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# **SCRUTINY : NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES, PLANNING AND COUNTRYSIDE**

**2.30 pm MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 2018  
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)

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in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 relating to Council Tax, the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct

**Note:**

(a) Members are reminded that they must identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest and

(b) Where Members withdraw from a Meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they must notify the Chair when they leave

3. Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC)  
To consider the attached report **5 - 8**
  
4. Environment Enforcement across the County Borough – Update  
No officers in attendance - report for information. **9 - 14**
  
5. Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions  
To receive an update from the Chair
  
6. Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting  
To receive an update from the Chair.
  
7. Scrutiny Committee Work Programme  
To consider the attached report **15 - 26**
  
8. Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair

**COMPOSITION:**

Councillors: D Sammon (Chair)  
D Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: M Colbran, J Davies, L Davies and  
C T Jones

Co-optees: R Holdaway and J McCarthy

together with appropriate officers

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## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date Written	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Report Author	Paul Davies/Stephen Thomas
Service Area	Waste Services
Committee Date	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018

*To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen*

## **Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC)**

### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The report provides information on the management and operations of the Household Waste & Recycling Centres (HWRCs) following the expiry of the Private sector contract in September 2018 and subsequent in-house management of the sites.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S):**

2.1 The content of this report to be discussed and noted.

### **3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

3.1 Since the provision of Household Waste & Recycling Centres became a statutory requirement (EPA 1990), in the early 1990s MTCBC have contracted to private sector companies to manage and operate the sites on our behalf.

3.2 Between September 2013 and September 2018 the HWRCs at Dowlais and Aberfan have been managed and operated by Potters Waste Management Ltd.

3.3 In 2016/17 it became evident that the current contract with Potters was costly and had limited control over the way that MTCBC needed it to operate.

3.4 Between January and June 2017 a business case was developed to consider options for the council on the expiry of the existing contract on 31<sup>st</sup> August.

3.5 Three options were considered:

Option 1 – Extend the existing contract for a further 2 years.

Option 2 – Tender for the provision of another private sector contract.

Option 3 – Manage and operate the service in-house.

3.6 Following evaluation of the options above, option 3 was selected as the preferred option. This decision was based on option 3 being identified as the most cost effective as well as providing the council with more control over management of the sites.

3.7 On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the proposal to manage the HWRCs in-house was given Full Council approval.

## **4.0 WHERE WE WERE**

4.1 Following the council approval an implementation plan was developed to ensure that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 the council was ready to manage and operate the sites.

4.2 Critical areas of the plan were:

- Ensure that an effective exit strategy for Potters was in place.
- Obtain new waste management permits and Fire Mitigation Plans for each site.
- Develop an Environmental Management System for the sites.
- Appoint a sites manager and supervisor.
- Ensure that the council had the relevant qualifications to operate the sites legally.
- Procure plant & equipment.
- Procure markets for recyclable materials.
- Re-develop areas of the Dowlais site to comply with the permit requirements.

4.3 All of the points above were achieved within their relevant timeframes ensuring a good transition.

## **5.0 WHERE WE ARE NOW**

5.1 The sites have been managed and operated efficiently from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Contractual arrangements with the material reprocessors are operating effectively. Ongoing dialogue continues with the contractors to ensure that material streams are clean and free from contaminants.

5.2 The sites are cleaner than they were under the previous contractor. A strict cleansing schedule has been implemented.

5.3 The new traffic management system that has been developed at the Dowlais site is working efficiently, providing a quicker throughput of traffic using the site as well as providing site users with an easier system for depositing their materials.

- 5.4 The new site layouts, including the provision of sorting stations at both sites ensures that we are able to maximise the amount of recyclable materials we collect and reduce the amount of residual waste.
- 5.5 As all of the tonnage data required to report the percentage of materials recycled has not yet been provided, the recovery rates for September for each site hasn't been collated. Monthly recovery figures will be available for each site/month by the end of the subsequent month.
- 5.6 Negotiation with the Potter's staff are ongoing in relation to their TUPE transfer. The staff that expressed a wish to transfer over to MTCBC are currently working to the Potters terms and conditions.
- 5.7 An additional site operative has been appointed and the use of agency staff to cover leave and sickness has been implemented.

