (from 2023/24 awards). Cilrath Acre received £8,920 to purchase and install a full access compost toilet and wooden building at their community growing project. This zero waste facility helps reduce dependence on resources whilst improving access to an essential facility | Impact within the community supporting the resilience of community projects. Scheme raises general public awareness as well as achieving carbon reduction. . Review of the first three years of the revised SDF scheme (2020-2023) impacts: |

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| | | | <p>Theatr Gwaun Community Trust - £20,042</p> <p>1 Develop an initiative to promote reduction in carbon emissions in transport:</p> <p>Acts West Wales – Cilrath Acre - £8,920</p> <p>3x Other community-based carbon reduction initiative:</p> <p>Awel Amen Tawe (We are Energy Warriors) - £17,135</p> <p>Fishguard Sports AFC - £5,760</p> <p>Caerhys Organic Community Agriculture - £12,028</p> <p>One SDF Committee visit to projects</p> | <p>to enhance volunteer and visitor experience.</p> <p>Fishguard Sports AFC received £5184 towards replacement of a diesel-powered tractor with an electric Zero turn mower, which is charged by an existing solar panel system. This intervention is reported to save 200 litres of diesel per year, saving 500 kg of carbon. The use of the mulching attachment is also reported to benefit the soil with nitrogen enriching the ground, reducing dependence on commercial fertilisers (produced from fossil fuels) in coming years.</p> <p>Awel Amen Tawe received £17,135 to fund 'We are Energy Rappers'. Pupils at seven primary schools in Pembrokeshire were engaged in climate change and energy reduction learning and thinking activities.</p> | <p>45 projects funded that reduced carbon emissions and/ responded to the environmental emergency. 22 renewable energy installations with collective potential to generate over 111kWh energy.</p> <p>Three carbon reduction in transport projects.</p> <p>Two waste minimisation projects and 18 behaviour change / other carbon reduction projects.</p> |

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| | | | funded in SDF and Greening Agriculture. | Pupils also led campaigns to raise awareness of fast fashion and food waste. Schools reduced their carbon emissions by 5-12% in 2023/24 compared to the previous year. | |
| | Work with dairy farms in the National Park to trial different approaches to enable farm businesses to reduce carbon through offsetting and reduction measures. | Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places (WG) funding for grants to be distributed. Greening Agriculture pilot with the aim of further decarbonisation within the agricultural sector, both by reducing emissions and sequestration Sustainable Farming Officer | Seven Greening Agriculture (decarbonisation) projects were approved for funding through the scheme by the end of 2023/24, with support being provided for heat recovery systems, vacuum pumps, battery storage and solar systems. | Project has helped build links with dairy farmers – important that we capture lessons learnt from this work to inform future approaches and projects. | It has reduced carbon as well as supporting the economic and environmental resilience of local farms. To date, the Greening Agriculture pilot has aided the decarbonisation of nine milk producers within the Park, influencing an area of 2,039 ha. The work funded has reduced the carbon footprint of over 14 million litres of milk* on an annual basis. The fund has contributed to the installation of 70kw of solar power and 69kwh of battery storage. Other efficiency enhancements have been Heat Recovery Units (4) and Vacuum on Demand Systems (2). * 'Litres of milk' is a conservative figure based on an average yield of 7,000 litres annually per cow. |
| | Review our role and engagement with strategic partners to identify how we | Head of Decarbonisation and Head of | 1 completed study on Access and Travel Management | Input into regional transport plan. | Reduce emissions by providing more alternative transport options. |

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| | <p>can best support and, where feasible, help retain and expand sustainable transport initiatives in the Park. Monitor developments linked to Coastal bus service, Fflecsi bus service and other regular bus routes</p> | <p>Strategic Policy working closely with Pembrokeshire County Council particularly around the Regional Transport Plan.</p> <p>Senior Leadership Team staff resource – Strategic engagement locally, regionally and nationally. Working collaboratively with partners to identify funding gaps and opportunities.</p> | <p>Strategy PCNPA by Martin Higgitt Associates with recommendations.</p> <p>Supported Tenby Park and Ride scheme (contribution £7,000) run by PCC.</p> <p>Officers, including Strategic Policy Manager and Head of Decarbonisation, to meet regularly with officers in PCC to discuss transport priorities. Key officers are part of the Greenways Partnership with PCC.</p> <p>£67,861- PCNPA contribution towards Poppit Rocket and Celtic Coaster/ funding of 50% of Greenways Officer post in 2023/24. Officer time for</p> | <p>Increase opportunities for visitors and communities to use public transport by supporting P&R and coastal buses.</p> <p>Working closely with PCC to explore further roll out of e-bike scheme into the National Park.</p> <p>OYP e-bike scheme up and running. Figures as (29.08.24)</p> <p>118 users are signed up to use our e-bikes since April 2024</p> <p>There have been 87 trips so far in total.</p> <p>£1,102 total income until 29.08.24.</p> <p>Working with Head of Regenerative Tourism and Comms to explore opportunities to support car free days out and access to the NP sites on public</p> | <p>The Celtic Coaster (service 403 for St Davids Peninsula) had 28,939 passengers in 2023/24.</p> <p>Poppit Rocket/ Fflecsi Service (service 405 runs via coast between Fishguard and Cardigan) had 5,603 passengers</p> <p>The Coastal Cruiser (service 387/88 for Angle Peninsula) had 6,986 passengers.</p> <p>The Partnership also secured the return of the Puffin Shuttle and Strumble Shuttle for 2024/25.</p> |

