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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

16th September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee will be held in Virtually via Microsoft Teams - if you would like to attend this meeting live via Microsoft Teams please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk on Monday, 21st September, 2020 at 10.00 am.

Please note that a pre and post meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start and following the conclusion of the meeting for members of the committee.

Yours faithfully

Michelle Morris
Managing Director

AGENDA

Pages

1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required

We welcome correspondence in the medium of Welsh or English. / Croesawn ohebiaith trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg.

should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

2. APOLOGIES

To receive.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

To receive.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 5 - 10

To receive the minutes of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee held on 4th March, 2020.

(Please note the minutes are submitted for accuracy points only).

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 11 - 16

To receive the minutes of the special Community Services Scrutiny Committee held on 1st September, 2020.

(Please note the minutes are submitted for accuracy points accuracy only).

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To consider the report of the Team Manager Street Scene.

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To consider the report of the Chair of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee.

9. EXEMPT ITEM

To receive and consider the following report which in the opinion of the proper officer is an exempt item taking into

account consideration of the public interest test and that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting (the reason for the decision for the exemption is available on a schedule maintained by the proper officer).

10. REGIONAL WOOD WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY

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To consider the report of the Team Leader Waste Compliance and Development.

To: Councillor M. Moore (Chair)
Councillor C. Meredith (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P. Baldwin
Councillor M. Cook
Councillor G. L. Davies
Councillor S. Healy
Councillor W. Hodgins
Councillor J. Holt
Councillor H. McCarthy
Councillor J. Millard
Councillor G. Paulsen
Councillor K. Pritchard
Councillor T. Sharrem
Councillor B. Summers
Councillor L. Winnett

All other Members (for information)
Manager Director
Chief Officers

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: **THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
4TH MARCH, 2020**

REPORT OF: **LEADERSHIP AND
DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. WILKINS (CHAIR)

Councillors C. Meredith (Vice-Chair)

M. Cook

L. Elias

S. Healy

W. Hodgins

J. Holt

H. McCarthy

J.P. Morgan

B. Summers

L. Winnett

WITH: Chief Officer Commercial
The Team Manager - Leisure & Street Scene
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer/Advisor

AND: **Members of the Working Group**
Councillor P. Edwards
Councillor J.C. Morgan

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u> It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 2	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>The following apologies for absence were received:-</p> <p>Councillor G. Paulsen Councillor T. Sharrem Councillor P. Baldwin</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>Item No. 5 Service Review Councillor W. Hodgins</p> <p>The Member advised that he had received legal advice and although he was permitted to declare an interest in his capacity as a member of the Board he could remain in the meeting and take part in discussions.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>The Chair noted that these Minutes had been submitted in error and had been agreed at the last meeting.</p>	

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 5	<p><u>SERVICE REVIEW</u></p> <p>Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).</p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Commercial.</p> <p>The Chief Officer Commercial gave a detailed overview of the report which had been presented in order for Members to scrutinise the findings from the Service Review. The Chief Officer Commercial outlined the key points in the report as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope and Background • Phase Two • Future Options • Observations, Risks and Opportunities • New Strategic Partnership Board <p>In conclusion the Chief Officer Commercial referred Members to the options for consideration and advised that both options challenged the previous service delivery model. The Chief Officer noted that both options posed risks and opportunities for the Council.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Chief Officer for the detailed overview of the report and welcomed questions from Members.</p>	

A Member referred to the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and pointed out that due to staff at the facility the Authority would be responsible for TUPE costs which would result in a significant strain on pensions. The Member added that this was not normal practice and asked if the cost would be picked up by the new service provider.

The Team Manager - Leisure & Street Scene advised that the CAT was different to Beaufort Theatre as staff was involved and therefore a TUPE would be required to the new organisation. The Team Manager added that the relevant discussions had been undertaken and a course of action had been agreed with CLT.

With regard to a question raised about the senior management restructure, it was informed that two senior officers had left their posts and following new structures put forward this reduction had occurred naturally as the individuals had left the organisation.

A Member referred to the proposed representation of the Board would include Senior Members and asked if this would be only Executive Members. In response, the Chief Officer Commercial advised that Political representation had not yet been agreed and open for discussion.

A Member raised concerns in relation to the restrictions placed on Elected Members who sit on certain outside bodies representing the Council. It prevented Members discussing matters with colleagues or make their constituents aware. The Member proposed that all level Blaenau Gwent Councillors be considered for the Strategic Partnership Board and ensure there was a cross party representation.

This course of action was AGREED.

A Member noted that the Strategic Partnership Board would meet on an annual basis and Members concurred that the Board should meet quarterly. The Chief Officer Commercial agreed that this could be explored, however it was important that the Board did not get in the way of the business.

The course of action was AGREED.

Discussions ensued around the business plans and explanations were provided for the points noted in the report.

Concerns were raised around the financial aspect of the business plans and the Chief Officer Commercial advised that it was difficult to comment on previous actions, however the Chief Officer was of the opinion that the business plans presented were now robust. The plans were an indication that the organisation was strengthening and delivering the Council's requirements via the service specification.

At this juncture the Chair invited Councillor P. Edwards and J.C. Morgan to provide an overview of the Working Party Report and findings.

The Chair wished to extend thanks to the Members and Officers of the Working Group for their due diligence and commitment over the last 2 years. The Chair noted that the Working Group had visited a number of facilities inside and outside of the Borough in order to gain a better understanding of the facilities.

The Members of the Committee also echoed congratulations to the Members and Officers of the Working Group.

Councillor P. Edwards advised that the Working Group had been established in November 2018 and had been tasked to look at services provided as part of the Review. The Councillor outlined the report of the Working Group and informed Members of the visits and discussions undertaken with a number of staff from facilities in Blaenau Gwent and outside.

Following the investigations of the Working Group a number of suggestions were taken on board and discussions after the conclusion of the Group highlighted that there was a number of positive steps taken.

Councillor J.C. Morgan reiterated the work undertaken and advised that he felt the Working Group had proved a worthwhile exercise.

	<p>It was further noted that the Service Review had been ongoing for 18 months and it was now important that it came to a conclusion for all involved. Councillor Edwards advised that there were now mechanisms in place for the Council to monitor performance to ensure business plans are being achieved. He felt that as Elected Members we should be ambassadors in promoting and supporting the organisation.</p> <p>At this juncture the Chair invited further questions prior to consideration being given to the options.</p> <p>A Member raised concerns on comments noted in Appendix 3 to the report which criticised Board Members and wished his disappointment to be noted to these remarks. The Member stated that he had raised concerns along with his colleague to CLT some time ago with regard to the financial matters. The Chief Officer Commercial advised that the comments had not been directed at individuals and it been in reference to the number of changes made to Board. There was now a need to strengthen Board Members to have the appropriate challenge. Members felt that these comments should be amended as they were unprofessional.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair welcomed the reports and the critical challenge that the Working Group provided to the Service Review. He advised that robust governance would be essential going forward and felt that it was important that the Council was a critical friend.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their comments and referred to the options for consideration.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, that the report which contained information relating to the financial/business affairs of persons other than the Authority be accepted and Option 2/Route B be approved.</p>	
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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: **THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

SUBJECT: **SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2020**

REPORT OF: **DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M. MOORE CHAIR)

Councillors C. Meredith (Vice-Chair)

M. Cook

W. Hodgins

S. Healy

G. Paulsen

K. Pritchard

B. Summer

WITH: Head of Community Services
Service Manager Public Protection
Senior Engineer Highways
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer/Advisor
Press & Publicity Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u> It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
No. 2	<u>APOLOGIES</u> An apology for absence was reported for Councillor J. Holt.	
No. 3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.	

No. 4	<p><u>TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u></p> <p>The Committee AGREED that future meetings be held at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
No. 5	<p><u>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee held on the 27th February, 2020 were submitted for points of accuracy.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 6	<p><u>ACTION SHEET</u></p> <p>The action sheet arising from the Community Services Scrutiny Committee held on 27th February, 2020 was submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
No. 7	<p><u>PROPOSED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Chair which presented the Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme for 2020/21.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED the Forward Work Programme for the Community Services Scrutiny Committee (Option 1).</p>	
No. 8	<p><u>HIGHWAY CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2019-2021</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Community Services.</p> <p>The Senior Engineer Highways presented the report which updated Members on progress of the current Highway Capital Works Programme 2017-2021 and provided options for a future 2020/21 works programme.</p> <p>The Officer spoke to the report and highlighted points contained therein. He explained that the report was due to</p>	

be submitted to Scrutiny in February but was held back to see if additional capital would be made available by the end of the financial year; and the COVID pandemic resulted in a further delay of the report.

The previous programme of works was approved by Members in 2017, and following on from the previous prudential borrowing scheme 2012-2016, a capital sum of £2.115m was generated from a 20 year prudential borrow.