## **6.0 WHERE WE WANT TO BE**

- 6.1 To provide compliant, user friendly sites, making improvements where necessary.
- 6.2 To effectively contribute to our overall recovery performance targets.
- 6.3 To attain a high level of recovery at the sites aiming to achieve and exceed wales government's collections blueprint figure of 90%.

## **7.0 WHAT WE NEED TO DO NEXT**

- 7.1 The council is legally required to ensure continued compliance with the site's waste management permits which are being attained but may require future improvements in line with any changing legislation.
- 7.2 Finalise the TUPE transfer of Potter's staff.
- 7.3 Maintain and improve on high quality material for recycling.
- 7.4 Amend and improve the current van permit scheme.
- 7.5 Investigate the opportunity to accept trade recyclables at the sites.
- 7.6 Develop a system to collect re-useable items for re-sale at the proposed re-use shop in Pentrebach.

## **8.0 CONTRIBUTION TO WELLBEING OBJECTIVES**

- 8.1 Waste Services contributes to the Council's environmental wellbeing objective; communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.

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## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT - INFORMATION REPORT**

Date Written	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Report Author	Paul Jones, Jemma Price
Service Area	Neighbourhood Services
Committee Date	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018

*To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen*

## **Environment Enforcement across the County Borough - Update**

### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 An information report to update committee members on the current position of the Environmental Cleansing and Enforcement Team in regards to enforcement.

### **2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Fly tipping is a Corporate Priority and has been high on the agenda since February 2016. Fly tipping is not unique to Merthyr Tydfil; it is a national problem and fly tipping incidents are increasing. According to Keep Britain Tidy 2016/17 Local Authorities in the UK recorded in excess of one million incidents of fly tipping costing over £50 million of tax payer's money to clear off Council owned land.

### **3.0 WHERE WE WERE**

- 3.1 In Merthyr Tydfil, outcomes were **adequate** for fly tipping as the performance scores for fly tipping clearance were slightly better than the all Wales average, as shown in the table below.

Table 1: Percentage of fly tipping incidents cleared within 5 working days in 2012/13

<b>Key Indicators</b>	<b>March 2013 Merthyr Tydfil</b>	<b>March 2013 Wales</b>
Fly tipping incidents cleared within 5 working days	92.3 %	92.2 %

- 3.2 The Fly-tipping functionality formed a part of the Waste Services Department in 2012/13 and resources included two members of staff (3.5 days per week) and the use of one vehicle (this also included all receptacle deliveries, private works).
- 3.3 All fly-tipping evidence was gathered by Waste Services and passed to Environmental Health Department for further action. All prosecutions were undertaken by Environmental Health.
- 3.4 Fly tipping is not unique to Merthyr Tydfil; it is a national problem and fly tipping incidents are increasing. Tackling fly tipping within Merthyr Tydfil has been high on the agenda over the last two years and links into the corporate priority 'A Sustainable Environment'.
- 3.5 Local Authorities (LA's) are responsible for clearing fly-tipping on public land. LA's may also investigate incidents on private land but there is no obligation to clear the waste.
- 3.6 Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is responsible for dealing with large scale illegal dumping, including incidents involving organised crime and certain hazardous wastes. NRW will only clear up such waste where there is an immediate risk to the environment or human health.
- 3.7 The percentage of waste cleared off Council owned land in Merthyr Tydfil compared to All Wales from 2013/14 to 2017/18 is shown in Table 2:

Table 2: Percentage of fly tipping incidents cleared off Council owned land within 5 days from 2013/14 to 2017/18:

<b>Key Indicators</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
% Fly tipping incidents cleared within 5 working days (Council Land) in Merthyr Tydfil	96	92	95	100	100
% Fly tipping incidents cleared within 5 working days (Council Land) in Wales	95	93	95	95	95

