

**COUNCIL: 22 MARCH 2018**

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**CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT**

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**Cardiff Dogs' Home**

Cardiff Dogs' Home has taken on the stray dog contract for the Vale of Glamorgan Council covering the Penarth and Barry area and has also tendered a bid for the South Wales Police kennelling contract. We are currently providing this service on an interim basis, but it will become more permanent if the tender is successful. Both of these contracts are likely to generate substantial additional income for the service.

We are also pushing ahead with the corporate digitalisation agenda and have developed a new website specifically for Cardiff Dogs' Home, which should be operational by the end of April 2018. This will allow people to see all the dogs available for adoption at the Dogs' Home; report their dog if it is lost; check to see if their dog has come into the Dogs' Home; apply to be a volunteer and register for induction, as well as many other functions. We are also developing a new phone system to direct customers more effectively to relevant contacts or information and reduce the amount of time that staff spend dealing with phone enquiries. This will improve the customer experience at the Dogs' Home by freeing up staff to spend more time with visitors and volunteers.

**Palm Sunday Memorial Service**

Bereavement Services will hold an ecumenical Palm Sunday Memorial Service at the Wenallt Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium on Sunday 25 March 2018 at 2pm. Visitors are invited to place a memorial card with a personal message in memory of loved ones onto a memory board which will be presented during the act of remembrance. A collection will be held at the end of the service in aid of the Sands charity (Cardiff and Newport Branch), which supports anyone affected by the death of a baby; works with health professionals to improve bereavement care and aims to reduce baby deaths by promoting and funding research.

**Commercial Working**

The Cleansing team has been successful in achieving an extension of the contract with FOR Cardiff for £150,000 per annum. This funding has been utilised to enhance service provision in the city centre and you may well see the FOR Cardiff branded team working when you visit the city centre. The Neighbourhood Services Enforcement team has also secured a contract with Cardiff and Vale Health Board for continued provision of litter enforcement on their land and will hopefully support the enforcement of no smoking on hospital grounds when this stage is implemented from the Public Health (Wales) Bill.

## **QSA Awards 2018**

I am really proud to announce that our Waste Management service won the large 'Employer of the Year' award at this year's QSA Apprenticeship Awards on 15 March 2018 and one of our apprentices, Michael Thomas, also won the 'Apprentice of the Year' award. This reaffirms our commitment to developing our workforce and investing in our future through apprenticeships.

## **Love Where You Live**

There are now 16 Keep Tidy Groups across Cardiff. To date, in this financial year, there have been 8,288 volunteer hours from recorded activity. We estimate that, through the Keep Wales Tidy Partnership, there are 200 litter champions working independently across the city. There are now two hubs (Grangetown and Cathays Library) that provide litter picking kits and a further seven hubs will do so shortly (STAR; Fairwater; Ely & Caerau; Pentwyn Powerhouse; Canton Library, Llandaff North & Gabalfa; Riverside Medical Centre).

The Community Street Planters scheme has also provided 47 planters in 26 locations across 13 wards. A further 49 planters will be distributed during the current calendar year. A survey of community planter participants has identified the following impacts:

- 182 people involved (average of 15 per planter location);
- 60% believe fly-tipping/litter had reduced in the area;
- 68% know their neighbours better;
- 71% love where they live more than they did before; and
- 82% found other benefits from the planters being in place.

## **Ward Action Plans**

A successful briefing on the development of Ward Action Plans took place earlier this month, which was attended by 27 Members. Officers are now working to develop and engage with Local Members on their individual plans with a target of each ward having a plan in place by June 2018.

## **Coastal Risk Management Programme**

On 15 March 2018, the Cabinet approved the procurement of detailed design and construction of coastal defences for the foreshore along Rover Way to the South East of Cardiff. The estimated £11M project will be funded by the Welsh Government (75%) and Cardiff Council (25%) and will reduce the risk of coastal flooding to residential and non-residential properties as a result of sea levels rising due to climate change. The Wales Coast Path and cycleway will be included within any design and construction of coastal defences. The Council will also work with the Welsh Government to ensure that there are no concerns about future phases of the Eastern Bay Link. Officers will brief Local Members for the area covered by the report over the next month and I will provide regular updates on this strategic project as it proceeds through the design and delivery phase.

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