

CULTURE AND LEISURE STATEMENT

Parks and Green Spaces

A number of improvement schemes are being progressed across the city through the use of Section 106 monies, Landfill Tax Credits, Capital Programme allocations and Neighbourhood Renewal funding. These schemes will result in improvements in public open space provision and include hard and soft landscaping enhancements at Ruthin Gardens in the Cathays ward, the regeneration of the former bowling green site at Hailey Park in the Llandaff North ward, the installation of a new play area with a range of fixed playground equipment at Coed-Y-Gores in the Pentwyn ward, drainage schemes to alleviate long standing problems with flooding at Grange Gardens in the Grangetown ward and the Cwm Farm open space site in the Radyr & Morganstown ward. Footpath improvements at Parc Coed Y Nant in the Pentwyn ward and Rhydypennau Park in the Cyncoed ward are also being progressed.

Officers from the Parks Service are working with the Teenage Cancer Trust to develop a programme of events to raise awareness, the programme will commence with the commemoration of an existing tree in Roath Park together with the naturalisation of 2,000 daffodil bulbs. In addition, officers are also working with colleagues in the Domestic Abuse Team and the White Ribbon campaign to deliver a floral display depicting the organisations logo on the badge bed at Cardiff Castle. I am delighted that the Council is working with these organisations to help promote and raise awareness of the important work they undertake.

Events Programme

As the clocks go back and we come to the end of an exceptionally busy spring and summer season we now look forward to an equally exciting autumn and winter season of events and activities. This includes our Step into Christmas event, which will be held on Thursday 9th November 2017. This is an annual tradition that marks the start of everyone's Christmas preparations when Cardiff switches on its Christmas lights. I would like to encourage Members to come along and enjoy an action packed programme of music and entertainment across the city, including a visit from Santa and his team of reindeers.

On the same evening, Winter Wonderland will also open its doors to start its 8-week run, closing on Sunday 7th January 2018. This year, the organisers have included relaxed accessibility sessions at which music will be played at a lower level, lighting will be static and the capacity of the rink will be reduced to allow those who may need additional support to better enjoy the experience. With an undercover ice rink,

authentic bierkeller, alpine village and funfair, this annual event never fails to delight residents and visitors alike.

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