## **4.0 WHERE WE ARE NOW**

### **Fly tipping Complaints**

- 4.1 In 2016/17 and 2017/18 MTCBC achieved 100% for incidents of fly tipping waste cleared off Council owned land within 5 working days. According to All Wales data, MTCBC have been the top performing authority for fly tipped waste removed off council owned land within 5 working days since 2016/17.
- 4.2 In April 2018 the performance indicator for fly tipping clearance changed from the percentage of incidents cleared from council owned land within 5 working days to the average number of days taken to clear fly tipped waste from council owned land. In April 2018 we received 299 reports of fly tipping in which we cleared the waste on council owned land on average of 2.01 days.
- 4.3 In May 2018 we received 329 reports of fly tipping. The waste was removed from Council owned land on average of 1.99 days.
- 4.4 In June 2018 reports of fly tipping reduced to 270 complaints. The waste was removed from Council owned land on an average of 1.62 days.
- 4.5 July 2018 saw reported complaints fall to 237. The average number of days taken to clear the waste was 1.73 days.
- 4.6 Complaints rose to 273 in August 2018 and the average number of days taken to clear waste was 1.46 days.
- 4.7 In September 2018 reported complaints were 243. The average number of days taken to clear the waste from council owned land was 1.52 days.
- 4.8 The average number of days taken to clear waste in quarter 1 and 2 was 1.72 days.

### **Fly Tipping Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)**

- 4.9 On 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) (Wales) Regulations came into force to help Local Authorities to tackle fly tipping across Wales by way of serving FPNs for small scale fly tipping offences.
- 4.10 A report was put before Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 asking committee members to approve the report giving authorised officers the powers to serve £400 FPNs for first time, small scale fly tipping offences. This report was approved and FPNs were served from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.
- 4.11 Since April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, 30 FPNs for small scale fly tipping have been served, in which 7 have been paid. Ten FPNs have been revoked for various reasons. One reason is, if information is found for two people living in the same address but one person takes full responsibility for the disposal of the waste, then the other FPN is revoked and only one person is expected to pay. Four FPNs are still within the initial payment period and 3 are in final demand stage. Six FPNs have been progressed to a formal investigation.

## **Section 34 Notices**

- 4.12 A section 34 Notice is a legal notice served on a business giving them 7 days to furnish documentation proving how they dispose of their commercial waste. This section comes under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 4.13 Should a business fail to respond, or give insufficient documentation, a £300 FPN is served which gives the business 14 days to discharge liability.
- 4.14 If no payment is received the business is served with a final demand notice giving a further 7 days to discharge liability. If there is no response, the file is passed to the Legal Department for consideration for prosecution.
- 4.15 Should the business furnish adequate documentation, no further action is taken.
- 4.16 We aim to serve at least 5 notices per week as this allows us to establish how businesses are disposing of their commercial waste. This exercise was implemented due to the nature of the waste found during fly tipping investigations.

## **Prosecutions**

- 4.17 Since the implementation of the Environmental Cleansing and Enforcement Team, there have been 12 successful prosecutions for fly tipping and s.34 offences. There are currently 5 files with the legal department awaiting initial court hearings. A further 3 cases are with legal and have Court dates. 11 cases have been through the formal interview stage and require the case file to be written up and one S.34 case file is due to be written up.

## **Promotion and Awareness**

- 4.18 We are working closely with Corporate Communications to promote the work that the Enforcement Team are undertaking including, before & after pictures, fly tipping videos, publicising enforcement action taken etc.
- 4.19 We are also working on new initiatives to raise awareness on the effects of fly tipping on the borough and the work required to clear and investigate. We have worked with Corporate Communications to create a newsletter to post online and on all social media streams to keep the public up to date.
- 4.20 Other ways in which awareness is raised is by adding warning signs on litter bins to discourage residents from depositing household waste in public litter bins. Letter drops are also carried out in problematic areas and where cleansing operations have been undertaken.
- 4.21 Officers within the Environmental Cleansing and Enforcement Team have built a better working relationship with the local Constabulary which in-turn means more patrols have been undertaken in partnership around the borough. These patrols have meant that officers have been able to undertake a stop and search with other officers in the council and the Police. As well as this we have also undertaken a stop and search in partnership with Caerphilly CBC, SW Police, Gwent Police, Commoners Association and NRW.

