

COUNCIL: 20 JUNE 2019

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Bank Holiday Working

I am pleased to update members on progress being made to resolve issues relating to the disruption of waste collection services following a bank holiday period.

Members will recognise that this is a long-standing issue- going back many years- and is one that causes understandable concern for residents and councillors. In order to resolve this issue I have been working with Trade Union colleagues to consider a way forward that addresses current concerns. This has centred on a change to the terms and conditions of waste operatives so that they are contracted to work on Bank Holiday Mondays.

I am pleased to inform you that good progress has been made with these proposals and we are now at a point where Trade Union Representatives are content to ballot their members with a view to reaching a Collective Agreement. This work has involved extensive discussions with our Trade Unions colleagues over the last few months and I would like to acknowledge their constructive approach to helping deliver the best possible services for the people of Cardiff.

As a result of these positive discussions, I was in a position to update staff at Lamby Way on the proposals earlier today. Whilst we cannot pre-empt the result of the Trade Union ballot, the unanimous recommendation by the Trade Unions for their members to support the shared proposal is welcome. This points to a clear commitment to working in partnership and supporting our workforce to deliver for the city.

I am sure that members will welcome these proposals and the progress that has been made. I will update members further at Council and at regular intervals over the months ahead.

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