
TRANSPORT & STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT

Highways Resurfacing and Localised Repairs

Scheduled highway safety inspections are undertaken on a daily basis throughout the city by trained Highway Inspectors. From these inspections, works orders are raised for the repair of defects that are identified as needing attention. As a result, there are multiple teams working throughout the city undertaking localised repairs and programmed improvement works to ensure that the highway network is safe for use. In addition, our frontline teams are working throughout the city repairing street lights, clearing gullies, unblocking drains and more.

Condition assessments are also being undertaken for numerous large-scale programmes of work to be delivered in 2022/23. A further programme of resurfacing works commenced in May 2022, which has been concentrating primarily on key routes throughout the city, removing the aged and deteriorated road surface and installing new material.

The micro asphalt surface treatment programme is due commence shortly. Specific scheme dates and locations are being finalised; these are occasionally subject to change as the works are dependent on suitable weather conditions to ensure that high quality delivery is maintained.

Residential Street Lighting Improvement/LED Scheme

The Residential LED Replacement programme continues to be delivered, which will see circa 24,000 standard lighting units upgraded to LED lighting throughout the city. The lighting units will be centrally monitored and controlled so that the Street Lighting Team will be automatically aware of outages and able to control lighting levels as required. Up to the end of last month, approximately 7,000 new LED lighting units had been installed in the city.

Bereavement Services

A new, refreshed Cardiff Bereavement Services website has been launched at <https://www.cardiffbereavement.co.uk/>

In partnership with SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity), the Council's Bereavement Services Team has organised a Baby Memorial Service within the 'Dear Mum' garden at Western Cemetery, which is being held on 26 June 2022. This is an open service for anyone wishing to attend who may have lost a baby either directly or within their family and will consist of readings, poems and prayers. Befrienders will be present to provide emotional support to families and, following the service, there will be a bubble release and picnic in the memorial garden.

The Bereavement Services Team has also been working in partnership with the A48 Theatre Company and the Living Lines writing group to hold three successful walking tours of Cathays Cemetery recently. These are graveyard tales and trails where local actors take on the roles of some of those famous and not so famous people buried in the cemetery to share their stories. All three nights saw over fifty people attend each event.

Registration Services

Births are now successfully being registered at Llandaff North Hub every Monday and at Ely Hub every Wednesday. Take up by the public has been excellent in these hubs and the service is fully booked every week. We will keep this enhanced service under review and look to do more days/hubs going forward, particularly in the autumn/winter period. Customers prefer not to have to travel into the city centre with new-born babies and small children so keeping this service local both benefits the public and helps to lower the carbon footprint of the service.

Wedding season is now officially upon us and the service is extremely busy this year, particularly as it is catching up on all the ceremonies that were postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions. A waiting list is currently in operation for any people who want to get married as soon as possible in 2022, with the earliest available dates currently in September 2022.

Citizenship ceremonies have also been very busy over the last couple of months; again, dealing with Home Office backlogs due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The service is regularly holding small ceremonies and ensures that the ceremony is held as a priority as has happened throughout the period of Covid restrictions.

Over the coming weeks, the service is looking to go live with customers being able to order and pay for their certificates online, thereby reducing the number of calls and double handling as staff currently phone each customer back on receipt of their online form in order to take payment. This new system will improve the service for both customers and staff.

Cardiff Dogs Home

The numbers of dogs coming into Cardiff Dogs Home is up significantly compared to last year. In April & May 2021, 82 dogs came in and 25 dogs were rehomed. For the same period this year, 112 dogs came into the Dogs Home and double the number of dogs have been rehomed.

Cardiff Dogs Home's charity, The Rescue Hotel, continues to grow and has now raised over £200,000 to go towards replacing the kennels and improving the facilities for the dogs in our care. The affordable vet service continues to be popular and is now operating three days per week. The service ensures that people can get the basic healthcare for their dogs at an affordable and transparent price, which is helpful for many who are struggling to find a veterinary practice that is willing to take new clients.

Cardiff Dogs Home has also been successful in applying for a £10,000 lottery grant, which will help extend the contract of the Volunteer Co-ordinator and develop the volunteer programme and a volunteer resource area at the Dogs Home. In addition, a young person who was taken on as a trainee at the Dogs Home as part of the Council's Kick Start programme has secured a permanent position within the team. The Dogs

Home continues to work in partnership with other council services and groups and is also developing new links with the Bright Start programme and Youth Justice Team.

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