

COUNCIL: 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Cardiff Dogs Home

Cardiff Dogs Home's new website (www.cardiffdogshome.co.uk) was launched on 19th September 2018. Customers are able to report lost and found dogs online, see all the dogs that are available for rehoming live, book microchipping and neutering, become volunteers and read about responsible ownership. There is a lot of other useful dog-related information on the website. This is an exciting development and we are hoping that the site will become very popular and promote the Dogs Home to a wider audience. Events and ways to support the Dogs Home will be posted on the website and the Council's communications team is going to promote a 'Woof Wednesday' social media push for long-term dogs, as well as covering good news stories and other items of interest.

Cardiff Dogs Home has also been awarded the RSPCA Community Animal Welfare Footprint (CAWF) gold award, recognising Cardiff Dogs Home's continued commitment to animal welfare and improving the service for the welfare of our dogs. Cardiff Dogs Home has won the CAWF gold award five times and the CAWF Innovator Award twice in the last ten years. The award will be presented at a gala dinner held at the Pierhead building in Cardiff Bay on 5th November 2018.

District Heat Network

On 13th September 2018, I travelled to London with the Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities, supported by relevant officers, to visit two established District Heat Networks at the Kings Cross and Olympic Park developments. The visit provided the opportunity to discuss the various financial and governance arrangements used to deliver and manage the heat networks. We were also provided with some useful advice and details of lessons learned.

The findings from the visit will help to inform the development of a detailed business plan for our own heat network in Cardiff following in principle approval of the Outline Business Case by the Cabinet in April 2018. The Cardiff delegation was accompanied by Welsh Government officials with whom we are working to finalise the details of the Welsh Government's support for the Cardiff Heat Network.

Glass Recycling Pilot Scheme

This month, we have started the communications on the pilot scheme for the pilot scheme to collect glass separately from other recyclables, which is designed to provide more sustainable and cost effective services that drive forward our recycling agenda. 17,000 households will be taking part in the scheme and will be provided with a blue caddy for the recycling of glass bottles, jars and other glass packaging, which will be collected fortnightly. This will mean that we can provide high quality glass to the market and, instead of the Council having to pay for this material to be recycled; the market will pay us for the glass.

Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)

I am really pleased that the scheduled tours of the MRF at Lamby Way for Councillors are filling up fast. We will be providing more dates so you can all come and see our recycling facility. Many people have no idea about what happens to their green bags after collection, so the tours form part of our waste education commitment, which starts with all Councillors seeing just how the recycled materials are processed. The tours will provide an opportunity to walk around the facility, to witness first-hand the recycling education issues that we have to overcome, to understand more about why we need to carry out the glass recycling pilot scheme and also to see the new plastics autosorter in action. More dates will be circulated shortly, so if you haven't already booked onto a tour, then I would encourage you to do so.

Small Scale Fly Tipping

Since the introduction of a £400 fine for small scale fly-tipping, the Enforcement Team has been utilising a combination of CCTV cameras and information provided by citizens. Since commencing towards the end of last month, 5 fines were issued in August and 14 fines have been issued to date in September. This work will continue as part of our efforts to reduce fly-tipping across Cardiff.

APSE Annual Service Awards 2018

The APSE Annual Service Awards 2018 were held in Edinburgh on 13th September 2018. I am pleased to inform you that the Love Where You Live campaign was a finalist in the Best Community and Neighbourhood Initiative. Cardiff Council was also a finalist for Best Service Team in two different fields: Street Cleansing & Streetscene Service, and Cemetery & Crematorium Service.

Thornhill Cemetery

Thornhill Cemetery has been named as a finalist in this year's national Cemetery of the Year Awards. The results will be announced on 1st October 2018.

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21st September 2018