

Responding to the Climate and Nature Emergencies

PSB partners will work together to address the climate and nature emergencies and to deliver the commitments in the [Climate Emergency Charter](#). We will continue to lead by example, take positive action, reduce our impact and champion the need for everyone to work as a team to make Wales carbon neutral by 2050 and ensure that the transition to a net zero Wales is carefully managed to be both equitable and fair. We also recognise that we have a global responsibility to take action now to address these emergencies. This includes working with local communities and implementing a programme of behaviour change across our organisations, focusing on travel, energy use and food. The PSB also has an important role in terms of leadership and influence and this includes emphasising the connections to local and regional economic frameworks and growth strategies across a range of areas such as energy, the economy and skills and work.

As stated in our Charter we will:

- Reduce our emissions to mitigate the effects of climate change whilst adapting to its impacts
- Be kinder to our environment
- Be healthier
- Become a carbon neutral public sector by 2030

To ensure we deliver our commitments in the Climate Emergency Charter and respond to the nature emergency we will:

The steps detailed in the Making the Difference section, will also contribute to this work.

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- Develop a better understanding of and respond to the diverse needs of our communities, including those living in more rural or more deprived areas, to ensure that services and facilities are accessible in terms of design, transport, affordability and technology and are available when people need them to prevent needs escalating.
- Support the third sector and promote volunteering opportunities recognising the multiple benefits for individuals and our communities.
- Promote positive behaviour changes and enable a greater understanding of our impact on the environment across our organisations and communities with a focus on energy, the circular economy, food, biodiversity and travel.
- Deliver the commitments in the Climate Emergency Charter including decarbonising our assets, procurement processes and services.
- Demonstrate leadership and take action to reduce our communities' exposure to environmental risks e.g. the impact of extreme weather and pollution.
- Improve the health of our eco systems and recognise the importance of biodiversity and the need to raise awareness and understanding about the nature emergency.
- Participate in a more integrated approach to the public sector estate (buildings and land

- holdings) to improve service delivery and our work on climate change and nature.
- Engage with the community and map assets to better understand our most deprived communities and involve the people who live there and local organisations to identify opportunities for change and improvement.
 - Support work to tackle food poverty recognising and raising awareness about the close links to environmental well-being and health

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