## **5.0 WHERE WE WANT TO BE**

- 5.1 We would like to significantly reduce the instances of fly tipping within the borough. In order to achieve this we would like to remove and investigate all instances of fly tipping on council owned land within a timely manner. Where necessary we also aim to prosecute to help reduce the incidents of fly tipping.
- 5.2 We want to carry out more surveillance to gain intelligence and evidence on fly tippers. The Environmental Cleansing and Enforcement Team have a number of covert cameras available to use for surveillance purposes. Due to the capacity within the department, there is a lack of surveillance being carried out. More surveillance will have a positive effect on the department as it will allow for more prosecutions, which with publicity, will deter potential offenders from fly tipping in the area.
- 5.3 We would like all businesses within the borough to adhere to their duty of care under s.34 of the Environmental Protection Act (1990). This can be achieved by establishing how businesses dispose of their waste and ensuring it is done in a safe and legal manner.

## **6.0 WHAT WE NEED TO DO NEXT**

- 6.1 Prioritise hot spot areas and continue to send letter drops to problematic areas advising of the issues in the area and ask for information.
- 6.2 Continue to serve FPNs for small scale fly tipping.
- 6.3 Continue to establish how businesses are disposing of their commercial waste.
- 6.4 Continue with Comms updates.
- 6.5 Add livery to all cleansing vehicles to raise awareness of fly tipping and FPNs.

## **7.0 CONTRIBUTION TO WELLBEING OBJECTIVES**

- 7.1 Environmental enforcement contributes to the Council's environmental wellbeing objective; communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.

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## **SCRUTINY REPORT**

Date Written	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Report Author	Scrutiny Section
Committee Division	Scrutiny
Exempt/Non Exempt	Non Exempt
Committee Date	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018

*To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen*

## **Scrutiny Committee Work Programme**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with its work programme for consideration and to prepare in advance of the next scrutiny committee meeting.
- 1.2 To remind scrutiny committee members that they need to consider the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in all aspects of scrutiny work.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 The Committee considers the attached work programme and approves, revises or amends it as deemed appropriate.

### **3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The attached work programme identifies the topics and issues under consideration by the Scrutiny Committee and allows an opportunity for additional subjects to be identified and included on the programme.
- 3.2 Scrutiny committees are required to prepare and keep under review a programme for their future work. By reviewing and prioritising issues, members are able to ensure that the work programme delivers a member-led agenda.
- 3.3 The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires each Public Service Board (PSB) and Council to work with their communities to develop local objectives. Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (MTCBC) and the Cwm Taf PSB have acted on this.

- 3.4 MTCBC has four local Wellbeing Objectives, each having clear outcomes that will help the Council to respond to local community needs and contribute to the seven national wellbeing goals. The four Wellbeing Objectives are:-

**BS Best Start to Life** - Children and young people get the best start to life and are equipped with the skills they need to be successful learners and confident individuals. The key outcomes (or components) for Best Start to Life are:

- Children live in a nurturing and stimulating home environment
- Children have access to high quality pre-school and school education
- Improve the educational outcomes for all children and young people
- Children and young people have good health and wellbeing

**WL Working Life** - People feel supported to develop the skills required to meet the needs of businesses, with a developing, safe infrastructure that establishes Merthyr Tydfil as an attractive destination. The key outcomes (or components) to support the response to this objective include:

- Making skills work for Merthyr Tydfil: developing the workforce of the future;
- Developing the environment and infrastructure for business to flourish;
- Communities protect, enhance and promote our heritage and cultural assets;
- Developing safer communities; and
- Supporting and accommodating those most disadvantaged in the housing market.