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| | | | <p>partnership meetings.</p> <p>This is an important partnership that supports public transport access to the coast, and it is positive two services will be returning for 2024/25. It plays an important role in terms of contributing to decarbonisation and regenerative tourism priorities. However, the financial environment for public bodies and wider challenges facing bus provision/sector means that continued engagement with local partners and Welsh Government is crucial to ensure longevity and</p> | <p>transport. This includes input into a programme being delivered by GWR.</p> | |

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| | | | continuation of service provision. | | |
| | <p>Engagement with partners including businesses with a focus on the visitor economy sector, third sector and PSB to support decarbonisation of the National Park.</p> <p>Engagement to be informed by findings within Small Worlds Report.</p> | <p>Officer time Partnership work</p> <p>Engagement and Inclusion team</p> <p>Regenerative Tourism team</p> <p>Dark Skies Officer</p> | <p>Participating in PSB Nature and Decarbonisation subgroup meetings.</p> <p>UK National Parks monthly Climate Change and Energy group meetings attended</p> <p>Synthesis report looking at carbon baseline of all National Parks in UK and all NPs and AONBs in Wales written by Small World Consulting.</p> | <p>Work embedded in the new Partnership Plan and policies such as the sustainable procurement policy.</p> <p>Dark Skies Project underway, identifying retrofit opportunities within the Park with organisations and businesses.</p> | <p>Engagement and Inclusion team supported 574.5 volunteer and social action contributing to decarbonisation/ removals in 2023/24, including community tree planting and litter pick activities.</p> <p>Dark Sky collaborative project survey in August 2023 – sites in National Park, including schools, businesses, and community centres, secured capital funding for lighting schemes and retrofitting to reduce the incidence of light pollution within the Park.</p> |
| | Support UK National Parks Race to Zero application. | <p>Officer time. Partnership work.</p> <p>Opportunity to look at what another Park Authorities are doing across Wales and UK.</p> | <p>Part of successful UK-wide NP family application to Race to Zero.</p> <p>Launch July 2024. Next steps – development of a Climate Action Plan and reporting</p> | Communication UK-wide on the application. | <p>Pledge and commitment to net zero. Learning opportunities from other Parks Strengthened partnership working and opportunities Raise awareness through UK communications campaign.</p> |

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| | | | through CDP annually. Race to Zero presentation planned for PSB sub-group September meeting. | | |

2. Case Studies

2.1 Fleet decarbonisation

In 2023/24, the Authority's fleet and equipment emissions were 86,749 kgCO₂e – a decrease of 19.65% on 2022/23 emissions.

This decrease is a result of the increase in electric vans brought into the fleet at the end of 2022/23. This has caused a significant decrease in diesel consumption.

39.9% of the Authority's fleet is now electric.



The Authority initiated the purchase of an accessible electric minibus in 2023/24. It should be received by the end of the year and will replace an old diesel minibus.

Feedback from users of the 11 BEV (battery electric vehicle) vans has been positive, with improvements in practicality and operator comfort reported as benefits, alongside a ~50% reduction in fuelling costs.

Access to these BEVs in the workplace will also build confidence in the technology, potentially influencing uptake of BEVs for private road transportation needs.

The next phase in our fleet decarbonisation plan is to replace the three hybrid pool cars and an estates van for electric vehicles.

