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Dear / Annwyl Paul

Environmental Scrutiny Committee - 10 March 2015

Thank you for inviting myself and officers to present the proposals for the Performance Report Quarter 3 – 2014/15 and Recycling & Waste Restricting Programme 2015.

Environment Directorates – Performance Report Quarter 3 – 2014/15

WMT/009(b)

The sweepings contract has been fully implemented and processed in quarter 4. Over the year, the sweepings material has been stockpiled until the procurement exercise was fully completed. Approximately 8500 tonnes of material has been recycled. Recycling this material instead of landfilling or sending this to energy from waste has saved excess of £100,000 net, in disposal costs. In addition, if this material had not been recycled it would equate to £1.3m of fines from Welsh Government.

Additional post sorting of residual waste has been undertaken as well in quarter 4, to yield a further +2500 tonnes of recycling. This activity has cost an additional £260,000, but if this material had not been recycled it would equate to around £0.5m of fines from Welsh Government.

Other initiatives include recycling metals from the energy recovery plant at Viridor.

STS/005(b)

I note the Committee's comments and we are delivering ways to improve our performance through the Neighbourhood Services Project that you are aware of.

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Recycling & Waste Restricting Programme 2015

Grangetown Community Concern

The Committees support for the 'Grangetown Community Concern' initiative is welcomed and officers are now looking at how we can expand this initiative wider across our city to raise community engagement with landlords and through the Neighbourhood Services Project and the Landlords licensing scheme.

Swansea

Cardiff officers have been working with Swansea waste officers to capture lessons learned from their bag restricting programme. Equally Swansea officers approached Cardiff last year to adopt our student communications plans. They worked with the University to promote the changes and provided extra resources on the streets to door knock and talk to their students. This mirrors what we already do in Cardiff annually and specifically the Environmental and we still do more with our Student Community Partnership approach which we are invited to present on in April.

Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council

An update has been requested from Trafford waste officers and this will be fed through once received.

Replacement Bins

If a bin is lost, damaged or stolen it is the responsibility of the householder to seek a replacement. If a bin is damaged during our operations, then the Council may show discretion and replace the wheeled bin free of charge. All other circumstances remain the responsibility of the householder or landlord. This practise has been taken from benchmarking of Local Authority waste services across the UK.

Tackling Waste Issues

The service will be providing additional resources to support the changes. Four education officers will be working ahead of the changes to undertake activities such as; outreach and roadshows; student events; hygiene service reviews; assisted lift assessments; education of high presenting households; larger families assessments and bin capacity checks on HMOs. An additional 12 waste officers will be recruited to target waste presentation issues and side waste.

The collection operatives will have clear instructions on the processes to follow and regular cross team reviews will be conducted. As well as proactive patrols, the waste collection and cleansing operatives will feedback via their end of shift reports of any problem areas. Equally in the Neighbourhood Service Trial areas the enforcement teams are embedded in the street scene teams and communicate directly on issues via the radios.

The enforcement teams will be using "fly-mapper" which is a handheld GPS device that allows officers to log the location, date, time and type of issue.

Yours sincerely
Yn gwyir



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