The Officer confirmed that Welsh Government Highways Refurbishment funding had been obtained as outlined in Table 1 at section 2.9 of the report, and details of works completed to date was outlined within the appendices attached to the report.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the Six Bells signalised junction works associated with the new Six Bells Primary school where the Head of Community Services confirmed that Members had previously agreed that funding for these works would be allocated from the Highways Capital Improvements budget with the funding previously allocated for this within the Six Bells school project being reallocated towards the cost of the essential trunk sewer diversion works.

In response to a question raised by a Member regarding Civil Parking Enforcement, the Head of Community Services explained that this was capital works associated with implementing CPE i.e. one-off expenditure relating to signage etc. In terms of revenue costs moving forward, a review of traffic orders was agreed following implementation of CPE. However, due to the COVID pandemic no revenue had been generated for 5 months. The full impact of CPE in terms of revenue would be recognised following implementation of the scheme for a full 12 month period.

A Member referred to the Winter Maintenance Plan documentation, and asked why this was not included within the Council's winter maintenance budget.

In response the Head of Community Services explained that this was one-off capital expenditure in relation to consultancy fees for the development of a new highway

	<p>maintenance plan, based on the Welsh Government approach, to enable us to identify our requirements for the highway network, to include a winter maintenance plan. This documentation would be the basis for securing Welsh Government funding moving forward.</p> <p>The Senior Engineer then referred to the proposed programme of works for 2020/21 which would continue to focus on improving the residential/unclassified network. In addition to the resurfacing of highest priority roads, it was intended to undertake other works e.g safety barriers, illuminated traffic signs and speed restriction measures.</p> <p>He said section 2.16 of the report listed the proposed key priorities for 2020/21. Following on from the previous works programme it was proposed that a priority of ranking of residential streets be determined, utilising the assessment matrix criteria that was developed in line with the specific features associated with residential highways.</p> <p>He concluded that should further WG Capital Funding for highways be made available over the next few months, then this would be allocated in line with the criteria outlined in section 2.16.</p> <p>A Member referred to the Highway Assessment Matrix and said there were roads within his ward that in his opinion were in worse condition than those prioritised. The Officer undertook to discuss with the Member.</p> <p>A further brief discussion ensued when the Head of Community Services confirmed that traffic orders and yellow lines would form part of the CPE review.</p> <p>A Member referred to the Options for Recommendation and proposed that Option A be supported, subject to specific variations as requested by Members.</p> <p>The proposed amendment was supported by Members.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the Highways Capital Works Programme 2020/21 Priorities be supported, subject to specific variations as requested by Members.</p>	
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Agenda Item 6

Executive Committee and Council only

Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer: N/A

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer: N/A

Committee: **Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

Date of meeting: **21st September 2020**

Report Subject: **Investment in Children's Play Provision**

Portfolio Holder: **Cllr. Joanna Wilkins, Executive Member Environment**

Report Submitted by: **Head of Community Services, Clive Rogers
Team Manager - Street Scene, David Watkins**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
19.08.20	20.08.20	07.09.20			21.09.20	14.10.20		

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update in relation to children's play area sites and seek Member endorsement for the current work programme for the installation of the play equipment into sites in line with the priorities identified following the detailed play area review undertaken and reported to Council in December 2018.

2. Scope and Background

2.1 Scope

This report provides the rationale for the installation of new children's play equipment purchased, following funding received from Welsh Government through the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant (AWPOG), received at the end of the 2019/20 (March) financial year in the context of the decision made under delegated authority to reallocate the funding originally identified for the Splash Park project. The decision to reallocate the funds was made on the basis that owners of the Festival Park were no longer in a position to take forward the Splash Park project and the Council had to advise Welsh Government of how the funds would be utilised by the end of March 2020 or the funds would be withdrawn.

- 2.2 This report identifies play area sites where the purchased equipment is to be installed, together with providing an identified future rolling programme for any further funding should it become available in future years. This is highlighted within (Appendix 1).

2.3 Background

The provision of playgrounds and play areas with physical equipment is not a statutory requirement, although, where equipment has been erected, the Council has a duty to inspect and maintain the equipment in good order. However, Welsh Government has placed a duty on local authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children in their area. As part of this local authorities have to produce Play Sufficiency Assessments and Play Action Plans. These plans do not

come with an annual funding stream but Welsh Government usually allocate funds towards the end of a financial year in the name of All Wales Play Opportunities Grant (AWPOG).

- 2.4 Wales was the first country in the world to legislate for play under the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010. Section 11 of the measure places a duty on local authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children in their area.
- 2.5 In November 2012, Welsh Government placed a duty on all Local Authorities to assess the sufficiency of play opportunities for children in their areas. The first Play Sufficiency Assessments and Play Action Plans were submitted in March 2013.
- 2.6 An initial AWPOG grant of £117,000 was received in 2019/20 to support the implementing of the Play Sufficiency Action Plan and/or to take other actions to increase play opportunities for children and young people, a report on this funding was included on the information pack for scrutiny on the 5th December 2019 and has been identified as phase 1 works.
- 2.7 In March 2020, the Council was notified by Welsh Government of a further allocation of AWPOG funding, this funding had already been received by Blaenau Gwent in 2017/18, (£110,000), this funding had been initially allocated to a project for the creation of a “Splash Pad” facility.
- 2.8 It is pleasing to report that Parc Bryn Bach Tredegar has recently benefited from new grant funding from Welsh Government provided through the Valleys Regional Parks as part of the Discovery Gateway Project, where a new £185,000 visitor attraction (play facility) has been installed at the park and recently opened to the public following COVID-19 lockdown. The new facility has been very well received by visitors to the park.
- 2.9 As the Authority had conducted a comprehensive review of its own playgrounds in December 2018 it was always the intention that when this review was fully complete then AWPOG funding would be used to address recommendations from this review. The total amount of funding required to undertake all the recommendations of the 2018 play area review was estimated at £580,000.
- 2.10 Due to the need to resolve the funding issue during the COVID-19 lockdown period, the Managing Director, advised by both Director of Social Services and Director of Regeneration & Community Services, used delegated authority to approve the purchase of a range/selection of play equipment which is currently held in storage with HAG's AMP Ltd. awaiting installation.
- 2.11 The Playground Review carried out in 2018 has provided the methodology to be used to prioritise the funding to upgrade children's playgrounds across the council.
- 2.12 The review was based around the following:
 - play value;
 - Site access; and
 - Usage levels.

- 2.13 Using this criterion officers have now identified and prioritised play area sites that are in need of upgrading and would benefit from the introduction of new equipment. This is highlighted in more detail within (Appendix 1) of this report.
- 2.14 The following play area sites have been identified as priority 1 and 2 in the play area review and have therefore been identified as phase 2 for the installation of the new play equipment:

Play Area Sites (Phase 2)
Parc Bryn Bach Tredegar (New adventure play area has been constructed and opened in July 2020)
Banna Park Nantyglo
Duffryn Park Blaina
Gelli Grug Park Abertillery
Brynmawr Welfare Park
Warm Turn Play Area Abertillery
New Rassau Park Ebbw Vale

- 2.15 The methodology used from the Playground Review 2018, has now been used to identify sites suitable for upgrading on a rolling programme should future AWPOG funding be made available. This would allow for implementation to be expedited should future funding require expenditure at short notice, as was the case in 2019/20 and now in this instance for 2020/21.
- 2.16 Additionally, the play area review (2018) identified a number of play area sites that had little or no play value and the future of these should be considered further, below is a list of the sites that have been identified for consideration, as follows:

Play Areas Future Use to Be Considered			
	Play Area	Location	Reason
1.	St James Way Play Area	Tredegar	Play area review 2018
2.	Tredegar Wheeled sports Area (Rear Town Centre)	Tredegar	Play area review 2018
3.	Ball Court Gurnos Est.	Brynmawr	Play area review 2018

4.	Vincent Avenue Play Area	Nantyglo	Play area review 2018
5.	Coedcae Play Area	Nantyglo/Blaina	Play area review 2018
6.	Garn Cross Play Area	Nantyglo	Play Strategy
7.	Glanystroth Play Area	Blaina	Play area review 2018
8.	Brynheulog Play Area	Blaina	Play Strategy
9.	Maeshafod Play Area	Blaina	Play area review 2018
10.	West Side Play Area	Blaina	Play area review 2018
11.	Roseheyworth Play Area	Cwmtillery	Play area review 2018
12.	Roseheyworth Wheeled Sports Area	Cwmtillery	Play area review 2018
13.	Woodland Field Play Area	Cwmtillery	Play area review 2018
14.	Woodland Terrace Play Area	Aberbeeg	Play Strategy
15.	Oxford place Play Area	Llanhilleth	Play area review 2018
16.	Troy Road Play Area	Llanhilleth	Play Strategy
17.	Abertillery Wheeled Sports Area	Abertillery	Removed new Site to be identified
18.	Garnlydan PA	Garnlydan Ebbw Vale	Play area review 2018
19.	Hilltop Wheeled Sports Area	Hilltop Ebbw Vale	Play area review 2018
20.	Newtown Play Area	Newtown Ebbw Vale	Play area review 2018
21.	Cwm Welfare Ground Play Area	Cwm Ebbw Vale	Play area review 2018

1. Now that the identified play areas in the table above have reached their economic and play value life-span it is intended to engage again with local ward members to discuss options for each site.
2. Should any play area site be considered for closure/removal then there would be cost implications associated with this, this would be in two stages as follows:
 - a. Stage 1 – Removal of all play equipment and site made safe (costs to be absorbed in existing grounds maintenance revenue budget);
 - b. Stage 2 – Site clearance of safety surfacing, tarmac, concrete bases etc.; returning sites back to natural state would require some capital investment ranging from £1,500 to £10,000 per site, depending on the size and nature of the equipment that was once on site.

