



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 17 October, 2019**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),  
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,  
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and  
Councillor C Leyshon

***Agenda Item : 15***

**SUBJECT: Recommendation of the Scrutiny Working Group - Communal Recycling**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the work of the Scrutiny Working Group;
2. To recommendations i - xv contained within the report ( and listed below) subject to further consideration by the Cabinet Portfolio holder with a detailed response to be provided to the Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee;
3. That further deliberations be taken forward with the Group Director, Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services and Chair of the Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee in relation to recommendation xvi as listed in the report, with a response to be provided to the Committee following such deliberations.
  - i. To continue progressing with the theme of 'Rhyd Recycle Rescue' in the trial area of Rhydyfelin where by residents are encouraged to want to take ownership and change their recycling habits;
  - ii. Direct the Council's legal department to establish the suitability of data sharing and/or Service Level Agreements and to act upon it as appropriate; to consider establishing a formal agreement between RCT officers and Social Housing Landlords to meet formally on a regular basis;
  - iii. That Waste Services continue to be consulted on major planning applications, as appropriate and that Waste Services are consulted with prior to any new residents taking occupancy;
  - iv. To research and review any alternatives to collecting bulky items to address the fly tipping concerns in Rhydyfelin;
  - v. To research and review if recycling participation improves by delivering recycling bags to every resident in the trial area, for example, an agreed allocation of bags every quarter;
  - vi. To provide social landlords with equipment for their inductions, for example, food bins, recycling bags and leaflets, as and when required;
  - vii. To review the locations for the current BCP's in Rhydyfelin and distribute letters to residents to remind them as to where their BCP is and the consequences of disposing their waste at another site and to consider similar trials in other areas;
  - viii. To review the signage and the design of BCP's and the style/size of bins required;
  - ix. To use in-cab technology to identify recycling habits and trends, such as 'WEBASPX' to identify properties that require further awareness/enforcement;
  - x. To consider assisted collections to residents with mobility issues;
  - xi. To consider developing a formal arrangement between all schools across the County Borough and Waste Services to raise awareness on the importance of recycling efficiently and disposing waste appropriately;
  - xii. The development of an appropriate pilot scheme in Rhydyfelin, such as

coloured refuse bags or the 'Red/Amber/Green' letter scheme and to use 'WEBASPX' to identify properties/areas of concern; a project plan will be developed to outline the timescales for identification of the trial areas, a communication timeline, a 'go live' date, follow up consultation and monitoring;

- xiii. To consider progressing with the 'Hackney Bin trial' in Rhydyfelin and if recycling quality improves to consider a roll out into other areas across the County Borough;
- xiv. That further investigation is given to the option of using CCTV at communal bin collection points as a deterrent to disposing of contaminated recycling, excess black bags and bulky items; and
- xv. That successful prosecutions in respect of those residents who continuously refuse to recycle should be promoted and publicised by appropriate means to act as a deterrent to other residents.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to provide the Cabinet with the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Working Group, which was established to deal with 'Recycling in Communal Areas' following a presentation by the Group Director- Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services at its meeting held on the 27th of September 2018.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:**

As outlined in Section 9 of the report, the outcomes of the Working Group are consistent with the priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan, in particular "Place – creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work".

The outputs of the Strategy will also assist the Council contribute to the Wellbeing goals that 'The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015' has put in place.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

A consultation was undertaken in partnership with Newydd Housing Association.

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – [12<sup>th</sup> September 2019](#)

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

None

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

N/A

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

Yes

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **23 October 2019** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

**I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-**

Reason: N/A

**II. URGENT DECISION:-**

Reason N/A

**8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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