**EW Environmental Wellbeing** - Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside. The key outcomes (or components) for communities to protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside include:

- Minimise environmental damage through prevention of pollution;
- Maximise efficient use of materials and resources by means of the waste hierarchy;
- Developing good quality, biodiverse and connected green infrastructure and open spaces; and
- Promoting and supporting the use of renewable and low carbon energy.

**LW Living Well** - People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they are safe and enjoy good physical and mental health. To ensure a holistic approach is met in this objective, the key outcomes (or components) for Living Well will include:

- Safeguarding children and adults who are at risk of harm;
- Tackling adverse childhood experiences and developing community Resilience;
- Promoting healthy behaviours and increased levels of physical activity;
- Promote good emotional wellbeing and improved mental health;
- Clear and accessible information and advice; and
- Services that provide people with the ability to live in their own home

- 3.5 The Scrutiny Committee is encouraged to identify issues that reflect these priorities that are within your remit and/or are a priority for local people and communities. If a matter is a recurring issue for the people you, as Councillors, represent, the likelihood is that it is something that the Committee should consider. The more relevant the issue is to local communities then the greater the likelihood of engaging those communities in the scrutiny process and of producing outcomes that will be visible to those communities you represent.
- 3.6 MTCBC has developed an 'Our Shared Vision' document (Appendix I). This makes the connections from the seven national Wellbeing Goals through to the local objectives and political priorities. This document is contained within one page and acts as an easy to understand guide. When considered with service area strategies and operational plans a thread is created that can be extended down to individual tasks. This helps staff members see how they are contributing to the Act and the 'Wales We Want', and will assist Scrutiny members better understand the connections with the Act.
- 3.7 The work programme is a dynamic document and is reviewed at every meeting of the Committee to ensure that its contents are still relevant and will add value to what the Council and partners are doing. At each meeting the committee will agree the agenda items for their next meeting and in preparation may in advance wish to ask itself the following questions.

**Q) Why has the item been placed on a scrutiny work programme?**

- a. Does this item/topic contribute to the delivery of the Council's Wellbeing Objectives and priorities?
- b. Is this item/topic relating to service performance concerns?
- c. Is this item/topic of significant public interest?
- d. Has the item/topic got budgetary implications?
- e. Is this a item/topic where Scrutiny involvement will make a significant difference and achieve tangible outcomes?
- f. Can effective Scrutiny of this issue be delivered from within available resources?

**Q) What is the specific role of the committee?**

This will depend on the item – for example the role could be:

- a. to determine if performance levels are acceptable in relation to a particular department
- b. to determine if a specific policy is fit for purpose
- c. to satisfy itself that the Authority is working well with its partners in tackling a major issue
- d. to gather the views of specific stakeholders as part of an on-going scrutiny investigation / review
- e. to explore possible solutions to an issue

**Q) What outcome is the committee seeking from the consideration of this item?**

- a. To comment on the proposed budget and make suggestions to cabinet regarding the proposed budget's ability to deliver the priorities of the council
- b. Identification of any causes for concern and note successes.
- c. To receive an overview presentation.
- d. To gain an understanding of and to comment on a policy / strategy

