

**COUNCIL: 20 OCTOBER 2016**

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## **ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT**

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### **Parks**

At Quarter 2, a total of 28 opportunities were provided throughout the service and for Apprenticeship/Trainee Schemes, work experience for school leavers, the long term unemployed, NEETs and students studying land based disciplines.

The Parks in house Sports Turf Management Team, have, for the second season, been commissioned to undertake autumn renovation works on bowling greens and cricket tables for the Vale of Glamorgan and Newport Councils. These works have already commenced.

As part of our drive to increase income from plant material propagated at our Bute Park Nursery, plant sales have been held at Willcox House and County Hall during October. Further seasonal sales are planned in the lead up to Christmas.

### **Bereavement**

Bereavement Services has taken part in a work experience programme for two looked after children providing them with experience in customer care.

Preparations are ongoing for the annual Remembrance Service to be held on 8 November 2016 in Cathays Cemetery Cardiff at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission plot within the cemetery. The Lord Mayor, Army, Friends of Cathays walking for health group, and two local primary schools will be attending the event.

Cathays Cemetery Chapels refurbishment is ongoing with the bell tower works nearing completion. Wedding services have been held in Cathays Cemetery Chapels throughout the summer months and further ceremonies are booked in for 2017.

We have raised a total of £4,766 through the ICCM Metals Recycling scheme and the annual Palm Sunday Memorial service for the local branch of CRUSE Bereavement Support. A cheque was presented to CRUSE on 18 October 2016.

Our staff at Cardiff Dogs Home attended the RSPCA Footprint Award Ceremony last Wednesday at the Pierhead Building. They were awarded a Gold Award for the work undertaken with stray dogs and their welfare.

## **Waste and Recycling**

This month we have been focusing on securing our ADM approach with increased income and investment in our workforce. Taking on our new in house approach, we have won two new commercial contracts that provide integrated services such as waste collections, office cleaning and pest control. We are now processing recycling for four other local authorities

11 of our frontline staff have secured places on heavy goods vehicle training. This will not only upskill our workforce, but will build contingency and reduce agency demand. We are also recruiting 8 new pool operatives to reduce agency usage and provide more flexibility and are taking on two apprentices at Lamby Way.

## **Neighbourhood Services**

The Blitzes involve street cleansing, highways, parks and enforcement officers working together to clean wards on top of normal cleansing routines. The blitz operations have now removed nineteen and a half tonnes of extra waste, on top of normal cleansing operations and cleansed an additional 1,250 gullies in Cathays, Butetown, Grangetown and Canton since the neighbourhood deep cleans were launched on 19 September 2016. The outer wards are also receiving additional cleansing supported by the new afternoon teams that support cleansing of the District Shopping Centres and hotspot locations in addition to the existing cleansing regime.

We have also commenced the delivery of the leaf fall strategy on the adopted highway where a blitzing approach will be adopted to remove leaf fall from pavements and roads on a ward-by-ward basis, with up to six locations being cleansed. A 'tidal parking scheme' on certain roads and streets which involves notifying residents along a specific street and asking them not to park their cars on that particular day, so that a team can access the channel adjacent to the kerb is being used. Additionally, if wet weather is forecast, teams will attend to hot spot locations to ensure the highways drains are free from obstruction to minimise the risk of surface flooding.

Enforcement of fly tipping and litter is a priority for us and new enforcement cameras will shortly be operational to support proactive enforcement of fly tipping. These will be placed at key locations, predominantly in the Outer Wards, where fly tipping in rural lanes is taking place. We also have two teams of Officers enforcing litter and dog fouling in our city and we will be looking to expand it further as income from fines is generated.

The post of Community Development Co-ordinator has been advertised internally and closed yesterday. The post has been created to facilitate the increased involvement of local communities in improving local environmental quality, supporting the work of volunteers and community groups. This will continue to support the 'Love Where You Live' initiative, which is growing stronger with our great media coverage and our proactive officers in Neighbourhood Services.

**Councillor Bob Derbyshire**  
**Cabinet Member (Environment)**

19 October 2016