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“I really enjoy driving the van, it’s a nice driving experience and I much prefer it to driving a diesel van. The driving position is nice, and with the 20mph speed limits in certain areas, driving an electric van makes for an easier and smoother drive. I deliver to over 600 venues across Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire, and sometimes I can feel restricted by the range of the battery and availability of rapid chargers. I’ve also been working with Fleet Officer to investigate different options for EV versions of fuel cards that would enable me to charge the van at any charge point in the two Counties. The one thing I would also highlight is that we could do with a reversing beeper for places where there’s lots of pedestrians about as the van is so quiet. Other than that, I’m very happy with the electric van.” - Tony Gilby, Coast to Coast delivery driver August 2024

2.2 Land Use – Emissions and Removals, Land purchase for carbon sequestration

In 2023/24 the Authority’s emissions from land use (sites it owns) were 4,277 kgCO₂e, an increase of 1.59% on the 2022/23 emissions data.

In 2023/24 the Authority’s land use emissions removals (from sites it owns) were - 1,282,091 kgCO₂e, a decrease in emission removals of 0.49% on the -1,288,473 kgCO₂e emission removals for 2022/23. This is due to the purchase of land at Traeth Mawr.

In previous years, the Authority purchased Grapley End Fields site at Trefin and Penpacau site in support of increasing carbon removals alongside nature recovery opportunities.

In 2021 and 2022, two parcels of land for carbon sequestration were purchased with funding from the Sustainable Landscape Sustainable Places (WG)



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Grapley End Fields' Trefin 11.87ha was purchased to safeguard the future of the land in terms of:

- Creating a contiguous strip with existing block of coastal strip land Trwyn Llwyd
- Restore a mixture of coastal grassland, species-rich grassland, scattered scrub and boundary features for the benefit of a whole range of typical coastal species.
- Becoming a demonstration site for coastal resilience through the delivery of multiple benefits in the coastal hinterlands.
- Increase the resilience of the coastal habitats by buffering the coastal strip from adverse impacts and increasing the size and connectivity of the coastal habitat network. It would increase opportunities for Chough and pollinators and farmland birds.
 - A rough estimate of the carbon benefit of restoring improved grassland (at an existing value of 60tC/ha) to a mixture of coastal grassland, species-rich grassland, scattered scrub and boundary features is an additional 6 tonnes carbon / hectare. Thirty acres (12 hectares) could therefore result in additional sequestration of 72 tonnes of carbon.

- Initial community events were held and well attended following the purchase.
- We've had a settled agricultural tenant for the last two years who is grazing with cattle and sheep and reducing nutrients and increasing floral diversity by taking haycuts.
- An event was held with the local community to carry out some baseline monitoring on one of the meadows and this was combined with a practical conservation task.
- Trees and shrubs have been planted on site.
- An interpretation board has been erected to help the community understand the site and our ambition.

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Pen Parke, Brynberian 2.90ha

A suitable site of woodland meadow was purchased to provide good connectivity for wildlife, secure community access and volunteering opportunities and support carbon sequestration.

The small site will enable the:

- Creation a woodmeadow - becoming a demonstration site for community woodland/ woodmeadow
- Carbon sequestration
- Connectivity for wildlife – increase the resilience of woodland and meadow habitats and connectivity of species
- Conservation / restoration of natural processes e.g. hydrological function, flood amelioration
- Nature experiences – e.g. a meadow or woodland for every community in the Park.

- Heritage and landscape

- Soil conservation

Woodland expansion is a UK and Welsh Government priority and is an effective means of carbon sequestration but scope for new woodland or even woodland extension is limited in PCNP.

A rough estimate of the carbon benefit (calculation of increase in soil carbon) is 5 tonnes per hectare. If the site is 5 acres, that's approx. 2 hectares, therefore 10 tonnes additional carbon in the soil (whole site).

Both acquisitions represent a significant positive impact on carbon sequestration and on biodiversity gain in the National Park. Carbon sequestration activities that also benefit nature recovery support a more resilient Wales. Building resilience in terms of climate adaptation supports a more resilient Wales and a Wales of cohesive communities.

3. Challenges and Opportunities

The following outlines future challenges and opportunities in relation to our decarbonisation work.

A large area of future work will be a deep dive into **procurement and purchasing** with recommendations on placing a value on decarbonisation. To support Just Transition to Net Zero, the deep dive will consider the Socially Responsible Procurement duty under Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 and procurement aspect of Equality Duty. Engagement with SMEs within our supply chain. This will also be accompanied by a focus on biodiversity and the Environment Act 2016 requirement to maintain and enhance biodiversity.

Our Supply chain emissions remain the highest source of emissions. However, care is needed in terms of supply chain emission data and looking at trends, as it is based on proportionally attributing a subset of total expenditure to one of seven expenditure categories (provided by WG net zero reporting spreadsheet) - and so does not account for all expenditure or consider the other 113 reportable categories of expenditure. Officers are also mindful of a desire to support local suppliers.

