
CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT

Electric Vehicles

The first phase of Electric Vehicle Charge Point (EVCP) road map work is underway, with consultants examining future business scenarios for infrastructure. From this, the Council will then look at potential spatial distribution and delivery models. To support this work, the Council has also secured over £1m, over the next three years, from Welsh Government for the development of the road map and commencement of infrastructure delivery.

I was also really pleased to be able to support the start of this year's EV Rally Capital City Challenge in Cardiff earlier this month. The rally saw over 50 electric vehicles embark on a 5-day, 1200+ mile rally of the UK and Ireland, visiting Cardiff, London, Edinburgh, Belfast, Dublin and many other towns and cities along the route. The EV Rally provides an opportunity to showcase both the capabilities of the participating electric vehicles and the charging infrastructure that exists currently across the UK and Ireland.

Local Area Energy Plan Workshop

I was pleased to attend a workshop to establish the Cardiff Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP). The workshop was attended by a wide range of key partners and infrastructure providers, including housing developers, housing associations, local businesses (including Associated British Ports, Celsa, Cardiff Bus, Admiral Group), National Grid, Wales & West Utilities and local public sector partners (including Natural Resources Wales, Emergency Services, Cardiff Universities & Colleges, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board).

The Cardiff LAEP provides a significant opportunity for the public and private sectors to work with communities to understand the opportunities and constraints in the decarbonisation of Cardiff's power, heat and transport needs for the future and to develop a shared understanding of the current and future energy landscape of Cardiff. The Council is working closely with Cardiff Capital Region to ensure the Cardiff LAEP is linked regionally and nationally. The LAEP process will continue over the next eight months and the Council will continue to work closely with partners as part of this process.

Urban Diplomacy Exchange German-British Partnership Conference

I was pleased to attend the Urban Diplomacy Exchange (UDE) conference in Leeds last month, which focused on city partnerships for an inclusive and sustainable future. Funded by the Federal Government of Germany, the UDE provides existing German-British city-to-city partnerships with the opportunity for professional and political exchange. Our twin city of Stuttgart invited Cardiff, along with Stuttgart's other UK twin city, St Helens, to participate in the year-long project and the cities are working together on issues defined by the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement.

The Leeds conference was attended by German and British Mayors, Lord Mayors and city leaders with discussion centred around the role of cities and city partnerships in addressing the climate crisis, shaping living spaces in urban areas in challenging times, sustainable mobility and biodiversity. The Council will continue to work in partnership with Stuttgart to exchange best practice and explore areas of future collaboration in our joint objective to address the climate emergency and move towards more sustainable urban development.

Bin Ordering and Delivery

The first phase of the digital improvement work on bin ordering has been completed. These improvements relate to how orders are processed through the Council's internal systems. This phased programme will work to input all orders for bins and containers into a single digital system, with crews receiving orders and closing down their work digitally when deliveries have been completed. This will result in improved delivery times and tracking of customer orders, removal of duplication and, ultimately, a better customer experience for residents. There will be no change in process for residents, who will still be able report a damaged container and request a replacement via the Council's website.

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