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## **CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT**

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### **Recycling Services Over The Christmas Period**

There will be no change to recycling and waste collection dates over the Christmas period this year.

One-off collections of real Christmas trees will take place between 10 and 20 January 2023. These collections will be provided for real Christmas trees only and not any other garden waste. There will also be a real Christmas tree drop-off zone for those wishing to recycle their tree earlier. Information on both the collections and the drop-off zone will be published closer to the Christmas period.

The Household Waste Recycling Centres at Lamby Way and Bessemer Close will be closed on 25-27 December 2022 and 1-2 January 2023.

The demand for recycling and food waste bags increases significantly at this time of year so, if you need to, please visit a local stockist in advance of the festive period.

I would like to ask everyone to make environmentally friendly choices this year when it comes to Christmas cards and presents. Most wrapping paper cannot be recycled, and neither can cards with ribbons, embellishments or glitter. Using gift bags that can be re-used, decorating brown paper to create unique wrapping or sending e-cards are all more sustainable choices.

### **The Cabin Reuse Shop at Lamby Way**

In order to support households in need during this cost-of-living crisis, the Council's partner, Wastesavers, will be running a Christmas Toy Campaign on 3 & 10 December across all their shops, including The Cabin at Lamby Way. The event will support households in poverty to 'Fill a Bag' with toys for £1. In partnership with Wastesavers, the Council will be donating 100% of the takings to a local charity supporting households in poverty over the Christmas period.

### **New Vehicle for Segregated Recycling Service**

I can confirm that a new collection vehicle is now operational in those areas of Cardiff receiving a 'sack sort' segregated recycling service. This collection vehicle enables the collection of multiple items at once and keeps the items separate during the collection.

## **'Big Sweep' Leaf Fall Clearance**

Council staff are extremely busy dealing with leaf fall across the city. Last year, just over 2,700 tonnes of sweepings were collected for processing, with this number likely to grow as our urban tree canopy increases. I've been delighted with the response from residents working together with the Council to tackle leaf fall on streets with lots of trees. Residents on 103 streets in the city have come forward offering to help. Volunteers have been provided with leaf clearance bags, which once swept are collected by our teams. This is especially important with climate change resulting in increased risk of flash-flooding, and the Council has been reminding residents of the role they can play, if they're fit and able and if it is safe to do so, in helping the Council keep the city's 80,000 drainage gullies clear. I would like to extend the Council's thanks to all volunteers.

## **Grow Cardiff**

I was pleased to speak at the Grow Cardiff AGM. Grow Cardiff is a pioneering local charity, which seeks to practically support communities of all ages to come together to grow and sustain edible, wildlife-friendly garden spaces across the city of Cardiff and beyond. They are also a member of the local food partnership, Food Cardiff. Grow Cardiff has recently been involved in discussions with the Council about the integration of One Planet Cardiff issues into our schools. This summer, they presented workshops at the One Planet Cardiff schools' events to raise awareness of the One Planet Cardiff strategy and the role that schools can play in supporting it.

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