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Dear Councillor Jones,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 7th December 2023 – RNIB Briefing

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the above. Please see our responses to the Committee's recommendations below:

Recommendation	Accepted, Partially, Accepted, or Not Accepted	Cabinet Response	Responsible Officer	Action Date
We recommend that any new developments in relation to shared spaces involve the RNIB and their specialist Inclusive Design services, if necessary, to ensure the Council meets its Public Sector Equality Duties.	Partially Accepted (<i>we can only speak on behalf of Transport projects</i>)	The Council has a long track record of engaging with the RNIB on transport schemes. As a member of the Cardiff Access Focus Group, the RNIB would have been engaged on several transport projects. An example of this engagement would be Wood Street and the bespoke push button crossing on the bus island that	Gethin Shields	Actioned via regular meetings recently set up with SightLife, RNIB, and Guide Dogs Cymru.

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		<p>was developed as a result of consultation with the group. The Cabinet Member for Transport & Strategic Planning and the Transport team have recently met with the RNIB, Guide Dogs Cymru, and SightLife towards the end of last year to update them on Castle Street and similar schemes. It was at that meeting that it was decided to allocate the group as a 'stand-alone stakeholder group'. This means that the group will continue to be consulted with on all major and minor transport schemes.</p>		
<p>It is recommended that recycling containers are returned after emptying in a reasonable way, to avoid them</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>We have a comprehensive training plan scheduled for the crews prior to the recycling roll out to advise them on</p>	<p>Alice George</p>	<p>Training commencing 5th February & 12th February</p>

becoming unnecessary obstacles on narrow pavements.

the best practice when returning sacks. All crews are being asked to return the receptacles to frontages where possible, and when on terraced streets, to return as close to the wall of property as possible to reduce pavement obstructions. Supervisors are tasked with monitoring collection crews on a daily basis to ensure this instruction is being adhered to.

As above, training will be provided to collection crews pre-roll out, and will also be included in upcoming Team Briefs to remind crews of the need to be sensitive when returning containers, and to do so in such a way as to not block the highway.

<p>We recommended that mechanisms are established to make the RNIB aware of any proposed changes, in advance of them happening so that they are able to communicate them to their members and other groups.</p>	<p>Partially Accepted (<i>we can only speak on behalf of Transport projects</i>)</p>	<p>The RNIB has been, and will continue to be, notified of any changes to the transport network via the Cardiff Access Focus Group. In addition to the current (and previous) processes followed, the Cabinet Member for Transport & Strategic Planning and the Transport team have met with the RNIB, Guide Dogs Cymru, and SightLife, and decided to allocate the group as a 'stand-alone stakeholder group'. This means that the group will be consulted on all major and minor transport schemes.</p>	<p>Gethin Shields</p>	<p>Actioned via regular meetings recently set up with SightLife, RNIB, and Guide Dogs Cymru.</p>
<p>It is recommended that the permanent solution to Castle Street is</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>As previously stated to the RNIB via regular Cardiff Access Focus Group</p>	<p>Gethin Shields</p>	<p>TBC - timeline contingent on Welsh Government</p>

<p>progressed as a matter of urgency and the RNIB are informed of the changes when they are being undertaken.</p>		<p>meetings, the Castle Street scheme is subject to funding confirmation from Welsh Government. Cardiff Council are ready to deliver this scheme but cannot proceed to tender until funding is confirmed by Welsh Government.</p>		<p>funding approval at this time.</p>
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In addition, in relation to the mention of contrasting colours for segregated recycling, the colours chosen are standardised across the UK, with advice provided to us by WRAP (Waste and Resource Action Programme). This is to avoid any confusion when recycling, and to be consistent with other local authorities across Wales.

We trust the above is of assistance. However, should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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