



## ***FULL COUNCIL REPORT***

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*To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen*

## **Wales Probation Service**

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

- 1.1 The Council's Street Scene service have been in discussion with the Wales Probation Service in relation to participating in their Community Payback (CP) service.
- 1.2 Community Payback is a sentence of the court that requires people to carry out a set number of hours of work for the benefit of local communities. CP is also rehabilitative and enables people to payback for their offending, build self esteem and learn new skills.
- 1.3 It is intended that the CP users will work 3 days a week and will carry out tasks such as prepping and painting railings, weeding, grass cutting and strimming, litter picking and bin emptying.
- 1.4 Wales Probation Service seek an annual contribution towards the cost of supervision of the placement, transporting the service users, tools and equipment amounting to £21,000 (ex VAT)

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that**

- 2.1 The annual contribution of £21k (ex VAT) to the Wales Probation Service in return for use of their Community Payback service, be approved.

### 3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council’s Street Scene service has been in discussion with the Wales Probation Service in relation to participating in their Community Payback (CP) service in the areas of Cemeteries and Grounds maintenance.
- 3.2 CP is a sentence of the court that requires people to carry out a set number of hours of work for the benefit of the local community. CP is also rehabilitative and enables people to payback for their offending, build self esteem and learn new skills.
- 3.3 The intention is that we enter into a Service Level Agreement with the Wales Probation Service for them to provide individuals 3 days a week to carry out specified tasks within Cemeteries and Grounds Maintenance. A CP co-ordinator will be responsible for liaising with the Street Scene Manager, and it is acknowledged that as the Probation Service have no control over the number of people sentenced, the numbers and skill level are constantly changing and there may be occasions when they cannot meet all elements of the agreement.
- 3.4 Wales Probation Services will always seek a contribution towards the cost of supervision of the placement, transporting the service users to and from the placement, or towards the use of tools and equipment.

### 4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 In order to introduce the Community Payback service, an increase of £21k (ex VAT) to the Street Scene service budget is required, to be contributed to the Wales Probation Service.

### 5.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Neutral/Not Applicable
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	3 of 4	0 of 4	1 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
4. Socio-economic Disadvantage	0 of 6	0 of 6	6 of 6
5. Consultation and Engagement	Undertaken 0 of 1	Due to be Undertaken 0 of 1	Not Required

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6. Data and Evidence to inform the proposal	Yes		No	
	0 of 1		1 of 1	
7. Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems	Maintained	Enhanced	Reduced	Neutral/Not Applicable
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<b>Summary</b>				
The main positive impacts are:	The contribution to the Wellbeing objectives, the Sustainable development principles, and Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems			
The main negative impacts are:	None identified.			

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
None		
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

***Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.***