
CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT

One Planet Cardiff and Schools

A successful One Planet Cardiff event for schools was held on 8 and 9 November and delivered by the Council's Curriculum team in partnership with the One Planet Cardiff team. Held at the Cardiff City Stadium, the event launched the One Planet Cardiff Schools Pledge. Schools signing the pledge commit to incorporating climate change issues into their teaching and to taking positive action to support the delivery of the One Planet Cardiff Strategy.

Over the two days, 35 schools were represented with over 140 learners present from across the city along with 35 partner organisations. The event highlighted some impressive actions already being taken by schools and showcased a wide range of partner initiatives and learning experiences, which will be made available to school children and schools as the pledge initiative develops.

Greener Whitchurch

The detailed design of the Greener Whitchurch flood alleviation scheme is progressing. Topographical, drainage and ground investigations surveys which will be required for the detailed design are planned for commencement in the new year and discussions are continuing with key stakeholders such as Natural Resources Wales. A drop-in event for the public is being organised by the project team and will take place before Christmas. The date and time of the event will be confirmed shortly and will be advertised via the Council's social media channels.

Coastal Defence Scheme

Preparations are ongoing for the commencement of the Coastal Defence Scheme and applications for the discharge of conditions for both the planning permission and marine licence have been submitted. As part of the enabling works, further ground investigation is required and is expected to begin shortly, with physical construction of the scheme commencing in March 2024.

Cardiff Flood Risk Strategy

Development of the Cardiff Flood Risk Strategy is continuing, with public consultation on the draft strategy planned for January 2024.

Leaf Clearance

Leaf clearance commenced at the start of October and teams have been working to clear leaves and keep highway drains clear. The recent inclement weather has meant flooding of the local highway network and Cleansing Services work closely with colleagues in Highways to address concerns. However, some issues relate to capacity issues of main carrier drains and water will only dissipate once the drains are able to take more water. Cleansing Services undertake a two-week rota of leaf fall clearance working in areas identified as needing attention as set out below:

		Ward Leaf Fall Cleansing Plan – Week A (w/c 09.10.23)				
EAST	Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Rhiwbina	Pentwyn	Llanishen	Gabalfa	Cathays
			Lisvane			
	Ward Leaf Fall Cleansing Plan – Week B (w/c 16.10.23)					
Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Heath	Plasnewydd	Splott	Cyncoed	Adamsdown	
		Penylan				

		Ward Leaf Fall Cleansing Plan – Week A (w/c 09.10.23)				
WEST	Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Whitchurch/ Tongwynlais	Fairwater	Gwaelod Y Garth	Radyr	Canton
	Creigiau/ St Fagans		Pentyrch			
	Ward Leaf Fall Cleansing Plan – Week B (w/c 16.10.23)					
Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Tongwynlais	Ely	Llandaff	Riverside	Grangetown	
Caerau		Llandaff North				

Areas where properties are at risk of flooding or have flooded in the past are cleansed weekly and additional cleansing takes place in these locations prior to inclement weather to ensure highway drains are free from obstruction.

Garden Waste Collections

The current period of industrial action by Unite is scheduled to end on 26 November 2023. Waste Collection Services will undertake one garden waste collection in each ward prior to Christmas starting from 5 December 2023. The volume of garden waste being presented may mean that collections may happen later into the evening than usual or on a different day than usual. The Council will use social media to notify residents and will keep the online collection calendar up to date.

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