Lord Mayor's Recognition and Awards – May 2018

Awarded Silver for Corporate Health Standard

I am pleased to announce that following a 2 day assessment, the Council has been successful in achieving the Silver Corporate Health Standard. The assessment took place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March at County Hall and included site visits at Lamby Way and City Hall.

Highlights

- The overall culture change within the organisation was noted and it was acknowledged that people feel valued and cared for - staff are enthusiastic and feel it is a good place to work
- Green travel policy was praised and the overall focus on being more physically active
- Good Communication was acknowledged and the TV screens at Lamby Way were recognised as a very effective method of communication. In addition it was evident that we are constantly working to improve our methods of communication
- Senior level commitment was acknowledged
- We were praised for achieving Bronze and Silver in such a short space of time

A big congratulations to the Health and Well-being group who put a huge amount of work into achieving silver status, plus of course, all the staff that put forward ideas and supported initiatives. I know the focus is now to achieve Gold. Good luck to everyone who is striving to make this happen.

Cardiff to host 2019 Creative Cities Convention

Cardiff has been chosen to host next year's Creative Cities Convention! This is another fantastic accolade for the capital, which is fast becoming the European destination of choice for so many recognised events and festivals.

The first Creative Cities Convention was held this year in Leeds, with over 300 delegates from the broadcasting industry, coming together, over two days to discuss and debate content production and distribution across the UK.

As part of the event, cities that were interested in hosting the 2019 convention were asked to present a short video to a panel of creative media advisors, showcasing what their city has to offer.

The bid from Cardiff was produced by our very own Creative Industries Team, in partnership, with local indie media group *Boom*. It starred BBC Radio One DJ Huw Stephens, featured top industry faces including Jodie Whittaker and highlighted a number of reasons why the Welsh capital is a major player in the creative industries - the city is home to Dr Who and is the base for multi-million-pound drama producer Bad Wolf.

Dates for the 2019 convention will be announced in the autumn.

To find out more, visit <u>www.creativecitiesconvention.com</u> or follow the hashtag #CCConventionUK

Tree planting to celebrate schools 'pearing' up under a new federation

This month's sunshine arrived just at the right time for Coryton and Tongwynlais primary schools, as they held a very special ceremony to celebrate the two schools coming together as the Pear Tree Federation.

The Federation has been named after Pear Tree Farm, which once stood on land half way between the two schools - roughly where Coryton roundabout at junction 32 of the M4 is today.

To mark the occasion, Headteacher Mrs Sally Phillips invited school council chairs from Coryton and Tongwynlais, Scott and Daniel, to help Chair of Governors, Cllr Mike Jones-Pritchard to plant a pear tree.

Headteacher, Mrs Sally Phillips, said: "The Pear Tree Federation is an exciting venture for both Cortyon and Tongwnlais, and comes after agreement from both schools, who could see the clear benefits it would bring.

"Both Coryton and Tongwynlais are small, single form entry primary schools, and together we are now in a much stronger position. As a federation we can now share teaching and learning resources, opportunities, professional expertise and governance to raise standards and improve provision."

Archives Accreditation Success

Well done to colleagues in Glamorgan Archives, who recently retained their Archive Accreditation status at the 3 year review.

Archives Accreditation is nationally recognised as the hallmark of a good quality archive service. An accredited service must be able to evidence a holistic, forward-looking approach to planning and implementing service delivery with a clear identification of risk and the means to benchmark progress. The process is managed by the National Archives with home country partners and the Glamorgan Archivist currently represents Wales on the accreditation committee.

The team also had another reason to celebrate this month, as one of their volunteers celebrated 20 years' service with the archives.

Greener Grangetown

I am pleased to inform you that at the Water Industry Achievement Awards Greener Grangetown Water Sensitive Urban Design won Engineering Project of the Year. The award is shared with Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, Natural Resources Wales, Arup (Designers), ERH Communications and Civil Engineering Ltd (Contractor).