- e. To explore ideas around the setting of budgets while considering the pressures facing each service. This also helps provide an overview of the policy frame work.
  - f. For the scrutiny committee to gain an overview and refresh their knowledge of the wellbeing objectives / other plan / other strategy.
  - g. Improvement in service delivery
- Q) What information does the committee need to fulfil this role / achieve this outcome?**  
What is the Committee trying to do? You might be trying to do some or all of the following i.e. establish facts; gather opinions; or explore new ideas / solutions.
- Q) Who should be invited to the meeting to provide the information?**  
Depending on the information you need you might want to hear from a range of witnesses – e.g. Cabinet members, Senior Officers, Service users, and External partners – e.g. Police, Strategic Partners etc
- Q) Does the committee need to ask for written representations?**  
The Committee may wish to pose some questions to the Directorate / Cabinet member / External Partner etc prior to the meeting. This may help in instances when the committee is looking for something specific to be addressed. This will assist whoever is attending ensure that they have the information / answer ready for the meeting.
- Q) Which meeting format / venue would be most appropriate for the item and for the witnesses that will be invited to attend?**  
Meetings do not have to be held in a formal committee room environment. You may wish to hold occasional meetings out in the community e.g. community centres, sports facilities etc. It depends on the subject. Some people find the formal setting intimidating. Site visits for example may be more appropriate to see first-hand what the committee is investigating / obtaining information on e.g. waste sites, regeneration projects etc.
- Q) Method of Scrutiny?**  
Once Members have identified the matters they wish to scrutinise, consideration should be given to scoping the subject in more detail including the timing and method of scrutiny to be used. Support in this process will be given by the Scrutiny and Support Manager and Officer. Members may wish to:
- a. Consider an item at a single meeting;
  - b. Consider an item over a series of meetings;
  - c. Allocate the work to a small working group of Members (Task & Finish group) to investigate the issue over a period of 2-3 months (this may involve visits to see how services are working in practice);
  - d. Undertake an Inquiry Day (or days);
  - e. Undertake joint scrutiny with members of another Scrutiny Committee;
  - f. Invite expert witnesses to give their views;
  - g. Seeking the views of service users/carers and/or the general public (public calls for evidence).

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Statement of Wellbeing & Focus on the Future: Wellbeing in our Community	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	<a href="#">MTCBC Website</a> Full Council 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?</b>		<b>No</b>

**OUR SHARED VISION**

**“ACTING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW”**

*The Wales we want:*

A prosperous Wales	A resilient Wales	A healthier Wales	A more equal Wales	A Wales of cohesive communities	A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A globally responsible Wales
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*The shared vision for Merthyr Tydfil to get there:*

**To strengthen Merthyr Tydfil’s position as the regional centre for the Heads of the Valleys, and be a place to be proud of where:**  
 People learn and develop skills to fulfil their ambitions,  
 People live, work, have a safe, healthy and fulfilled life,  
 People visit, enjoy and return



**Focus on the Future**

<b>Best Start to Life</b> Children and young people have the best start to life and are equipped with the skills they need to be successful learners and confident individuals.
<b>Working Life</b> People feel supported to develop the skills required to meet the needs of businesses with a developing, safe infrastructure making Merthyr Tydfil as an attractive destination.
<b>Environmental Wellbeing</b> Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.
<b>Living Well</b> People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they are safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.

**PSB Wellbeing Plan**

<b>Community Resilience and Wellbeing</b> To promote safe, confident, strong and thriving communities improving the wellbeing of residents and visitors and building on our community assets.
<b>Lifestyles, health and vulnerability</b> To help people live long and healthy lives and overcome any challenges.
<b>Economy and Infrastructure</b> To grow a strong local economy with sustainable transport that attracts people to live, work and play in Cwm Taf.
<b>Tackling loneliness and isolation (Cross cutting objective)</b> We will work in new ways to channel the undoubted strengths of our communities, including volunteers to tackle more effectively the loneliness and isolation which often exists within many of them.

**Political Priorities**

We will look after all our citizens by providing an affordable quality education and social care enabling everybody to lead their lives to their full potential.
We will encourage active lifestyles and promote wellbeing.
We will support a strong, sustainable, diverse and successful environment and economy.

