

**PWYLLGOR ADNODDAU CYNALIADWY  
SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	27 August 2024
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Decarbonisation Taskforce Group Update
<b>CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:</b>	Lee Davies, Director of Strategy and Planning
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**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)**

**Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

**ADRODDIAD SCAA  
SBAR REPORT**

**Sefyllfa / Situation**

This report provides an overview and assurance that the Decarbonisation Task Force Group (DTFG) continue to monitor, review and progress delivery against the 46 initiatives set out in the HDUHB Decarbonisation Delivery Plan.

The recently published [Climate Change Committee's report, Adapting to Climate Change: Progress in Wales](#), set out recommendations for the health and social care sector to develop a long term, cross sector approach to address risks, to develop a health and social care indicator suite and to ensure a joined-up approach between mitigation decarbonisation) and adaptation.

'Climate Adaptation' requires full internal strategic engagement as well as partnership working with Public Service Board's, Regional Partnership Board's and other public sector organisations (in line with the [Local Partnerships risk matrix and toolkit](#)).

In response to this, during June and July, the Decarbonisation Programme underwent a restructure to be now known as the Climate Change Programme. Scope has increased to ensure that the health board meets its responsibilities relating to 'Climate Adaptation' and 'Climate Resilience' which are set out in pending publications of two strategic documents from Welsh Government (Local Partnership Framework for Adaptation and Climate Resilience Strategy).

**Cefndir / Background**

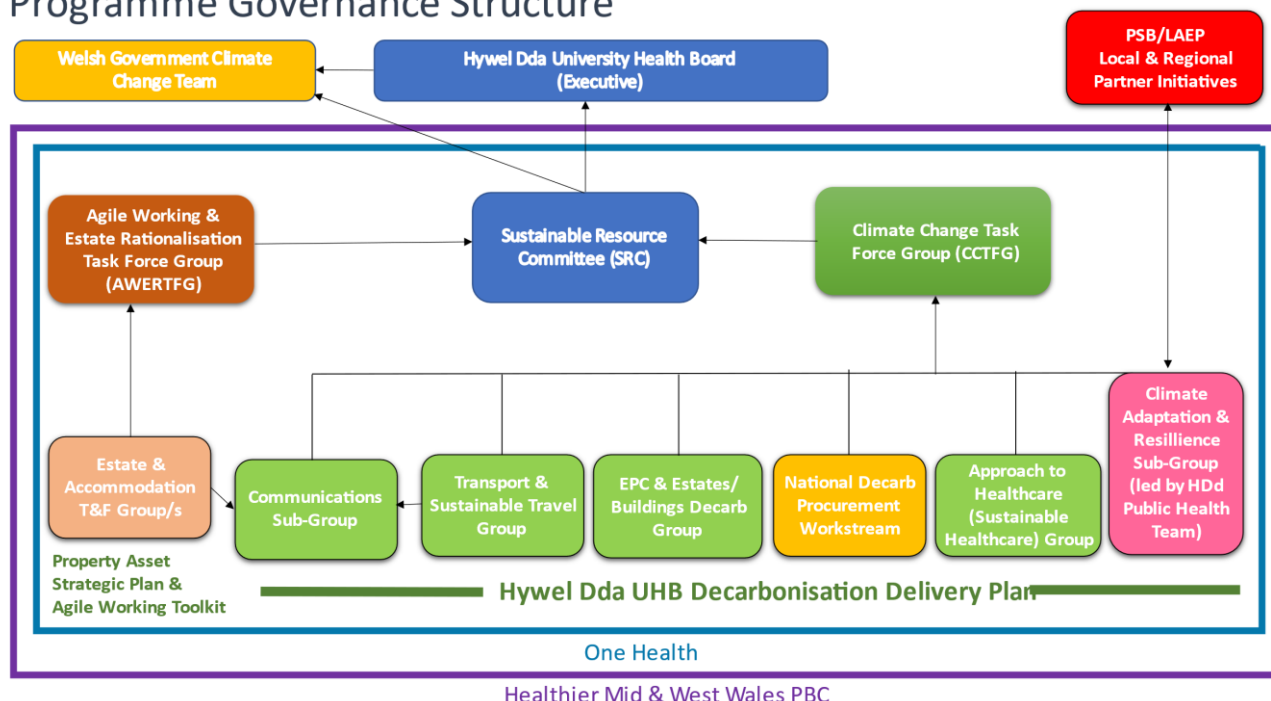
A briefing was presented to SRC as part of the April Decarbonisation Report and a standalone report was then prepared for Executive Team on the 15 May 2024, setting out the current position in Hywel Dda University Health Board and which included a full briefing and table setting out the 'mapping and gapping' analysis of current activities that relate to this agenda along with a set of recommendations. The Executive Team asked the Director of Strategy and Planning and the Director of Public Health to meet and discuss the set of

recommendations and agree which were to be taken forward. This meeting was held on the 17 June 2024 and a joint agreement reached to progress/action the following:

