
CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM: 10

Fly tipping & Enforcement

Work continues to transform services to deal with some of the service delivery challenges within constrained budgets. This work relates both to how engagement and technology can support demand management and improve effective and efficient working.

Neighbourhood Services are currently working on the delivery of technology that will support digitalisation of licensing and environmental enforcement. This change will enable improvements in the process flow associated with fines and support improved data capture for informed decision-making.

Cameras will shortly be utilised in hot-spot areas following extensive work with the Council's ICT and Data Protection teams in terms of data collection and storage. With these cameras, the team will be able to capture evidence to support prosecutions. Last week, the team, supported by Legal Services, secured a successful prosecution; David Rees from Bridge Street, Llandaff, was found guilty of fly tipping waste and was fined £2,640 at Cardiff Magistrates' Court.

Currently, we have a 100% removal rate for all reported fly tipping within 5 working days.

Year	Number of Reported Incidents
2011-12	11,185 incidents
2012-13	10,957 incidents
2013-14	4,621 incidents
2014-15	3,905 incidents
2015-16	6,214 incidents
2016-17	7,993 incidents
2017-18	4,540 incidents (up to Quarter 3)

This year, we have had 1,290 fewer incidents for fly tipping incidents at the end of Quarter 3 compared to the previous year. Total fly tipping incidents up to Quarter 3 for 2017/2018 is 4,540, compared to 5,830 for 2016/2017. These figures do show a reduction, but any fly tipping activity is a blight on our local communities and I will continue to strive to stop all fly tipping in Cardiff.

'Love Where You Live'

The 'Love Where You Live' initiative continues to go from strength to strength. There have been increases in the number of volunteers, litter picking champions and community planters over recent months. However, we are looking at new ways of engaging and working with communities across Cardiff. Litter picking equipment is now available in some of the hubs and libraries across our city and, following basic training, members of the public will receive a 'Love Where You Live' card that assists them in taking out the equipment. A number of related events have been held to date, including the launch of this initiative at Cathays Library on 24th January 2018.

The team has also launched the 'Love Where You Live' badge, which can be earned by Scouts and Guides across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. I am pleased to say that two colonies from 2nd Rhiwbina Beavers were the first to take up the new badge scheme and have received 46 badges.

Skip Service

As I confirmed previously at Council in November 2017, our competitively priced domestic skip service is now available to the public with effect from this month. The service offers a comprehensive waste skip service with all the permit requirements for the correct disposal of large quantities of wastes and recyclable materials.

Christmas Recycling

I would like to thank Cardiff residents for their contribution to a massive increase in household recycling over the Christmas period. The teams dealt with a 20% increase in the number of green bags collected in just two weeks.

Councillor Michael Michael
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