*Merthyr Tydfil ... a place to be proud of*  
**Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council**

# Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2018/19

(The Work Programme is reviewed at each meeting and as such is subject to change)

Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Linked to MTCBC's Wellbeing Objectives (Corporate Objectives)	Officer & Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Martin Stark / Carwyn Morris / Sue Gow / Cherylee Evans	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - The nitrogen dioxide levels exceeded the National Air Quality Objective at a number of monitoring locations along the Twynyrodyn Road from the roundabout at the western end (Tesco) to the crossroads between Gilfach-Cynon and Arfryn Place. This is an area of high Public interest / concern and will this report will provide the committee with an update on the Air Quality Management Area.
	<b>Energy Update (Carbon Management)</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Mick Campbell / Cherylee Evans	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - A report to provide an update on the Carbon Management Plan. This outlines a strategy to deliver a programme of initiatives to achieve our reduction targets and ultimately reduce the Authority's revenue expenditure by £350,000 per annum by the end of the five year plan.
	<b>Environment Enforcement across the County Borough</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	No Officers in attendance – Report for information.	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - An information report to provide an update on environmental enforcement i.e. number of fly tipping prosecutions; Section 34 notices; Fixed Penalty Notices etc. This is a standing item. This is an area of high Public interest / concern.
	<b>Task &amp; Finish Group report on "Capital Project Referral (Brandy Bridge scheme / Road Slip - South of Pontygwaith)"</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Task and Finish Group	The Task and Finish Group will provide a report for the Committee for consideration. This follows the referral from Cabinet member for Governance.
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	<b>Countryside (including the Environment Act)</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Rolf Brown / Judith Jones	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - A report to provide the committee with details for example of what the Section does, what they can do to help Community Groups.

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		<b>Open Spaces Strategy – An update</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Tom Bramley / Judith Jones	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - a shared and strategic approach to the provision of open space is essential for the provision of well-designed and cared for open spaces within our County Borough. To receive details of the Councils Open Space Strategy and details of current and future plans. To also provide details of all Measures- and progress against them.
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018		<b>Recycling / Landfill (Performance).</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr K Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Paul Davies / Steve Thomas	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:-</b> By 2025 at least 70% of municipal waste is to be recycled and the remaining (residual) 30% is to be dealt with by high efficiency Energy from Waste plant. The Recycling / Landfill performance data will have been published in August. The main focus of the Authority is to build on recent successes and continue to improve performance to enable us to exceed the Welsh Government statutory target. A report to scrutiny providing details of the figures, showing trends, comparisons with other Welsh authorities and progress against targets.
		<b>Environment Enforcement across the County Borough</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Simon Jones (Legal) / Jemma Price (Nee Rough) / Paul Jones	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - A report to provide an update on environmental enforcement i.e. number of fly tipping prosecutions; Section 34 notices; Fixed Penalty Notices etc. Also an update on the new legislation and how this has been implemented.
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018		<b>Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC)</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Paul Davies / Steve Thomas	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - The contract for the management of Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC's) expired on 1st September 2018 and the facilities were brought back under the control of the Council. How has the transition gone?

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3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	<b>Environment Enforcement across the County Borough</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	No Officers in attendance – Report for information.	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - An information report to provide an update on environmental enforcement i.e. number of fly tipping prosecutions; Section 34 notices; Fixed Penalty Notices etc. This is a standing item. This is an area of high Public interest / concern.
	<b>Street Cleansing Performance</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Jemma Rough / Paul Jones	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - A report to provide an update on the cleanliness of the streets within the borough i.e. litter picking, needle stick complaints, dog fouling. This is an area of high Public interest / concern.
	<b>Local Development Plan (LDP) Update</b>  <b>This was rescheduled from 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 as agreed by the scrutiny committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr K Gibbs / John Raine / Judith Jones	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, all Councils have a duty to produce an LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which must be submitted to the Welsh Government by the end of October each year. Scrutiny will – firstly consider whether the policies identified in the monitoring framework are being implemented, and secondly, to consider whether the plan as a whole is working successfully.
21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	<b>Highways; Winter Maintenance; and Street Lighting Update</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Darren Chaffe / Chris Ridout	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - An update on Highways; Winter Maintenance; and Street Lighting

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11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	<b>Carbon Management</b>	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Mick Campbell / Energy Officer / Cheryllee Evans	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - A report to provide an update on the Carbon Management Plan. This outlines a strategy to deliver a programme of initiatives to achieve our reduction targets and ultimately reduce the Authority's revenue expenditure by £350,000 per annum by the end of the five year plan.
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