3. **Options for Recommendation**

3.1 **Option 1** (preferred option)

Members endorse the current work programme for the installation of the already purchased play equipment into the sites as identified in 2.14 above and support further dialogue at a ward level in respect of the future of children's play areas as listed in 2.16 above in line with the "Play Area Review" undertaken in December 2018.

3.2 **Option 2**

Members not support the proposal.

4. **Evidence of how does this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan**

4.1 This report supports the achievement of a number of areas within strategic plans:

1. Access to recreational space for all residents supports their long term physical and mental health and well-being.
2. Recreational spaces are very important for communities in building positive relationships and attitudes.
3. Physical activity is important to everyone regardless of age or ability.
4. Provision of play in many forms will support the development of children and families.
5. Provision of facilities must be sustainable for the future and must consider the long term financial challenges of the Council. Community Asset Transfer is one option that can support this, as is increased use of the natural environment.
6. Smarter infrastructure of residential areas such as road calming, green space, safe routes etc. is essential to give children the option to "play out" and not have to visit an equipped designated area to play.
7. The report fully supports Council priorities.

5. **Implications**

5.1 **Benefits**

- Improved and updated play equipment provides increased play value and benefits to the community.
- Well maintained play facilities improves the health and wellbeing of young people.
- Play provision will become more sustainable in the long term.
- The removal of play areas that are isolated, in poor condition or have little play value will enable the Council to concentrate its effort in larger, multi-use sites that provide for a range of age groups abilities and interests.

5.2 **Dis-benefits**

- In the event of removal of a play area some residents would have further distances to visit a play area.

5.3 **Risks**

- Having the money clawed back by Welsh Government due to unavoidable delays on proposed timeline.
- Residents and/or ward members may wish sites to remain which will result in continued increased costs and low play value.

5.4 **Budget**

- The projects/Equipment and installation costs are funded from Welsh Government. The council will continue to support ongoing revenue costs.
- There would be cost implications should any play area be identified for removal.

5.5 **Legal**

There are no legal implications linked to this report.

5.6 ***Human Resources***

There is no impact on human resources associated with this report.

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 ***Performance Information and Data***

Play areas across Blaenau Gwent are subject to regular recorded inspections and assessment for “Play Value” of each site on an annual basis by an independent assessor.

6.2 ***Expected outcome for the public***

There is acknowledgement that play areas can provide health and wellbeing benefits for all ages. Play areas tend to be recognised for their traditional equipment such as a swing, slide and roundabout. Whilst equipped play areas have their place, the more modern approach to play provision links to the wider environment.

6.2.1 Open spaces, woodland, cycle tracks, footpaths, water play etc. offer a breadth of opportunities to children and adults for play and recreation. A more strategic, inclusive approach by services will be able to consider these links and support the provision of play so that it is more widely available, whether that is “outside the front door” or within the natural environment.

6.2.2 This approach would support the Council in maintaining the ability to secure play provision and enable it to concentrate its efforts in larger destination facilities that benefit the wider community rather than individual small areas.

6.2.3 The public would benefit from improved recreation provision that is well maintained, fit for purpose and caters for a wide variety of needs and interests.

6.2.4 The Welsh Government’s play legislation directs local authorities to consider the diverse needs of children and are supportive of alternative provision that includes funding for new technology, improvements to open play space, play initiatives and schemes delivered by the third sector, play libraries and free access to leisure facilities.

- 6.3 ***Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation)***
Extensive consultation was undertaken during the play area review process in 2018, this included engagement with the following organisations, including:
- Blaenau Gwent Member Engagement
 - GAVO
 - External partners/Community Groups
 - The Play Advisory Service
 - Welsh Government
- 6.4 ***Thinking for the Long term (forward planning)***
For a long term, sustainable play provision it will be necessary to reduce the number of play areas and provide low maintenance sites to keep costs down.
- 6.4.1 A number of options have been included in this report that will support the Council in this. These include:
- Developing a strategic, inclusive approach that considers play provision in new developments or changes to services i.e. planning, highways, local development plan with links with cycle tracks, footpaths, open space, schools, and community facilities;
 - Consideration of larger multi use sites that are suitable for a range of age groups;
 - Alternative play provision not necessarily physical equipment;
 - Promotion of other play providers;
 - Prioritisation of closures could be based on play areas in the poorest condition, size of site, costs of removal;
 - Prioritisation of developing an area or changing the use of an area dependent upon location, usage and cost; and
 - Investigate potential sponsorship for play areas.
- 6.5 ***Preventative focus***
The Council has undertaken a fundamental review of all play areas across the County Borough.
- 6.5.1 The findings of the review have highlighted the poor condition of many of its play areas and ways that could improve the provision for the longer term.
- 6.5.2 There will be a need both corporately and operationally to change the service model to one that is fit for purpose for residents, visitors and manageable for the Council in the future.

6.6 ***Collaboration / partnership working***

There are opportunities to work with housing associations, community groups, trusts and local businesses to secure ways to provide good quality play opportunities.

6.6.1 Initial discussions have taken place that have been positive and will benefit the wider community.

6.6.2 Local childcare providers, childminders and schools would also benefit from future joint working arrangements.

6.7 ***Integration (across service areas)***

The content of this report has been considered across a number of services:

- Social Services – Providing an environment that supports health & well-being for families and individuals.
- Environment – Access to open space is essential for alternative play provision, as well as investigating the options for transferring assets to the community or the organisations within the area.
- Planning, Highways & Countryside – The Local Development Plan will safeguard the area's open recreational space so that links between new developments and the local environment can be utilised in the best way possible, securing opportunities for play.
- Corporate – The decrease in funding each year means that the Council need to reduce costs wherever possible. Continued engagement with key stakeholders whilst changing service provision will be key to successful implementation of the chosen option.
- Education - The continued development of community focussed schools to support children's play and out-of-school-hours learning activities help to improve the learning and wellbeing of pupils, their families and the wider community.

6.8 ***EqlA (screening and identifying if full impact assessment is needed)***

N/A

7. **Monitoring Arrangements**

7.1 A specialist contractor will be utilised for the installation of the equipment and monitored accordingly by appropriate officers.

7.2 Upon completion of the installation, the comparison and rationale document (Appendix 1) will be updated.

- 7.3 Should external funding be made available in the future, the play areas identified as Priority 2 within the comparison and rationale document (Appendix 1) will be the sites where such funding will be utilised.
- 7.4 Within the criteria and rationale document (Appendix 1), sites identified as Priority 2 should be considered for complete refurbishment which would incur significant costs.
- 7.4.1 Officers will work closely with internal and external colleagues and partners to investigate grant funding opportunities that may be explored to fund such schemes. E.g. As Abertillery Park is a protected Fields In Trust site, funding may be available via Fields In Trust.

