

Appendix 5: Notable Risks of Adopting this Strategy

RISK	DESCRIPTION	MITIGATION ACTION
<p>Affordability of the Council being able to achieve its net carbon zero and ecologically positive goals.</p>	<p>There is a risk that the Council is unable to commit or attract sufficient resource (revenue and capital) to coordinate the programme, deliver net carbon zero and ecologically positive projects and deliver other projects in an enhanced-eco way meaning funding bids are not submitted, opportunities not maximised, actions are not delivered and benefits are not realised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to capitalise on our track record of securing external grants and reputation for delivering well on pilot projects. • Proactively seeking external finance with Welsh Government and Whitehall Departments using the strategy as our narrative. • Submitting strong and coordinated external funding bids, working collaboratively across the region as well as across internal DCC departments. • Ongoing dialogue with Section 151 officer in relation to longer financial plans via the Medium Term Financial Plan. • Implementing whole life costing into business case process to capture fully the long term costs and benefits of schemes. • Maximising on the delivery of the many projects which save both money and carbon annually for the Council.
<p>Meeting Public Expectation.</p>	<p>There is a risk of not meeting public expectation on this agenda and the democratic and reputational damage that could cause.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to engage with the public proactively, constructively and sensitively on this agenda being open and transparent on challenges. • Through working with the Public Service Board (PSB) and community development partners, support the public in contributing

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		<p>personally to this agenda at a community level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating the Council's existing and continued success in this agenda via press releases/social media and ensuring the public are aware of the range of work the Council are undertaking.
<p>Opportunities and challenges beyond our immediate control to reduce carbon and enhance biodiversity.</p>	<p>There is a risk that new opportunities and challenges that are beyond our immediate control may arise between now and 2030 that we need to respond to that will enable us to go further on reducing our carbon emissions or conversely restrict our achievement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon scan and keep abreast of developments within the climate and energy sectors. • Annual review paper to Full Council stating any major changes impacting the strategy. • Formally review and refresh the strategy document every 3 years up until 2030 (2026/27).