- Develop a new risk ‘The impact of Climate Change’ for consideration at the Executive risk meeting for inclusion on the corporate risk register (CRR) recognising the significant risk to population health and potential impact on the entire population and take appropriate action to mitigate the risk and to demonstrate emergency preparedness and compliance with our obligations under the Climate Change Act and Environment Act 2016.
- Keep the current Risk 1544 ‘Decarbonisation Delivery Plan’ on the strategic risk register (and not escalate to the CRR) because this is a mitigating action to reduce the risk and impacts of climate change.
- The Executive Lead for Climate Change (Director of Public Health) to ensure the minimum requirements are met during 2024/25 for the responsibilities highlighted in the red/amber areas of work.
- Expand the scope and membership of the Decarbonisation Programme and Taskforce Group to include the wider climate change action. Reporting will continue to SRC.
- Expand the scope of the Decarbonisation Delivery Plan to include and monitor delivery of the broader climate action requirements (primarily climate adaptation and climate resilience) along with providing the necessary expertise, resource and leadership from public health colleagues.
- Establish a Climate Action Sub-Group within the existing Decarbonisation Programme Structure to action and embed climate adaptation and climate resilience requirements across the health board and to deliver reporting requirements as per Taskforce for Climate Financial Disclosure guidance and Local Partnerships toolkit.
- Consolidate the ‘climate change,’ ‘net zero’ and ‘sustainability’ intranet webpages into one SharePoint site.

### REVISED GOVERNANCE/REPORTING STRUCTURE:

#### Programme Governance Structure



## **OTHER UPDATES FROM RECENT DECARBONISATION TASKFORCE GROUP MEETINGS**

### **Carbon Management/Reporting**

#### **Annual Report Feedback**

**Appendix 1** sets out the Welsh Government (WG) response to the HDdUHB Decarbonisation Qualitative Annual Report submission.

#### **Annual Net Zero Reporting**

HDdUHB's annual accounting of carbon emissions is complete. The outcome of this reporting activity is included as part of the health boards corporate performance report, and the results will be presented to the next SRC meeting in October 2024.

#### **WGov Performance and Quality Meeting (JETS)**

Assurance presentation was provided at the latest JETS meeting with positive feedback received from the attendees.

### **AGILE WORKING / ESTATE RATIONALISATION:**

#### **Acquisition of WG Building, Picton Terrace, Carmarthen**

Following a re-negotiation, we can confirm that we have received a counterproposal from Welsh Government that positively supports the acquisition and fit out works of the accommodation.

### **Asesiad / Assessment**

The DTFG and sub-groups continue to deliver against the 46 initiatives in the HDUHB Decarbonisation Delivery Plan, where funding, resource and infrastructure allows.

Representatives are well-networked across NHS Wales and are exploring, exploiting and maximising collaborative opportunities where possible.

Furthermore, we continue to work closely with the Welsh Government Climate Change and Environmental Public Health Division and keep abreast of new and emerging Climate Change/Decarbonisation legislative and strategic responsibilities, staying ahead of the curve.

Datix Risk 1544 (Delivery of the Decarbonisation Delivery Plan) will not be added to the Corporate Risk Register (CRR), alternatively a new risk titled – 'Impacts of Climate Change' is being worked up with the risk team with the Decarbonisation Delivery Plan becoming one of the mitigating actions and remaining on the Strategic Risk Register.

