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## **CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT**

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Climate change remains the defining global challenge of our generation. The Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Dr Sir Frank Atherton, warned last week that climate change could be as devastating as Covid-19 for some communities. Rising temperatures are likely to pose a serious health risk and as was the case in the pandemic, the poorest areas could be hardest hit. The Council is committed to tackling climate change and achieving the vision of a carbon neutral Council by 2030 through reducing greenhouse gas emissions, identifying local sources of renewable energy, improving air quality, and retrofitting housing.

### **One Planet Cardiff**

The implementation of the One Planet Cardiff Strategy continues to progress well and, in order to further strengthen and support this work, I have asked the Chief Executive to chair a group of Directors across the Authority dedicated to driving down the Council's carbon emissions. The Council's aim is to expand and accelerate the work already being done, and to note and engage with the work of partner organisations who are also seeking to drive change across various sectors in the city.

As part of the work towards reaching net zero by 2030, the Council has completed a detailed carbon baselining and impact assessment to provide a comprehensive understanding of the Council's current carbon footprint. Over the next six months, a set of annual carbon reduction targets will be developed to allow progress to be monitored. The targets will be for both the Council's operational activities and wider city emissions.

### **Flood Alleviation Schemes**

Funding has been awarded by the Welsh Government to support the development of Full Business Cases for both the Rumney and Whitchurch flood alleviation schemes. The tender process for the appointment of a consultant to undertake the Full Business Case investigations and detailed designs of sustainable/green infrastructure flood alleviation schemes will begin in the coming weeks. Extensive consultation with ward members, local communities and other key stakeholders will take place as part of the design programme. Appropriate officers from the Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team will be in contact with ward members to arrange these meetings.

### **Improvements to Assisted Lift Waste Collections**

A review of assisted lift waste collections across Cardiff has been undertaken in order to make a number of customer service improvements.

The Waste Collections Team now has a designated Correspondence Officer to deal with assisted lift collections and to try and resolve repeat complaints and issues in a

timely manner. There is also a designated e-mailbox for residents with repeated issues to contact the service directly.

In-cab devices used in the Refuse Collection Vehicles now prompt the driver to confirm that collections have been made at each assisted lift property. A training module and user guide is being used to train all drivers and loaders on how to operate and record information accurately on the in-cab device. Paper copies of the details of assisted lift collections are also provided in the crew packs in the event of a technology failure. Supervisors undertake regular checks on assisted lift collections and will resolve proactively any ongoing collection issues.

Following the implementation of these changes in April 2022, the number of missed assisted lift collections is being monitored to determine the effectiveness of these new measures and quarterly reviews will also be undertaken.

### **Blitz Teams**

Cleansing Services have created dedicated Blitz Teams in both Cathays and Plasnewydd to deal with cleanliness concerns in areas where there are large numbers of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). These teams are in addition to the two Blitz Teams working city-wide to improve cleanliness across the city, including cleansing back lanes and removing graffiti from street scene furniture.

### **Segregated Recycling Pilot Scheme**

The segregated recycling pilot scheme, which covers 4,000 properties in Llandaff, Pentwyn, Radyr and Trowbridge, has demonstrated significant improvements in removing contamination from household recycling. Currently, co-mingled recycling loses over 30% of recyclable material through contamination, but with segregated recycling this has dropped to 6%. The increase in the amount of cleaner recycled materials will support improvements in Cardiff's recycling performance.

A survey of residents participating in the pilot scheme has been undertaken to identify what improvements can be made to the service. I will also be seeking views from across the city via our voluntary and community groups to support service design and champion recycled materials as a valuable resource, reducing our impact on the environment.

### **Pop-Up Recycling Centre**

The Pop-Up Recycling Centre at Ty Glas in Llanishen, which opened in March 2022, is being moved to the Haydn Ellis and CUBRIC university building car park, just off Maindy Road in Cathays, on the weekends of 25-26 June and 2-3 July 2022. This will support students in recycling household waste items when leaving their accommodation in the city at the end of the academic year. The Pop-Up Recycling Centre will then return to Ty Glas.

The mobile recycling facility will continue to provide a service for residents in the north of the city and will continue to move to other locations to respond to demand issues. Further updates and information can be found on the Council's social media pages and website at: [Mobile Recycling Centre \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/mobile-recycling-centre)

## **Grangemoor Park**

Works on Grangemoor Park are set to continue until the end of the year. The park has been closed to the public whilst essential maintenance work – involving heavy machinery and the renewal of leachate and methane gas equipment – is carried out on the landfill site, which is located beneath the surface of the park. Once completed, the works will ensure that the landfill site is secure and the park will be reopened to the public.

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