
CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT

Segregated Recycling Expansion

The Council will commence the expansion of segregated recycling from 29 November 2022 in parts of the Rhiwbina, Heath, Splott and Grangetown wards, alongside the original trial areas in the city which will continue with segregated recycling.

The feedback from the initial trials has been vital in improving the strategy in areas such as vehicle design, bag design, publicity and collection timings. Those residents who have been part of the trial have been written to, thanking them for their efforts and explaining some of the findings and next steps.

The Council will be expanding the scheme in a phased manner so that residents are informed about the changes, with staff working on-street to assist with any questions that residents may have. I would like to thank the members from the wards involved in the expansion who have helped identify local partners and talked through concerns and ideas.

Purpose-built vehicles have been procured by the Council which have separate compartments to store the different recyclable items so that they are separated at source/collection, rather than through a secondary sorting process.

By residents reducing, reusing, recycling and composting as much of their waste as possible, the city's recycling rate will increase, so, as a city, we can continue to reduce our carbon footprint and work towards meeting our challenging and important recycling targets.

Cardiff Circular Economy Network

I was pleased to attend the launch of the Cardiff Circular Economy Network (CCEN) at Techniquest on 4 October. The network will work to implement circular economy principles in businesses and schools by sharing and promoting examples of best practice.

A pilot project took place between January and September this year and saw the One Planet Cardiff and Cardiff Commitment teams join forces with Cardiff Metropolitan University and Celsa Steel UK to work with businesses and schools within the Council's boundary to network and develop a deeper understanding of circular economy principles and practices.

To date, CCEN has delivered seven workshops and engaged with 12 schools. These sessions provided educators with tools to embed circular economy principles across the curriculum, supporting the sharing of resources and the development of new lesson plans. This supports the implementation of the One Planet Cardiff Strategy and

educational resources for the new Curriculum for Wales. CCEN has also engaged with businesses in a wide range of sectors such as manufacturing, construction, utilities, retail and finance, and business support service organisations such as Business Wales and Cynnal Cymru have been included.

The CCEN project has successfully brought together different partners to identify problems and work on solutions to make Cardiff a more sustainable city. I was especially pleased to hear how schools and young people are getting involved. We need everyone to be working together to tackle the climate emergency.

Monthly Garden Waste Collections

Kerbside garden waste collections are being collected monthly between 4 October and 25 November 2022, giving households two further green waste collections before the service is suspended during December 2022 and January & February 2023.

Figures show that the amount of garden waste collected from households reduces by 80% over the winter season. With this significant reduction, waste collection crews will focus on the collection of food waste, black bag waste and recycling, which increases significantly over the Christmas period as people spend more time at home.

One-off collections will be arranged over the festive season to remove Christmas trees from residents' homes, with community 'Big Sweep' events being held and the Leaf Fall Street Cleansing Team continuing to operate over the winter months.

Small Mechanical Sweeper Fleet

Cleansing Services are increasing the size of their fleet of small mechanical sweepers from 12 to 16, which will allow a dedicated sweeper to be allocated for cycle lanes and the inner city wards of Cathays, Plasnewydd, Splott and Adamsdown. This will support the development of new rounds in other wards across the city.

One Planet Cardiff Schools Pledge

I attended a meeting of the Cardiff Youth Council on 12 October 2022 to discuss the Climate Emergency and the important role that the youth communities of Cardiff have in our response to it. We discussed the key challenges and projects in our One Planet Cardiff Strategy and the Youth Council then provided feedback on our proposed One Planet Schools Pledge. This pledge will encourage all schools in the city to develop their own school specific plan for decarbonisation and climate action, integrating real-life learning from this into the new curriculum and helping to enable our young citizens to become well informed and persuasive ambassadors for change.

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