8. Background Documents /Electronic Links

8.1 Attached to this report:

- Appendix 1 – Criteria Comparison & Rationale for Play Area Upgrading

Appendix 1

Criteria Comparison KEY For Table below	
PA	Play Area
WS	Wheeled Sports (skate board/bikes etc.)
BC	Ball Court or Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
Priority 1	Sites identified in 2018 play area review for additional equipment to be installed in year 1 subject to funding
Priority 2	Sites identified in 2018 play area review for additional equipment to be installed in year 2 subject to funding
Priority 3	Sites identified in the 2018 play area review with limited scope to add additional equipment, but items can be replaced/updated subject to available funding.
Priority 4	Sites identified in the 2018 play area review with no scope to add additional equipment and/or sites be considered for long term closure.
Closure 1	Play area sites identified in the 2018 review for closure in 2019/20
Closure 2	Play area sites identified in the 2018 review for closure in 2020/21
Relocate	See site comment below
Monitor	See site comment below

Criteria Comparison Rationale

		CRITERIA 7	CRITERIA 5	CRITERIA 6	CRITERIA 1	CRITERIA 2	CRITERIA 3	CRITERIA 8	CRITERIA 4		
		Play Value Limited	Risk/Benefit No Challenge Opportunities	Limited Catchment	Social Safety & Casual Supervision Poor Sightlines	Social Safety & Casual Supervision Limited or Low Use	Social Safety & Casual Supervision Vulnerable to vandalism	Development	Unsatisfactory Access	Recommended Action	
LOCATION/TYPE	WARD	Play Value	Risk/Benefit	Catchment	Social Safety & Casual Supervision	Social Safety & Casual Supervision	Social Safety & Casual Supervision	Development	Access	Action	Comments
CHARTIST WAY PA	SIRHOWY	Limited play value for amount of equipment	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities.	Many houses nearby Limited - busy road	Good sightlines	Limited use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Insufficient space for additional items	Tolerable	Monitor	Potential Development of land. No investment until confirmation of future plan
TY NEWYDD PA	SIRHOWY	Good play value for all ages	Good challenge	Few houses Limited - busy road	Reasonable sightlines	Low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Good New 2012	Unsatisfactory	Priority 2	Due to recent refurbishment, improving access will allow for further development. Priority 2
SOUTHEND PA	GEORGE TOWN	Good play value for all ages	Senior multi play challenge	New access point would increase catchment	Good sightlines	Moderate/Limited use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Good New 2015	Unsatisfactory	Priority 2	Scope for further development. Priority 2

St. JAMES WAY PA	GEORGE TOWN	Limited for Toddlers, Reasonable for Jnrs & Snrs	No challenge opps	Many houses nearby to one side limits catchment significantly	Limited sightlines - houses Reasonable sightlines - passers by	Moderate use Safe routes to area	Vulnerable to vandalism	Good	Unsatisfactory	Closure 2	- Closure 19/20 - Closed at present (Sept 19) due to continued and high level of vandalism - Potential development of land & resultant potential new play facility.
St. JAMES WAY BC	GEORGE TOWN	Limited for Toddlers, Reasonable for Jnrs & Snrs	No challenge opps	Many houses nearby to one side limits catchment significantly	Limited sightlines - houses Reasonable sightlines - passers by	Moderate use Safe routes to area	Vulnerable to vandalism	Good	Unsatisfactory	Relocate	Potential development of land & resultant potential new or relocated facility. Should land use change at both St James Way & Chartist Way, future considerations would be combine relocation/developmen t due to proximity within ward.
BEDWELLTY PITS PA	TREDEGAR CENTRAL & WEST	Reasonable for all	No challenge opps	Catchment small	Limited sightlines - houses	Regular use by small number of children	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Equipment in good condition. Appropriate size for catchment	Tolerable	Priority 1 (Year 1)	
TREDEGAR WS	TREDEGAR CENTRAL & WEST	Zero Toddlers Reasonable Juniors Good Seniors	Acceptable Challenge facility	Few houses Users will travel to facility	Limited sightlines - houses	Low use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Development not recommended due to usage. Recommend ed that purpose and use of site should be reviewed.	Satisfactory	Closure 1	Investigate feasibility to relocation of equipment to other Wheeled sports areas.

BRANGWYN RD, CEFN GOLAU BC	TREDEGAR CENTRAL & WEST	Good play value for all ages	Acceptable	Houses surrounding Safe Routes for children Travel distances slightly longer than at first sight	Reasonable sightlines from houses and passers-by.	Moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Good play value	Playground - Unsatisfactory Ballcourt - Tolerable	Priority 4	Upgrade complete 2018.
BRANGWYN RD, CEFN GOLAU PA	TREDEGAR CENTRAL & WEST	Good play value for all ages	Acceptable	Houses surrounding Safe Routes for childrenTravel el distances slightly longer than at first sight	Reasonable sightlines from houses and passers-by.	Moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Good play value	Playground - Unsatisfactory Ballcourt - Tolerable	Priority 4	Limited scope for further development.
TREFIL 1 PA	SIRHOWY	Good play value for all ages	No challenge opps	Few houses nearby Distance from housing & steep hill limit catchment	Limited sightlines	Low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Equipment in good condition. Appropriate size for catchment	Tolerable - steep hill	Priority 3	Investigations to be made at the option of Business Community sponsorship (Quarry) for future development.
TREFIL 2 UPPER WS	SIRHOWY	Poor for Toddlers Limited for Jnrs Good for Snrs Gives different opportunities to other play areas in village	Acceptable	Very few houses near Steep hill will limit catchment	Poor sightlines	Low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Sufficient for purpose	Unsatisfactory - steep grass ramp, steep hill Modification not reasonably practicable	Priority 4	Potential Closure
BRYNMAWR REC PA	BRYNMAWR	Limited for Toddlers, Reasonable for Jnrs Zero for Snrs	Acceptable	Few houses to one side only limiting catchment	Poor sightlines	Low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Low use	Unsatisfactory	Priority 2	Scope for further development.

GURNOS EST BC	BRYNMAWR	Zero Toddlers Reasonable Juniors Reasonable Seniors Good facility poor location	Acceptable No challenge opps	No housing within 100m	Poor sightlines Isolated will reduce usage	Low use	Vulnerable to vandalism	No justification to develop due to location	Unsatisfactory	Closure 1	
BRYNAWEL PA	BRYNMAWR	Poor for Toddlers Reasonable for Jnrs Zero for Snrs Limited play value	Acceptable	Houses surrounding Safe Routes for children Good catchment	Good sightlines	Limited use could be that few children living nearby	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Check actual and likely child population before any refurb	Tolerable	Priority 2	Scope for further development.
BRYNMAWR WELFARE (Junior) PA	BRYNMAWR	Good for toddlers & young juniors	Acceptable No challenge opps	Few houses nearby Busy Road to one side limited catchment	Limited sightlines Reasonable over side by other users of the park	Moderate use	vulnerable to vandalism due to location	1 or 2 challenge items would encourage use and provide opps for older jnrs and snrs	Satisfactory - Entrance unsatisfactory	Priority 1 (Year 1)	Scope for further development.
BRYNMAWR WELFARE (Toddler) PA	BRYNMAWR	Good for toddlers & young juniors	Acceptable No challenge opps	Few houses nearby Busy Road to one side limited catchment	Limited sightlines Reasonable over side by other users of the park	Moderate use	vulnerable to vandalism due to location	1 or 2 challenge items would encourage use and provide opps for older jnrs and snrs	Satisfactory Entrance - unsatisfactory	Priority 1 (Year 1)	Scope for further development.
BRYNMAWR WELFARE WS	BRYNMAWR	Zero for toddlers Reasonable for jnrs Poor for snrs	Limited	Reasonable number of houses Long walk around for many limiting catchment	Reasonable sightlines Good from passers-by Good oversight by other users of the park.	Low use Too tame for serious users Too far for regular use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	This site is fit for purpose. It is an isolated site with low usage. If there was a sufficient demand the area could be upgraded to give more challenging wheeled sports opportunities or replaced with a ball court.	Unsatisfactory – There is a long steep path Entrance Unsatisfactory – Ramp desirable but it is a low use site	Monitor	Scope for further development. On site community group exploring funding opportunities

WAUNHEULOG PA	NANTYGLO	Poor play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Good for Seniors	Acceptable	many houses nearby but to one side only which limits catchment. The playground is up a steep bank and 50 yards travel from the nearest houses. Most children will have a significantly longer travel distance limiting catchment	Limited sightlines	High/modera te use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Good site.Increase toddler oppsBut far from houses	Unsatisfactory	Priority 3	
BANNA PARK PA	NANTYGLO	Limited for Toddlers, Good for Juniors, Satisfactory for Seniors	Acceptable Challenge is limited	Few houses to one side Busy Road Limiting catchment	Limited sightlines	Limited use	Vulnerable to vandalism	A satisfactory variety of equipment for all ages	Playground Satisfactory Entrance Tolerable – Ramp will be too difficult for some	Priority 2 (year 2)	
BANNA PARK BC	NANTYGLO	Limited for Toddlers, Good for Juniors, Satisfactory for Snrs	Acceptable Challenge is limited	Few houses to one side Busy Road Limiting catchment	Limited sightlines	Limited use	Vulnerable to vandalism	A satisfactory variety of equipment for all ages	Playground Satisfactory Entrance Tolerable – Ramp will be too difficult for some	Priority 3	
VINCENT AVENUE PA	NANTYGLO	Good play value for Toddlers, Limited for Juniors and Nil for Seniors	Acceptable Challenge is limited for juniors	Surrounding houses Access at one point limiting catchment	good sightlines from adjacent housing but quite a few have high fences and hedges	Limited use	Isolated lone child or single parent may feel vulnerable limits catchment.	There is insufficient space for further developments. The equipment has a reasonable life expectancy	Satisfactory	Closure 2	Potential Closure should funding be sourced for development of Banna Park.