Partnership working. We have extremely ambitious targets that were identified in our carbon baseline study and look to target the 2050 net zero for the National Park. But we cannot do this in isolation, we need to use existing and new partnerships in the National Park to work together to support this ambition which provides an opportunity to work closely and strengthen our partnership working with colleagues in the tourism, agriculture and third sectors as well as our public sector partners. We are also on the same journey as our UK National Park family so can share learning and to support one another in reporting and measuring data.

Funding continues to remain a challenge for all aspects of the public sector, but there are opportunities within the Decarbonisation Plan, particularly around decarbonising building and fleet that will give a good return on investment and provide future cost savings.

The Authority will look to progress a review of its **asset / estates management strategy** in 2024/25 to take account of decarbonisation emissions and removal opportunities and climate adaptation considerations. Grid capacity and prohibitive standing charges for our rapid electric charging is a challenge, as well as having like-for-like replacement vehicles for our 4x4 to enable a fully decarbonised **fleet**.

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The Decarbonisation team is a small team that supports the work of the Authority, through Building Projects delivery, building maintenance, ICT infrastructure and support, Llanion HQ facilities and customer services and estates, including car parking. Despite the huge span of work the team delivers on, the thread of decarbonisation and climate reliance enables collaborative working.

3. Contribution to Cross Cutting Outcomes:

| Cross Cutting Outcome | Contribution – Activities and Impact |
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| Sustainable Development Principles – 5 ways of working | <p>Long term – Decarbonisation activities. We’re an Authority aiming for net zero and a carbon neutral National Park. For example, installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure for future low carbon travel.</p> <p>Integration – Our ambition can only be achieved by taking a strategic and integrated approach with partners. For example, our work on Race to Zero with other National Parks in Wales and UK.</p> <p>Prevention – Focused on delivering interventions that will look to prevent problems occurring or getting worse across the National Park. For example, purchasing land for carbon sequestration and biodiversity benefits.</p> <p>Involvement - engagement plays an important part in ensuring we develop the right policies and actions, for example we have an Eco-Champions group within the National Park Authority to enable a wide range of people/ staff to be involved in the decarbonisation journey.</p> <p>Collaboration – Positive change can only be achieved through working together with others. For example, we have been working with the agriculture community to deliver the Greening Agriculture pilot.</p> |
| Public Sector Equality Duty/ Socio Economic Duty / Reducing Child Poverty | <p>SDF fund will continue to support community projects, including projects that can provide warm spaces or support within communities.</p> <p>Engagement with strategic partners to support sustainable transport initiatives involving public transport could help tackle transport challenges facing some disadvantaged groups.</p> |

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| | <p>To support just transition to net zero the procurement deep dive will consider the Socially Responsible Procurement duty under Social Partnership and Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 and Public Procurement aspect of Equality Duty. Project checklist developed under the Governance and Decision-Making Delivery plan will be used to ensure any new decarbonisation projects or behaviour change focused activities take a just transition to net zero approach.</p> |
| Promoting Welsh Language | <p>We will support staff to expand their Welsh Language vocabulary and familiarity with technical terms linked to climate change.</p> |
| Section 6 Biodiversity Duty / Sustainable Management of Natural Resources | <p>It will help embed practices that will also have positive impact on Nature Recovery for example waste reduction initiatives. Land use removals and emissions will be monitored via Net Zero reporting – this will influence wider Nature Recovery Delivery Plan actions. Land use activities have been embedded within Nature Recovery Delivery Plan instead of in the decarbonisation plan to ensure that any approaches we take consider potential biodiversity implications.</p> |
| Engagement with Communities and Stakeholders | <p>SDF is providing opportunity for communities to fund community decarbonisation projects. The Authority is using the Greening Agriculture project to develop and strengthen its engagement with farming sector. We will look to engage with SMEs that we use as part of our decarbonisation work on Authority's procurement emissions. We will carry out engagement with partners, businesses with a focus on visitor economy sector, the third sector and PSB to support decarbonisation of National Park.</p> |
| Staff Development / Volunteering Opportunities | <p>As plan progresses potential to explore new volunteering opportunities linked to decarbonisation. Training plan developed through Skills Development and Training Delivery Plan will identify, and support staff skills development linked to carbon literacy.</p> |

4. Overall Assessment and Next Steps

Over the next two years, we will continue to implement positive interventions to decarbonise the National Park Authority, focusing on our buildings, fleet, waste, policy and governance. We will have a detailed sustainable procurement policy and strategy that will provide a good foundation on improving our supply chain and will have a better understanding of how we can decarbonise our supply chain. We will continue to build on identified good practice and building up the knowledge base of our staff, to embed processes that support decarbonisation.

Through local and UK wide partnerships we will work towards our goal of a NetZero National Park by 2050.

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