

COUNCIL: 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT

Recycling Strategy 2022-25 – Cleaner and Greener

The new Recycling Strategy for Cardiff, which sets out an action plan for improving Cardiff's recycling performance, is due to be considered at the rearranged meeting of the Cabinet on 28 September 2022. Whilst a key aim of the strategy is to increase recycling beyond 64%, it also takes into consideration the need to do this in a sustainable way. The Recycling Strategy is not just about increasing recycling, but is also about reducing waste, encouraging repair and reuse, and contributing to a circular economy. The Recycling Strategy 2022-25 has the following key objectives:

1. Improve material quality
2. Increase recycling participation and capture of priority materials
3. Increase opportunities for communities and residents to recycle
4. Make use of all available data, to develop targeted actions
5. Reduce single use plastics
6. Encourage and support the prevention, reuse and repair of materials
7. Contribute towards developing a circular economy within Wales
8. Improve the Street Scene cleanliness across Cardiff

The roll-out of the new strategy will have a phased implementation programme, including:

- The phased roll-out of segregated recycling across household properties in Cardiff.
- The phased roll-out of reduced residual waste collections to improve the level and quality of recycling across household properties in Cardiff.
- Undertaking further pilot work in relation to Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and flats to improve recycling performance, including the testing of communal segregated recycling bins.
- Reviewing the expansion of kerbside collection services to cover items currently not collected at the kerbside.
- Enhancing and strengthening education and enforcement to deliver improved recycling compliance across household properties in Cardiff.
- Developing the business case to move from a Material Recovery Facility to a Material Handling Facility required to manage segregated recycling.
- Improvements to the trade/ business waste model to improve recycling and meet new legislative requirements.
- Identification of wider council/service area change to value resources and minimise the Council's impact on climate change.

Student Welcome and Engagement on Recycling

All incoming students to the city this month will have received a welcome letter, which includes information on how they can deal with their waste and recycling. The Engagement Team from Recycling & Neighbourhood Services has attended Freshers' Fairs at Cardiff Metropolitan University on 21 September 2022 and at University of South Wales on 23 September 2022. The team will also be attending Freshers' Fairs at Cardiff University on 28 & 29 September 2022. In addition, the Engagement Team will be undertaking outreach work with students between 10am and 3pm every day over the next two weeks. In the week commencing 26 September 2022, the team will be located in Llanbleddian Gardens at the rear of Cardiff University Students Union and, in the following week commencing 3 October 2022, the team will be based inside the Students Union building off Senghennydd Road. The team will also be knocking on doors in the local area over a 3-week period between the hours of 3pm and 7pm, commencing on 26 September 2022, with the aim of providing information to students to help them manage their waste and recycling responsibly.

Waste & Litter Advisory Group

A new Waste & Litter Advisory Group has been established to bring together volunteers and experts who can provide input into the work of the Council's Recycling and Neighbourhood Services Team and our waste & recycling policies. The Advisory Group is not a decision-making body and has been established to provide advice & guidance and to work towards achieving shared objectives. I am extremely grateful to those that attended the meeting and to the contribution made by the wider network of 'Love Where you Live' and 'Keep Wales Tidy' groups and volunteers.

Public Services Board Climate Emergency Group

I was pleased to attend the recent meeting of the Cardiff Public Services Board (PSB) Climate Emergency Group. It was great to see public services in Cardiff coming together around the urgent issue of climate change to ensure that we are working together on key areas such as low emission fleet vehicle strategies, energy efficiency in our operational buildings, green infrastructure, lower carbon procurement and how we engage collaboratively to guide the behavioural changes that all organisations need to make to address the Climate Emergency.

One Planet Cardiff Update

Work towards meeting the objectives contained in our One Planet Cardiff strategy and action plan is progressing well. Construction of the new Heat Network is well underway and the Solar Farm at Lamby Way is performing above expectations, delivering clean, renewable power to the city's waste water treatment plant. Another tranche of 24 publicly accessible Electric Vehicle (EV) charging posts are currently being installed in 12 locations across the city, which are located mainly in public car parks close to suburban shopping centres, parks and community hubs. In addition, an exciting programme of engagement with schools and young people in Cardiff is taking shape, with a One Planet Cardiff Pledge by schools due to be launched in the near future.

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