COED CAE PA	BLAINA	Poor play value for Toddlers, Limited for Juniors and Poor for Seniors	Acceptable. No challenge opps	Many houses nearby on 3 sides there are few. Travel is long distance limiting catchment	Reasonable sightlines from houses. Poor sightlines from passers-by	Low use	Small catchment limits use not vulnerable to vandalism	A refurbishment is needed though there is insufficient catchment and usage to warrant a significant increase in facilities	Playground - Unsatisfactory – Grass embankment is steep Entrance Unsatisfactory	Closure 1	
GARN CROSS PA	NANTYGLO	Low play value site	Acceptable. No challenge opps	Few houses nearby to one side only limiting catchment. Long walk around most would have to cross busy road	Limited sightlines from houses Good sight from passers-by	Low use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Isolated site Poor condition Catchment small Review status	Satisfactory	Closure 1	
CENTRAL PARK PA	BLAINA	Limited play value for Toddlers, Very Good for Juniors and Good for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are good "challenge" opportunities	many houses nearby but to two sides only. busy road adjacent. Both factors will limit catchment for unaccompanied children.	good sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by. There is good oversight from other users of the park.	Moderate use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Upgraded a few years ago, this site has high play value. 1 or 2 toddler items could be considered. There is a busy road between the play area and housing which limits local use.	Tolerable	Priority 1 (Year 1)	Identified need for additional Toddler equipment to maximise play value potential.
GLANYSTRUTH PA	BLAINA	Zero play value for Toddlers, Reasonable for Juniors and Zero for Seniors.	Acceptable No challenge opps	surrounded by housing	good sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	Regular use by small number of children	Not vulnerable to vandalism	insufficient space for additional items	Satisfactory	Closure 1	Closure on completion of 19/20 provision of additional equipment at Central Park. - Justified due to close proximity to Central Par

BRYNHEULOG PA	BLAINA	Zero play value for Toddlers, Reasonable for Juniors and Zero for Seniors.	Acceptable Limited challenge opps	some houses nearby but the play area is at the edge of the housing which limits catchment	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and limited sightlines from passers-by	Moderate use by children who live at that end of the road	Vulnerable to vandalism	Safe location, with some sightlines from nearby housing. regular use by children. Re-siting could be considered. New items could be installed either outside the fenced area or the fence extended.	Unsatisfactory Entrance - Unsatisfactory	Closure 1	Closure on completion of 19/20 provision of additional equipment at Central Park. - Justified due to close proximity to Central Park
BLAINA BC	BLAINA	Zero play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Seniors.	Acceptable WS gives challenge	Few houses limiting spontaneous use	Poor sightlines	Moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Fit for purpose, no room for further developments. Some refurbishment of the wheeled sports area desirable.	Playground - Satisfactory Entrance - Unsatisfactory	Priority 3	
BLAINA WS	BLAINA	Zero play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Seniors.	Acceptable WS gives challenge	Few houses limiting spontaneous use	Poor sightlines	Moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Fit for purpose, no room for further developments. Some refurbishment of the wheeled sports area desirable.	Playground - Satisfactory Entrance - Unsatisfactory	Priority 4	
MAESHAFOD PA	BLAINA	Low play value site	Acceptable No challenge opps	many houses nearby but the relatively long travel distances will limit catchment	limited sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	Moderate limited use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	insufficient space for additional items	Unsatisfactory	Closure 2	Consideration to be given to potential to redevelop into Kick about area

BOURNVILE PA	BLAINA	Reasonable play value for Toddlers, Reasonable for Juniors and Reasonable for Seniors	Acceptable Limited challenge opps	Few houses Busy Road limiting catchment	Limited sightlines	Low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Acceptable level of equipment	Reasonable	Priority 3	
DUFFRYN PARK PA	BLAINA	Limited play value for all ages.	Acceptable No challenge opps	Few houses nearby	Isolated Poor sightlines	Limited use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Too far from houses for much informal use by children but is an attractive park to visit. Could be made into a destination playground.	Unsatisfactory steep path Satisfactory within playground	Priority 2 (year 2)	Consideration for complete refurbishment of play area should funding be available
WEST SIDE PA	BLAINA	Limited for Toddlers, Good Juniors, Zero Seniors	Acceptable No challenge opps	Houses nearby but travel distance long	Reasonable sightlines	Limited use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Room for additional item. Unlikely to increase use	Unsatisfactory	Closure 2	Closure in conjunction with refurbishment of Duffryn Park
ROSEHEYWORTH PA	CWMTILLERY	Poor play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Good for Seniors	Acceptable	many houses nearby but a busy road adjacent limits catchment	limited sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	Limited/ Moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Thorough refurbishment of the play area is needed but there is no space for additional items.	Unsatisfactory	Closure 2	Closure but consideration should be given if funding available to refurbish or relocate both Play Area & Wheeled Sports site Significant funding required Explore re use of land to fund relocation to alternative site within ward.

ROSEHEYWORTH WS	CWMTILLERY	Poor play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Good for Seniors	Skate area gives challenge	wheeled sports enthusiasts will travel to such a location	limited sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	Limited/Moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	The adjacent wheeled sports area is suitable for purpose.	Unsatisfactory	Closure 2	Closure but consideration should be given if funding available to refurbish or relocate both Play Area & Wheeled Sports site - Significant funding required - Explore re use of land to fund relocation to alternative site within ward.
WOODLAND FIELD PA	CWMTILLERY	Good play value for Toddlers, Reasonable for Juniors and Poor for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	few houses within a reasonable travel distance and from one side there is a steep stepped path up from the houses on the other side	isolated and there are poor sightlines from nearby houses	Very low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Low use site which is too far from houses. May be used by children attending sports matches with parents. The site is isolated and access is difficult	Unsatisfactory	Closure 1	
ABERTILLERY PARK PA	CWMTILLERY	Good play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Poor for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	no houses nearby. Distance through the park from the nearest houses is too far for unaccompanied travel by most children	reasonable sightlines	high/moderate use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	will need a good refurbishment in a few years	Tolerable	Priority 2	Consideration for relocation of a new play area within curtilage of park should funding be sourced. Main borough park, but existing location has resulted in high levels of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Play area temporarily closed (Sept 19) due to vandalism and fire damage.

JIM OWEN FIELD PA	CWMTILLERY	Good play value for all ages	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no “challenge” opportunities	Many houses nearby but only a few close enough for (free play) limiting catchment	reasonable sightlines	high/moderate use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	relatively new site (installed in 2002) with a good variety of equipment.	Satisfactory	Priority 4	No scope to add additional equipment within play area
JIM OWEN FIELD BC	CWMTILLERY	Good play value for all ages	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no “challenge” opportunities	Many houses nearby but only a few close enough for (free play) limiting catchment	reasonable sightlines	high/moderate use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	relatively new site (installed in 2002) with a good variety of equipment.	Tolerable	Priority 4	
WARM TURN PA	SIX BELLS	Low play value for all ages	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no “challenge” opportunities	some houses nearby but mostly on the other side of a busy road which significantly limits catchment	good sightlines	Low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	There are only few houses nearby on right side of road. Effective limited catchment as busy adjacent road will reduce usage from other side	Unsatisfactory	Priority 2	Additional equipment to compensate for closure of Woodland Terrace play area
SIX BELLS PARK PA	SIX BELLS	Good play value for juniors, limited for toddlers and seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no “challenge” opportunities	houses surrounding although some children would have quite a walk round to the entrances	good sightlines from nearby houses	moderate use	not vulnerable to vandalism	Playground upgraded in 2014. Most other equipment is about 30 years old	Satisfactory	Priority 3	Friends of Six Bells Park community group successful in obtaining funding to add new equipment, benches and refurbishing old toilets into Café.
SIX BELLS PARK BC	SIX BELLS	Appropriate for purpose	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no “challenge” opportunities	Surrounded by housing	good sightlines from nearby houses	regular use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	suitable for purpose	Unsatisfactory	Priority 1 (Year 1)	New Fencing

ABERBEEG WELFARE PA	LLANHILLETH	Low play value for all ages	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	Usage will mostly be limited to families attending the club	poor sightlines from nearby houses and reasonable sightlines from other users of the club (when open).	Low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Review use of playground in light of future use of the club and/or site	Satisfactory	Monitor	- Initially considered for closure but following installation of bridge has improved access and usage. - Further consideration and review status - Potential for Priority 2
WOODLAND TERRACE PA	LLANHILLETH	reasonable	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	many houses nearby but play area is at the far end of housing which limits catchment	limited sightlines from nearby houses and limited sightlines from passers-by	low use but may be regularly used by a small number of children living close by	Not vulnerable to vandalism	insufficient space for further developments	Good	Closure 1	
LLANHILLETH PARK (Top) PA	LLANHILLETH	Good play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Limited for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There is limited "challenge" opportunities	housing relatively nearby but only a few houses sufficiently close for unaccompan ied travel by children. This is primarily a destination and after school/nurse ry playground. It is adjacent to the school. With careful managemen t this could be a dual use facility	limited sightlines from nearby houses and limited sightlines from passers-by. There is good oversight from the school and nursery	good use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	good variety of equipment which was installed in 2004/5. There is housing relatively nearby. There is no room for further developments	Satisfactory	Priority 3	

