
CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM:

Recycling Waste Management

Reuse

I am pleased to announce that the Council have secured a reuse partnership with the British Heart Foundation, which will start from next week.

The British Heart Foundation will be working with the Council to provide:

- Reuse reception areas at both Lamby Way and Bessemer Close Household Waste Recycling Centres; Residents can bring all items that they feel can be reused to be placed in storage containers; HWRC staff will also be trained to identify reusable items that the public may be trying to dispose of.
- A free reuse collection service for large electrical appliances and furniture.
- Outlets in Crwys Road, Cathays and Cowbridge Road East, Canton where residents can take items that can be re-used, or purchase donated items.

This will support our reuse and recycling performance, give benefits back to our communities through this strong partnership with an excellent charity and the good work they do in Cardiff. We will continue to grow our network of reuse opportunities throughout the city.

Skip Service

The team have also made another step forwards in growing our strong commercial base. The Commercial Recycling Waste Services team are now branching into a new commercial and domestic skip service. As of January 2018, householders and businesses can hire small or large recycling/waste skips from the Council. Full details will be provided to all Councillors in the New Year and information on the service will be on our web pages as we begin our marketing campaign. Our competitive pricing will go head-to-head with the private sector, but offer a reliable and robust public service. This will further support our communities and provide additional income to support our services.

Materials from the skips will be recycled where possible. There is a whole array of markets we support. For example - rubble will be sent for building materials, glass sent for aggregates and road making, whilst plastics can be sent for a wide range of materials such as window frames to polyester clothing.

Neighbourhood Services

Ward Action Plans

Work continues to transform services to deal with some of the service delivery challenges within constrained budgets. This work relates both to how engagement and technology can support demand management and improve effective and efficient working.

Neighbourhood Services are currently working on a pilot to deliver Ward Action Plans working with Local Members of four wards. These plans will support a change to move towards working with Local Members, communities and citizens on issues or concerns for their ward. This will allow management of resource on priorities to give a more responsive approach to making improvements. There will also be ownership of issues or concerns that are broader than just a single team. This work will compliment core citywide services for aspects such as cleansing, road repairs and winter maintenance.

Leaf-fall Clearance and Volunteer Work

Autumn is a particularly challenging time of year for cleansing and drainage teams, as resources are stretched to tackle leaf clearance throughout the city. The cleansing teams target areas of the highest footfall and leaf fall in each ward once a fortnight and also prioritise 'hotspot' areas which are at risk from flooding.

In addition to the hard work of the cleansing and drainage teams, I have been very impressed with the community spirit of residents that are working with the Council to help us keep their communities clean and tidy. There have been a series of community clean ups in a number of wards including Riverside and Plasnewydd.

I am delighted that Keep Roath Tidy recently won the Keep Wales Tidy Clean Communities Award and Keep Splott Tidy were well deserved runners up which just shows the important role that Community Groups play in helping to keep the streets of Cardiff clean.

Anyone that would like to take part in, or set up, a community group in their area is asked to visit <https://www.keepcardiffidy.com/volunteering/>

Bereavement Services

War Memorials

Bereavement Services have secured grant funding from CADW and the War Memorials Trust to the value of 85% of the total funding for refurbishment work to both Radyr and Rumney war memorials.

Bereavement Services are also progressing a bid to secure funding for refurbishment of the Welsh National War Memorial (Cenotaph) located in Cathays Park. Funding has already been approved to undertake a detailed report to be

completed by a Conservation Architect, which will be used to establish the extent of the major cleaning, and renovation works required. The report is nearing completion and will be sent to the War Memorials Trust for consideration of works, which will be in the region of £70,000, of which around £60,000 will be grant-funded.

All of the schemes will be undertaken during 2018 and will be completed ahead of the significant commemorations to mark the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War One.

Cathays Cemetery Remembrance Service

A Service of Remembrance was held at the Commonwealth War Graves Cross of Sacrifice in Cathays Cemetery on 7 November 2017 as part of the ongoing commemorations of World War One. I attended the event alongside the Lord Mayor, Councillor Merry, pupils from Allensbank Primary School, pupils from Ysgol Mynydd Bychan and the Royal Regiment of Wales. The service concluded with the Friends of Cathays Cemetery Walking for Health Group's annual Act of Remembrance whereby a roll of honour of those buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Section was read out aloud on the Tuesday closest to Remembrance Sunday.

Defibrillator for Thornhill Crematorium

On 5 December 2017, Welsh Hearts will be presenting a defibrillator to Cardiff Crematorium. Pidgeons Funeral Directors and Watkins & Gunn Solicitors have sponsored the defibrillator. Such sponsorship makes this vital lifesaving equipment possible and all members of the crematorium staff will be trained following the presentation to use the equipment.

Annual Christmas Memorial Service

The annual Christmas Memorial Service will take place at the Wenallt Chapel on Sunday 10 December 2017. The service of hymns, readings and poems will begin at 2.00pm and will conclude at approximately 2.45pm with a collection in aid of Tŷ Hafan which is Bereavement Services' chosen charity for 2017. Tŷ Hafan, one of the UK's leading paediatric palliative care charities, offers comfort, care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families in the hospice, in the community and in their home. We will be inviting the congregation to purchase a memorial gift tag in memory of a loved one. The written dedication will then be placed on one of the Christmas Trees situated near the entrance to the chapel. The money raised from the sale of the dedications will also be donated to the charity. The service is fully inclusive and open to anyone to attend and refreshments will be available at the end of the service.

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