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## **CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT**

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### **Opening of Reuse Shop at Lamby Way**

The reuse shop at Lamby Way is now open daily 8.30am to 4.30pm to receive donations and for people to purchase items to reuse. Wastesavers – a social enterprise which works with local councils to reduce the amount of good items going to waste – is working in partnership with Cardiff Council to operate the shop. The official launch of the reuse centre will take place on 13 October 2021.

### **Garden Waste Collections**

Garden waste collections are now on a four-week collection cycle. If residents want further information on their collections, they can access information both online on the Council's website at: [Check my collection dates \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk) or via the CardiffGov app. To support residents, there has also been an increase in the number of booking slots at both recycling centres from 20 to 30 bookings every 30 minutes.

### **HGV Drivers**

Driver shortages continue to be a UK-wide problem post-Brexit. Recycling and Neighbourhood Services are working with the Trade Unions to identify a progression route for internal candidates to train as frontline drivers to provide a sustainable position as we move forward from now and into 2022. The service area continues to actively advertise and recruit drivers. All statutory waste collections have been made to schedule since changes were made to garden waste collections last month.

### **Cardiff Dogs Home**

The Rescue Hotel Veterinary Health Centre, based at Cardiff Dogs Home, was officially opened on 21 August 2021 by Sam Warburton OBE, former Wales and British Lions rugby team captain and Cardiff Dogs Home charity ambassador. The new vet centre aims to keep prices affordable in order to help as many dogs as possible and is open to members of the public, whether they have taken on a dog from the Dogs Home or elsewhere. Demand is already high and 13 dogs were neutered in the first surgery on 6 September 2021. Examples of the fees being charged include:

- Bitch spay £175;
- Dog castrate £100;
- Dog vaccinations from £25; and
- Dentistry £150-350 (depending on amount of work needed).

Microchipping, flea and worm treatments and euthanasia services are also provided. More information can be found on the new website at:

<https://therescuehotelhealthcentre.com/>

The Rescue Hotel has paid for over £36,000 worth of veterinary treatment for dogs at Cardiff Dogs Home and over £10,000 in canine behaviourist input. Their commitment and contributions to this service are second to none and staff look forward to working closely with them in the future.

Volunteers arranged a sale at Cardiff Dogs Home on 4 September 2021, which was very well attended. The event raised a further £1,200 for the kennel fund, which now stands at £125,434.

Dog walking inductions are back in full swing at the Dogs Home and around 20-30 people are being inducted each week whilst still observing Covid-19 protocols. The demand is very high and all current sessions are being booked up quickly in advance. A Kickstart corporate trainee started work at the Dogs Home last month and the service is also looking to take on a Bright Start trainee start in the autumn.

Cardiff Dogs Home was also featured on BBC Crimewatch on 15 September 2021 in relation to dog theft and owners keeping their dogs safe. The Dogs Home team has also produced a Facebook live event with Wales Online to promote rehoming some of our longer-term dogs that need forever homes. Another event will happen in the near future.

### **Bereavement Services**

The Council's Bereavement Services have, once again, been recognised at a national level for their outstanding service to the bereaved of Cardiff, after being named as a finalist in this year's APSE Service Awards for Best Cemetery & Crematorium Team.

### **Cardiff Coastal Defence Scheme**

A planning application for the construction of a series of fluvial and coastal flood defences in Cardiff (ref: 21/02138/MJR) was submitted earlier this month. The application is seeking approval of a scheme to construct rock armour revetments, concrete erosion protection mats, earth bunds, flood gate (at the Rhymney River Motorboat, Sail & Angling Club) and sheet piling in order to reduce the risk of failing coastal flood defences and the release of contaminated landfill material into the Severn Estuary from Lamby Way Tip and the Rover Way Frag Tip, in the immediate future and over the next 100 years. The scheme will also reduce and manage the flood risk to approximately 2,326 residential and approximately 204 commercial properties over the same period.

Following the submission of the draft Full Business Case to Welsh Government, comments have been received and discussion workshops are taking place. The Marine Licence Application was submitted to Natural Resources Wales and has been validated. Public notices are also being published in the Western Mail newspaper on 17 & 24 September 2021.

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