

COUNCIL: 19 JULY 2018

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Sustainable Food Cities

The UK Sustainable Food Cities conference was held in Cardiff on 26th June 2018 and was attended by over 160 delegates from food cities and networks across the UK. I attended the event and was impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of attendees to progress food issues in their areas. The Leader of the Council opened the conference and his speech was well received, particularly Cardiff's ambition to gain Silver Sustainable Food City status during 2019 and then Gold status in the future. The event provided a good opportunity to share best practice and ideas, and Cardiff's work was highlighted in many areas, especially around the School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP), our food and healthy eating pledges and work to tackle inequalities in accessing healthy food. The "Food Power" conference was also held in Cardiff on the following day and looked specifically at food poverty issues. Both these events will help us greatly as we progress our own Council Food Strategy.

Carbon Reduction

The UK Government published the latest annual CO2 emissions report for the UK on 26th June 2018. This shows that Cardiff has seen a significant decrease in CO2 emissions since 2005, equating to a 33% overall reduction, or a 40% decrease per capita. These reductions are greater than both the UK and Welsh averages and reflect the good work that the Council and our partners have been doing to reduce our demand on carbon emitting fossil fuels. There are still major challenges ahead if we are to meet the target of an 80% reduction by 2050, but our recent announcements on the solar farm at Lamby Way, district heat network and low emission transport demonstrate our commitment to tackling this issue.

Cardiff Crematorium Donation to Charity

Bereavement Services were delighted to hand over £5000 to local charity, SANDS (Stillborn and Neo Death Society) Cardiff, which undertakes a tremendous amount of work to support anyone affected by the death of a baby. They work to improve the care that bereaved parents receive and promote research to reduce the loss of babies' lives. The money was raised as part of a national scheme for the recycling of metals, of which Cardiff Crematorium is a member.

Love Where You Live

Litter picking equipment is being rolled out to hubs across Cardiff, with equipment now available in a total of 9 hubs. We also now have over 30 litter champions signed up to use the litter picking equipment provided.

Community litter picks have been organised from between 10am and 11.30am at the following locations later this month:

- July 18th – Jubilee Recreation Ground, Canton
- July 20th – Roundwood, Pentwyn

We are also due to launch the ‘Love Your Parks’ campaign on Monday 23rd July 2018, with four community park litter picks taking place that week (see below), as well as educational information being provided through community outreach teams:

- July 23rd – Canal Park, Butetown
- July 25th – The Marl, Butetown
- July 26th – Eastern Leisure Centre, Llanrumney
- July 27th – Fairwater Green, Fairwater

Skip Hire Service

We have launched an advertising campaign for a skip hire service for both business and residential premises. This resulted in orders of 35 skips in June, which represented a 169% increase on the previous month.

Coastal Risk Management Programme

Following Cabinet approval in March 2018 to progress the delivery of the Rover Way to Lamby Way coastal defence scheme, I am pleased to confirm that the Council has accepted a grant of £638,549 from Welsh Government. This will support the development of the design and full business case for the scheme.

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Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment
13th July 2018