OXFORD PLACE PA	LLANHILLETH	small ball games area adds to the play value	acceptable level of risk at this site. There is limited "challenge" opportunities	houses to two sides only which limits catchment	limited sightlines from nearby house	limited use	not vulnerable to vandalism	relatively small catchment but some refurbishment is desirable. Swing(s) could be installed and/or football surface improved. Consultation with local children and residents is desirable before undertaking any significant improvements	Unsatisfactory	Closure 1	
SWFFRYD PA	LLANHILLETH	Limited play value for all ages.	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	surrounded by houses but many children would have to cross a busy road which limits catchment. The traffic calming on this road is insufficient to make the road safe to cross.	sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by. High hedges/fences restrict sightlines	moderate/limited use	not vulnerable to vandalism	space for a small rotating item. Traffic calming needs to be more severe for children from across busy road area to have safe access.	Satisfactory	Priority 1 (Year 1)	
TROY ROAD PA	LLANHILLETH	Reasonable play value for a small low-use site	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	surrounded by housing but the fairly busy road will limit catchment as will the very steep path from one side	good sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	low use	not vulnerable to vandalism	site appears to have low usage.	Unsatisfactory	Closure 2	

BRYNITHEL BC	LLANHILLETH	Play value is appropriate for this type of facility	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	only a few houses nearby and travel is via long paths to both sides	no sightlines from nearby houses and no sightlines from passers-by	very low use except probably when children come with parents to matches	not vulnerable to vandalism	a long way from houses for informal use. It also has very limited casual supervision. It probably has some use on match days	Unsatisfactory	Priority 4	
BRYNITHEL PA	LLANHILLETH	Reasonable play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Poor for Seniors	There is an acceptable level of risk at this site. The large pirouette gives some "challenge".	surrounded by housing with reasonably safe routes to the play area	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	high/moderate use	not vulnerable to vandalism		Unsatisfactory	Priority 3	
Page 39 VIVIAN STREET PA	ABERTILLERY	Reasonable play value for a small play area	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities.	many houses to two sides but adjacent busy road and long travel distances for most children significantly reduce the catchment. Path to one side is steep.	poor sightlines from nearby houses and limited sightlines from passers-by	limited use	not vulnerable to vandalism	There is insufficient space for further developments and the equipment has reasonable life expectancy	Unsatisfactory	Closure 1	

ABERTILLERY WS	ABERTILLERY	Play value is appropriate for this type of facility	acceptable level of risk at this site. This is a "challenge" facility	some houses nearby but to one side only. Enthusiasts will travel reasonable distances for a dedicated facility like this	site is rather isolated and there are poor sightlines from nearby houses	Moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Provision was made for skaters/skateboarders to use what was an overflow car park. There is a steep path that runs straight into the area. Ramps etc. were added in 2003. The area does not benefit from good oversight and is therefore vulnerable	Unsatisfactory	Closed	
GELLI CRUG PA	ABERTILLERY	Good play value for all ages	an acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	surrounded by housing	good sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	high/moderate use	not vulnerable to vandalism	There is a good variety of equipment for all ages. The Ball Games Area is sufficient for purpose	Unsatisfactory	Priority 2 (year 2)	Consideration for complete refurbishment of play area should funding be available,
GELLI CRUG BC	ABERTILLERY	Good play value for all ages	an acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	surrounded by housing	good sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	high/moderate use	not vulnerable to vandalism	There is a good variety of equipment for all ages. The Ball Games Area is sufficient for purpose	Unsatisfactory	Priority 4	
BEAUFORT RISE PA	BEAUFORT	Limited play value for Toddlers and Seniors. A particularly good variety of play opportunities for Juniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. The space net and wobble balance beams give "challenge" for juniors	surrounded by housing but the very busy road to 1 side will restrict catchment	limited sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	Moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	There is a good variety of equipment. Attractive ground graphics add to the play value of this site	Satisfactory	Priority 3	

PRIMATIVE PLACE PA	BEAUFORT	Good play value for Toddlers, Reasonable for Juniors and Poor for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	a few houses nearby. Most children would have to walk quite a long way to get to the play area and its isolation may make children or parents feel vulnerable. Its catchment is therefore quite restricted	site is rather isolated. There are limited sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	limited use	not vulnerable to vandalism	Quite an isolated site which appears to have fairly low usage	Tolerable	Priority 3	
Page 41 GARNLYDAN PA	BEAUFORT	Poor play value for Toddlers, Reasonable for Juniors and Poor for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	many houses nearby but travel distances are unexpectedly long. There is a busy road to one side. These factors limit catchment	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	Moderate use	not vulnerable to vandalism	a reasonable amount of equipment with good life expectancy	Tolerable	Closure 1	Discussions with Tai Calon regarding potential re use of the land and relocation of new play facility
GARNLYDAN BC	BEAUFORT	Play value is appropriate for this type of facility	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	some houses nearby but to one side only which limits catchment. It may be used by adjacent football pitch users	site is rather isolated. There are poor sightlines from nearby houses	limited use	vulnerable to vandalism	site is sufficient for purpose	Unsatisfactory	Priority 4	Consider if funding available to relocate due to poor existing location

NEW RASSAU PA	RASSAU	Poor play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Seniors	There is an acceptable level of risk at this site. The skateboard area and the overhead bars give "challenge".	surrounded by housing but fairly busy roads will restrict unaccompanied access by some children	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by. The Wheeled Sports Area is rather hidden	high use	vulnerable to vandalism	Some refurbishment only needed as there is already a good variety of play opportunities	Tolerable	Monitor	Further review and consultations required with ward members due to high levels of ASB and vandalism
NEW RASSAU WS	RASSAU	Poor play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Seniors	There is an acceptable level of risk at this site. The skateboard area and the overhead bars give "challenge".	surrounded by housing but fairly busy roads will restrict unaccompanied access by some children	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by. The Wheeled Sports Area is rather hidden	high use	vulnerable to vandalism	Some refurbishment only needed as there is already a good variety of play opportunities	Tolerable	Monitor	Further review and consultations required with ward members due to high levels of ASB and vandalism
OLD RASSAU PA	RASSAU	Limited play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	surrounded by housing but the busy road adjacent will limit catchment	poor sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	high/moderate use	vulnerable to vandalism	good variety of equipment with reasonable life expectancy	Tolerable	Monitor	Further review and consultations required with ward members due to high levels of ASB and vandalism
OLD RASSAU BC	RASSAU	Limited play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	surrounded by housing but the busy road adjacent will limit catchment	poor sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	high/moderate use	vulnerable to vandalism	good variety of equipment with reasonable life expectancy	Tolerable	Monitor	Further review and consultations required with ward members due to high levels of ASB and vandalism Police Aware & Monitoring

GLYNCOED PA	BADMINTON	Good play value for all ages	There is an acceptable level of risk at this site. The Multi-Play gives the feeling of "challenge	many houses nearby but to one side only. This, and the busy road at that one side, limits catchment	good sightlines from houses opposite and good sightlines from passers-by	low use	vulnerable to vandalism	playground equipment is generally in good condition and has a wide variety of opportunities for children of all ages	Tolerable	Monitor	Monitor Site
GLYNCOED BC	BADMINTON	Good play value for all ages	There is an acceptable level of risk at this site. The Multi-Play gives the feeling of "challenge	many houses nearby but to one side only. This, and the busy road at that one side, limits catchment	good sightlines from houses opposite and good sightlines from passers-by	low use	vulnerable to vandalism	playground equipment is generally in good condition and has a wide variety of opportunities for children of all ages	Tolerable	Priority 4	
Page 43 LETCHWORTH PA	EBBW VALE NORTH	Limited play value for Toddlers, Reasonable for Juniors and Seniors.	an acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	surrounded by housing but the busy road to one side limits catchment	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	moderate/limited use	not vulnerable to vandalism	busy road to one side will act as a barrier as will limited parental oversight from houses. Possibly both factors will reduce usage. An extra gate has increased catchment.	satisfactory	Priority 1 (Year 1)	
HILLTOP WS	EBBW VALE NORTH	Appropriate play value for a specific facility	A "challenge" area suitable for users from older juniors to early twenties	Most housing is 100+m from the area. A facility like this will attract users from further afield, however for most it is at the top of a steep hill which will	limited sightlines from nearby houses and limited oversight from users of the adjacent community building	limited use	vulnerable to vandalism	Fit for purpose and with a few years life expectancy. Area too far from housing to warrant a local play area. If there were significant use of the adjacent community building, some	Good	Closure 2	Investigate feasibility to relocation of equipment to other Wheeled sports areas.

