

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016-2017**

**PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY,  
COMMUNITIES & PROSPERITY  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**Agenda Item No. 4**

**EXECUTIVE RESPONSE –  
PARTICIPATION RATES IN RECYCLING  
ACROSS RCT**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of the response received from the Executive to the findings and recommendations of the Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee whole committee review into the 'Participation Rates in Recycling Across RCT'.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members:-
- 2.2 Receive and acknowledge the response from the Executive to the recommendations submitted by this Committee following its whole committee review into the Participation Rates in Recycling across RCT.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The report of the Committee's review into the 'Participation Rates in Recycling Across RCT' was agreed by Committee at its meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and subsequently passed to the Executive for consideration.
- 3.2 The Scrutiny report was formally considered by Cabinet at the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 when the following recommendations were agreed:-
- a) That all Elected Members of the Council undertake training on the recycling targets, contamination and the recycling collection system so that they can fully understand the service
- b) That the project to increase and maintain a high level of participation in both dry and food recycling is rolled out to other areas across Rhondda Cynon Taf to support the Council meet its legislative targets.

3.3 The response of the Executive to Committee's recommendations is attached as Appendix 1.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**as amended by**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**Item: Response of the Executive**

Minute 10 Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny  
Committee 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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Date/Dyddiad: 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Councillor Davies,

Thank you for your report of the Public Service Delivery, Communities and prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the work undertaken by its working group in relation to 'Participation Rates in Recycling across RCT'.

Improving recycling has been part of the Council's Corporate priorities for a number of years through the 'Keeping Rhondda Cynon Taf Clean and Green' priority and it is an area that I regularly push forward for continuous improved performance, as the responsible Cabinet Member. It is pleasing to note that as a Council in 2015/16 we have achieved our best ever recycling results and are on target to meet the Welsh Government's recycling target of 64% by 2018. However, like you have highlighted within your review, this performance hasn't always been the case and it is evident that success in this area needs a collaborative approach with both the Council and its residents.

I welcome the recommendations that you as a Committee have put forward for the Cabinet and agree that Awareness Raising, Training and Engagement are key tools that will assist us in maintaining the success that we have witnessed this year, to ensure that such performance becomes the norm and not just a one off. As recommended, training of Elected Members who hold key roles within their wards will, I believe, greatly assist the service in getting the right messages across to our local residents, not just on how to recycle but the importance of recycling for RCT now and for our future generations.

As you have highlighted, although the participation training may be resource intensive, the improved outcomes that have already been witnessed from conducting such training and future outcomes both environmentally and financially would outweigh such implications, especially the potential of alleviating any future fines if the Council were not to deliver on Welsh Government's proposed recycling targets.



As Cabinet member, can I again thank all of the members for their involvement in this important piece of work, the officers who assisted you and the members of the public who engaged with you to assist you with your project. I believe that taking forward the recommendations outlined within your review will positively impact service delivery in this area.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Ann Crimmings**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Leisure**  
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Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion yr Amgylchedd, Diwylliant a Hamdden