### **Argymhelliad / Recommendation**

The Sustainable Resources Committee is asked to:

- **TAKE ASSURANCE** from the actions and activity being progressed by the Decarbonisation Task Force Group as part of the Health Board's Decarbonisation Delivery Plan and positive feedback received from Welsh Government.
- **APPROVE** the revised governance structure.
- **NOTE** the response from Welsh Government on the Hywel Dda University Health Board Decarbonisation Annual Qualitative Report

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau) Objectives: (must be completed)	
Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	3.2 Seek assurance on delivery against all Planning Objectives aligned to the Committee, considering and scrutinising the plans, including the medium term financial plans, savings plans and decarbonisation plans, that are developed and implemented, supporting and endorsing these as appropriate (see Appendix 1).
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	1544
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	Not Applicable
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	Not Applicable
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	6. Sustainable use of resources
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	8 Estates plans
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: <a href="#">Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022</a>	9. All HDdUHB Well-being Objectives apply

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol:  
Further Information:**

Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Not Applicable
Rhestr Termau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained within the body of the report.
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Adnoddau Cynaliadwy: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Sustainable Resources Committee:	DTFG

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Gweithlu: Workforce:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Risg: Risk:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Cyfreithiol: Legal:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Enw Da: Reputational:</b>	Not Applicable

<b>Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Cydraddoldeb: Equality:</b>	Not Applicable

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26 June 2024

**Health & Social Care Climate Emergency National Programme**

**NHS Wales Decarbonisation Action Plans Qualitative Review 2023-24**

Thank you for returning your end of year qualitative report on your decarbonisation action plan for 2023-24.

We hope that moving to an annual review and the introduction of DCR reporting to support your qualitative report has streamlined reporting requirements.

The DCR reporting timetable in 2024-25 will reduce to six monthly reports and continue to support the annual end of year qualitative report. We welcome feedback on this process, for our further consideration, as we continue to streamline this process for the 2024-25 year-end review.

The quality of the reporting in the DCR provided the Programme Team with a clearer picture on progress and delivery this year and we encourage the comprehensive updates to continue and be strengthened where advised by the DCR team.

We have continued with the same RAG rating system for assessing your reports as last year to maintain consistency and enable us to monitor trends. See Annex for the RAG ratings we use.

The Programme Team assessed your overall 2023-24 RAG as AMBER.

The RAG rating was agreed for the following reasons:

- The RAG status is in recognition of good practice within the organisations which offsets the challenges faced from wider dependencies.

*Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.*

*We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.*

In the Programme Teams review of your report, we identified the following priorities that require attention and progress in 2024-25:

- Preparation to approach alternative funding streams to support estates decarbonisation projects, if initial applications are rejected to avoid future impact on delivery.
- Ensure national engagement with the Transport Task and Finish Group when developing HDUHB's Transport & Accessibility Plan as there will be access to car club case studies.

The Programme Team would like to highlight the following actions that they consider the organisation has done well on in 2023-24:

- Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) project successfully delivered and replaces oil consumption at one site.
- Partnership with the National Botanic Garden of Wales integrating biodiversity/green spaces across HDdUHB estates for health benefits/improvements.
- Positive work progressing on solar farm schemes with WGES.
- Pilot project in partnership with Transport for Wales, securing a month of free bus travel for Hywel Dda UHB with over 600 passenger journeys in the first 3 weeks of the trial and extension until the end of April.
- Awarded Improving Asthma Management in school contract – educating pupils, parents and staff about all aspects of asthma to better equip them to manage their condition and the opportunity to switch from the traditional metered dose inhaler (MDI) to dry powder inhalers (DPI)
- Leadership in waste reducing activities i.e. diverting nappy/sanitary product waste from land fill to recycling facility, switch it off campaign.

This year the NHS Wales Decarbonisation Strategic Delivery Plan is being reviewed in preparation for the refresh of the Plan in 2025 that will align with the IMTP timetable for 2026-29. Opportunities for your organisation to participate in this review and the shaping of the refreshed Plan will be communicated over the coming weeks.

The [Welsh Public Sector 2023 Carbon Emissions report](#) was published in April and includes results for NHS Wales as well as providing headline results for the total public sector.

Thank you for again engaging with this voluntary reporting process.

Figures for 2019 have been included in the report as an addendum to the NHS Wales 2018/19 baseline, with the data adjusted to allow comparisons with Welsh Public Sector carbon emissions reporting.

The results for NHS Wales show some positive reductions for buildings and transport emissions, but overall, clearly reinforce the need for continued effort towards NHS Wales emissions reduction targets. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to driving forward the decarbonisation agenda.

Yours sincerely  
Lisa Wise MBE

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## ANNEX

### Guidance to RAG rating

<b>Red</b>	Majority are not on track and improvement needs to be made.
<b>Amber</b>	Majority are on track, but there is scope for improvement.
<b>Green</b>	On track.