				reduce informal /spontaneous use				equipment could be considered			
NEWTOWN PA	EBBW VALE NORTH	reasonable for a small play area but there are no toddler opportunities	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	many houses nearby with reasonably safe routes for some children	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	regular use	not vulnerable to vandalism	A small rotating item could be considered, it would need to be outside fenced area. Having a cradle as well as a flat swing in the same bay could be justified in terms of increased play value for toddlers	Unsatisfactory	Closure 2	Closure on completion of new Community area. consult with Tai Calon regarding potential sale and re use of land
Page 44 PENNANT STREET PA	EBBW VALE SOUTH	Limited play value for Toddlers, Good for Juniors and Reasonable for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. The rope swing gives a "challenge" element.	surrounded by housing and many children will have a safe route to the play area. The single access point limits catchment	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and reasonable sightlines from passers-by	high use	vulnerable to vandalism	Most of the equipment is only a few years old. Location and permanent closing of top gate to the green space means that usage will be almost exclusively by those whose houses are adjacent	satisfactory	Priority 2	

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CORONATION PARK PA	EBBW VALE SOUTH	Good play value for Toddlers, Reasonable for Juniors and Reasonable for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	small number of houses nearby but to one side only which will limit catchment. Those living reasonably nearby have quite a steep uphill walk to get to the playground	limited sightlines from nearby houses and limited sightlines from passers-by	limited use	not vulnerable to vandalism	slightly isolated site which appears to have only light usage. Big improvements would probably not increase usage and location not good for a significant increase in visitors	satisfactory	Closure 1	
GARDEN CITY PA	EBBW VALE SOUTH	Good play value for Toddlers, reasonable for Juniors and poor for Seniors	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	many houses nearby but the play area is at the edge of the housing which limits catchment	good sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	Moderate use	not vulnerable to vandalism	no space for further developments	satisfactory	Priority 3	
TYLLWYN PA	EBBW VALE SOUTH	Good play value for all ages	acceptable level of risk at this site. Overhead rotator gives "challenge"	surrounded by housing but steep slope and travel distances will act as a deterrent to high regular usage	poor sightlines from nearby houses	moderate/limited use	Vulnerable to vandalism	Good play value and variety of equipment.	Unsatisfactory	Priority 3	
WILLIAM ST, CWM PA	CWM	reasonably good play value for children of all ages	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	many houses to 3 sides with relatively safe routes for many children	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and good sightlines from passers-by	high/moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	good variety of equipment for all ages which has reasonable life expectancy	Good	Priority 1 (Year 1)	
WILLIAM ST, CWM BC	CWM	reasonably good play value for children of all ages	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no	many houses to 3 sides with relatively safe routes	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and good	high/moderate use	Vulnerable to vandalism	good variety of equipment for all ages which has	Good	Priority 4	

			"challenge" opportunities	for many children	sightlines from passers-by			reasonable life expectancy			
CWM WELFARE PA	CWM	Satisfactory play value for a small play area	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	few houses nearby which will limit spontaneous informal play	good sightlines from other users of the park	moderate/limited use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	Too isolated for use by many local children but will be used by children with parents at matches	good	Closure 2	Closure to coincide with additional equipment to William Street PA
CWM WELFARE WS	CWM	play value is appropriate for its purpose	acceptable level of risk at this site. This is a "challenge" facility	few houses nearby, however keen users will tend to be older and may travel further than average for a facility like this	poor sightlines from nearby houses and limited sightlines from other users of the park	low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	likely to remain a relatively low-use site	Tolerable	Priority 4	Consider closure in future review.
HILLSIDE TCE PA	CWM	Play value is a little on the low side for the size of the area and amount of equipment	acceptable level of risk at this site. There are no "challenge" opportunities	some houses nearby but the play area is right at the edge of housing which limits catchment	reasonable sightlines from nearby houses and limited sightlines from passers-by	low use	Not vulnerable to vandalism	reasonable amount of equipment with reasonable life expectancy	Tolerable access Tolerable entrance Unsatisfactory due to sloping ground Limited opportunities	Priority 4	Consider closure in future review.

Agenda Item 7

Executive Committee and Council only

Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer: N/A

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer: N/A

Committee: **Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

Date of meeting: **21st September 2020**

Report Subject: **Waste and Recycling Performance 2019-20**

Portfolio Holder: **Cllr. J. Wilkins, Executive Member Environment**

Report Submitted by: **Matthew Stent, Team Manager Neighbourhood Services**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
26/08/20	27/08/20	07.09.20			21/09/20	14.10.20		

1. **Purpose of the Report**
To provide the Members of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee with an update of waste and recycling performance outcomes for 2019-20.
2. **Scope and Background**
 - 2.1 The report summarises the waste and recycling performance data for 2019-20 **[APPENDIX 1]**. In 2018/19 we exceeded the WG statutory recycling target of 58% for the first time ever [achieving 59.26%], this year, we have built on that success and exceeded the new [higher] target of 64%, attaining 65.31%. This has been achieved through the hard work and dedication of the Waste Team [officers, wardens and the frontline staff], in partnership with WRAP and with support from the Communications Team, Performance Team, Senior Management, The Elected Leadership and most importantly, the residents of Blaenau Gwent. This year on year success has seen us move from 22nd in 2017/18 to 11th in 2019/20 when compared to all other Welsh Local Authority's, this is as a direct result of the significant improvement we have accomplished in the collection of dry recycling materials at the kerbside.
 - 2.2 All local authorities are required to report their waste data to the Welsh Government. The data reported is for all the waste which the Local Authority collects, known as municipal waste.
 - 2.3 Waste data is collected via various methods (Contract monitoring, weighbridge tickets) on a monthly basis and is collated and validated internally by the Corporate Performance Team. All waste is reported where possible until it has reached a compliant final destination through the various contractors and processes required.
 - 2.4 Waste data is reported to Welsh Government quarterly via Waste Data Flow. Waste Data Flow is the web based system for municipal waste data reporting by UK local authorities to government.

- 2.5 Waste Data Flow is designed for local authorities:
- to allow faster and more accurate data collection of municipal waste statistics, more regularly and efficiently;
 - to enhance their local data management for reporting and strategic planning purposes; and
 - to offer them streamlined access to performance benchmarking with other authorities.
- 2.6 Waste Data Flow allows the Welsh Government:
- to monitor progress towards national and local targets;
 - to produce National Statistics on municipal waste; and
 - to provide an evidence base to guide government policy.

3. **Options for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Option 1 to accept the information in the report [**Preferred option**].
- 3.2 Option 2 to consider the information contained within the report and provide challenge and/or further action for consideration to make improvements.

4. **Evidence of how does this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan**

Corporate Plan Priorities

The improvement of waste and recycling performance supports the Council Priority '*Strong and Environmentally Smart Communities*' in particular '*to increase rates of recycling to enable us to achieve national targets*'.

Statutory Responsibilities

Local Authorities in Wales have been set statutory recycling targets through the Wales Waste Measure 2010, and failure to meet the targets will result in a financial penalty from Welsh Government.

Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan

Waste and recycling services support the Well-being objective '*Blaenau Gwent wants to look after and protect its natural environments*' by using our resources in a fair and sustainable way.

5. **Implications Against Each option**

5.1 **Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)**

The Local Authority may continue to face financial penalties from the Welsh Government if it fails to achieve the statutory recycling targets. These are currently £200 per tonne below the recycling tonnage required to achieve the target, 64% for 2019-20, rising to 70% in 2024-25.

The Local Authority currently pays for the treatment and disposal of black bag waste. As residents recycle more of their waste, the money spent on waste treatment and disposal will reduce and the income gained from the sale of

recyclate may increase. It should be noted that any savings achieved against black bag disposal have been utilised to pay for the additional resources required to continue with the side waste enforcement at kerbside, the black bag sorting at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and the introduction of the “Keeping up with the Jones’s” behaviour change campaign.

5.2 **Risk including Mitigating Actions**

There is a risk that the Local Authority will continue to face financial penalties from the Welsh Government if it fails to achieve the statutory recycling targets.

Failure to ensure that there is robust monitoring of Council services carries with it a number of significant risks:

- Undetected and unaddressed decline in service performance and the quality of provision; and
- Negative impact on the reputation of the Council.

Regular monitoring of waste and recycling performance is a key element in ensuring that the Council knows its services well and is able to support and intervene appropriately.

5.3 **Legal**

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

5.4 **Human Resources**

There are no Human Resources issues associated with this report.

