

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Waste Education and Enforcement

The need to provide clean streets and take a zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping is highlighted in our Capital Ambition commitments for Cardiff. As part of our commitment to ensuring cleaner streets in the city, the fixed penalty for littering, dog fouling and illegal signage (fly-posting) has increased to £100 with effect from 1st June 2019.

In addition, we are continuing to promote a zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping in partnership with Natural Resources Wales through our “Don’t be a Waste Cowboy” campaign. This aims to raise awareness of the new £300 fixed penalty for fly-tipping and the detrimental effect that fly-tipping has on our city and the local environment.

Central Transport Services (CTS)

CTS has produced a replacement plan for our core fleet of Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs) and will be bringing this forward for the Cabinet to consider in due course. Part of this work has involved looking at different funding methods and maintenance support to increase resilience and maximise future savings for the Council.

CTS recently reviewed workshop productivity and usage of the facility at Coleridge Road. In November 2018, the facility was underutilised and productivity was at around 54%. Figures from the first quarter of 2019/20 indicate that productivity is now much higher at over 80%. This is largely due to taking on the RCV fleet and some additional third party work. In recent weeks, CTS has also utilised the excellent facilities at Coleridge Road to provide vehicle cleaning services to a number of external companies, including CEMEX and Viridor.

With the increased activity at CTS, more staff have been recruited, mainly technicians. As CTS has ambitions to improve in other areas of fleet management, a Workflow Supervisor and Fleet Management IT (FMIT) Officer are currently being recruited. This will assist in improving customer services, compliance and supporting more third party work. CTS has also launched its own website, which is aimed at promoting what CTS does and making it easier for customers to find out information and book MOT’s etc. The new website is currently undergoing final testing, but can be viewed at: <https://cardifftransportservices.co.uk>

Bereavement Services

A number of very successful heritage walks have taken place this month at Cathays Cemetery under the title of 'Graveyard Voices'. Actors and writers from Living Lines and the A48 Theatre Company joined staff from Bereavement Services to bring stories of some of those buried at this historic site to life. In total, around 150 members of the public participated in the event.

Preparations are underway for the annual Baby Memorial Service, which will take place on Sunday 30th June 2019 at Thornhill Chapel. The event is organised in partnership with SANDS and the UHW Chaplaincy Service and is aimed at anyone who has been affected by the death of a child.

A total of £8,000 has been donated to Tenovus Cancer Charity by Bereavement Services through the ICCM Metals Recycling Scheme. Bereavement Services' chosen charity for 2019 is Tenovus and the charity will receive further donations throughout the year from both the Metals Recycling Scheme and memorial service events.

Cardiff Dogs Home

Cardiff City Football Club is committed to supporting Cardiff Dogs Home and the club is working with the Dogs Home to design a permanent poster that will be displayed at Cardiff City Stadium. This came about following a recent visit to the Dogs Home by manager, Neil Warnock, and goalkeeper, Neil Etheridge. Frances Donovan, sports presenter for BBC and ITV who also did the 'Give a Dog a Home' series that featured Cardiff Dogs Home, spoke to the club's owner, Vincent Tan, who then suggested that Cardiff City Football Club should have a more long term link with the Dogs Home. We will be exploring how this partnership can be further developed moving forward.

Cardiff Dogs Home continues to welcome huge numbers of people who want to help and get involved. Dog walker induction sessions are being held at the rate of between 40 and 50 per month and every induction session between now and August 2019 is fully booked. The website has proven to be very popular indeed and, since it was launched in September last year, it has had over one million views.

The Dogs Home has also received three recent requests to be involved in filming for dog related programmes, including a new series of 'Give a Dog a Home', Animal Rescue Live and a new programme which the Dogs Home is helping to do the initial pitch for.

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