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 **Performance Information and Data**

In direct comparison with 2018/19 data, 2019/20 data shows significant improvement with an increase of 6.03 percentage points. The total municipal waste figure has increased by 1199.79 tonnes, this increase is due to an increase in reuse, recycling and composting tonnages and a reduction of residual tonnage.

Recycling Targets

Overall there has been an increase in Blaenau Gwent's recycling rate in 2019/20 and more noticeably since the introduction of side waste enforcement and black bag sorting at the HWRC.

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	56.58%	62.24%
Quarter 2	62.78%	64.95%
Quarter 3	58.89%	69.69%
Quarter 4	59.22%	63.66%
Annual	59.26%	65.31%

Residual Waste

There has been a significant decrease in residual waste collected at the kerbside and the HWRC in 2019/20.

Kerbside

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	2953.002	2436.66
Quarter 2	2431.310	2449.503
Quarter 3	2653.383	2424.583
Quarter 4	2714.096	2488.803
Annual	10751.791	9799.549

In comparison there has been a reduction of 952.242 tonnes (8.86%) of residual waste collected at the kerbside in 2019/20.

HWRC (New Vale)

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	642.771	215.013
Quarter 2	149.621	211.025
Quarter 3	129.424	180.445
Quarter 4	149.475	176.708
Annual	1071.291	783.191

In comparison there has been a reduction of 288.10 tonnes (26.89%) of residual waste from New Vale HWRC in 2019/20.

Composting Recycling

There has been an increase in food and garden waste collected at the kerbside in 2019/20.

Food

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	630.78	747.14
Quarter 2	691.66	737.82
Quarter 3	752.01	846.95
Quarter 4	783.98	893.54
Annual	2858.43	3225.45

In comparison there has been an increase of 367.02 tonnes (12.84%) of food waste collected in 2019/20.

Garden Waste

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	621.661	593.163
Quarter 2	523.48	756.564
Quarter 3	293.58	241.02
Quarter 4	109.921	128.40
Annual	1548.642	1719.147

In comparison there has been an increase of 170.505 tonnes (11.01%) of garden waste collected in 2019/20.

Dry Recycling

There has been an increase in kerbside dry recycling, noticeably a significant increase in the tonnages of absorbent hygiene products (AHP) collected in 2019/20.

Kerbside

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	1053.61	1184.04
Quarter 2	1252.02	1246.63
Quarter 3	1173.70	1089.918
Quarter 4	1475.10	1569.82
Annual	4954.43	5090.408

In comparison there has been an increase of 135.978 tonnes (2.74%) of dry recycling collected at the kerbside in 2019/20.

Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHP)

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	91.90	129.32
Quarter 2	113.28	146.84
Quarter 3	125.40	137.68
Quarter 4	125.26	139.40
Annual	455.84	553.24

In comparison there has been an increase of 97.4 tonnes (21.37%) of absorbent hygiene products (AHP) collected at the kerbside in 2019/20.

HWRC (Recycling)

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	1217.727	1167.869
Quarter 2	1035.93	1270.199
Quarter 3	754.212	2406.361
Quarter 4	861.889	816.639
Annual	3869.76	5661.068

In comparison there has been an increase of 1791.31 tonnes (46.29%) of dry recycling from the HWRC.

HWRC (Reuse)

	2018/19	2019/20
Quarter 1	16.110	26.628
Quarter 2	17.230	28.553
Quarter 3	26.952	21.901
Quarter 4	22.274	20.532
Annual	82.566	97.614

In comparison there has been an increase of 15.048 tonnes (18.23%) of reuse from the HWRC.

Welsh Local Authority Comparison

2018/19 Overall

Rank	Local Authority	%
1	Isle of Anglesey CC	69.86%
2	Bridgend CBC	69.39%
3	Flintshire County Council	68.73%
4	Vale of Glamorgan	67.09%
5	Wrexham CBC	65.73%
6	Caerphilly CBC	65.08%
7	Conwy CBC	64.92%
8	Denbighshire CC	64.28%
9	Monmouthshire CC	63.37%
10	City & County of Swansea	62.88%
11	Gwynedd Council	62.31%
12	Pembrokeshire CC	61.96%
13	Merthyr Tydfil CBC	61.59%
14	Powys County Council	61.45%
15	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	61.00%
16	Neath Port Talbot CBC	60.81%
17	Torfaen CBC	60.53%
18	Ceredigion CC	60.34%
19	Blaenau Gwent CBC	59.28%
20	Cardiff County Council	59.19%
21	Newport City Council	58.95%
22	Carmarthenshire CC	58.95%

2019/20 Overall

Rank	Local Authority	%
1	Pembrokeshire	71.65%
2	Ceredigion	71.57%
3	Vale of Glamorgan	70.35%
4	Wrexham	69.62%
5	Conwy	69.32%
6	Isle of Anglesey	68.00%
7	Bridgend	67.58%
8	Newport	66.36%
9	Flintshire	65.58%
10	Monmouthshire	65.57%
11	Blaenau Gwent CBC	65.31%
12	Merthyr Tydfil	64.99%
13	Swansea	64.97%
14	Rhondda Cynon Taff	64.78%
15	Denbighshire	64.76%
16	Gwynedd	64.74%
17	Carmarthenshire	64.66%
18	Torfaen	64.40%
19	Powys	63.05%
20	Caerphilly	62.51%
21	Neath Port Talbot	61.74%
22	Cardiff	58.14%

2018/19 Dry Recycling Only

Rank	Local Authority	%
1	Caerphilly CBC	49.93%
2	Bridgend CBC	45.96%
3	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	45.01%
4	Neath Port Talbot CBC	44.86%
5	Blaenau Gwent CBC	43.78%
6	Merthyr Tydfil CBC	43.47%
7	Vale of Glamorgan	42.79%
8	Isle of Anglesey CC	42.07%
9	Torfaen CBC	42.07%
10	Gwynedd Council	41.84%
11	Carmarthenshire CC	41.61%
12	Newport City Council	41.29%
13	City & County of Swansea	41.28%
14	Monmouthshire CC	40.06%
15	Ceredigion CC	40.05%
16	Pembrokeshire CC	40.03%
17	Denbighshire CCC	39.57%
18	Cardiff County Council	38.96%
19	Flintshire County Council	36.64%
20	Conwy CBC	36.62%
21	Powys County Council	34.42%
22	Wrexham CBC	31.63%

2019/20 Dry Recycling Only

Rank	Local Authority	%
1	Ceredigion	50.72%
2	Caerphilly	49.75%
3	Blaenau Gwent	49.42%
4	Rhondda Cynon Taff	49.30%
5	Wrexham	49.06%
6	Merthyr Tydfil	47.97%
7	Newport	46.47%
8	Pembrokeshire	45.74%
9	Bridgend	45.05%
10	Torfaen	44.82%
11	Neath Port Talbot	44.27%
12	Vale of Glamorgan	44.13%
13	Carmarthenshire	44.13%
14	Gwynedd	43.93%
15	Flintshire	42.37%
16	Swansea	42.11%
17	Conwy	41.75%
18	Monmouthshire	40.43%
19	Denbighshire	40.37%
20	Isle of Anglesey	39.55%
21	Powys	38.66%
22	Cardiff	37.55%

2018/19 Composting Only

2019/20 Composting Only

Rank	Local Authority	%	Rank	Local Authority	%
1	Isle of Anglesey CC	27.78%	1	Isle of Anglesey	28.43%
2	Conwy CBC	27.73%	2	Conwy	26.77%
3	Powys County Council	24.49%	3	Vale of Glamorgan	25.44%
4	Vale of Glamorgan	23.83%	4	Pembrokeshire	25.13%
5	Denbighshire CC	23.79%	5	Monmouthshire	24.74%
6	Monmouthshire CC	22.98%	6	Denbighshire	23.45%
7	City & County of Swansea	21.31%	7	Swansea	22.63%
8	Pembrokeshire CC	21.26%	8	Flintshire	22.03%
9	Bridgend CBC	20.87%	9	Powys	21.51%
10	Gwynedd Council	20.33%	10	Bridgend	21.02%
11	Cardiff County Council	20.00%	11	Ceredigion	20.84%
12	Wrexham CBC	17.99%	12	Gwynedd	20.66%
13	Flintshire County Council	17.76%	13	Cardiff	20.24%
14	Torfaen CBC	17.45%	14	Carmarthenshire	20.12%
15	Merthyr Tydfil CBC	17.11%	15	Wrexham	19.89%
16	Carmarthenshire C	16.99%	16	Newport	18.74%
17	Newport City Council	16.70%	17	Torfaen	18.41%
18	Neath Port Talbot CBC	15.71%	18	Neath Port Talbot	17.22%
19	Ceredigion CC	15.70%	19	Merthyr Tydfil	16.09%
20	Blaenau Gwent CBC	15.17%	20	Blaenau Gwent	15.55%
21	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	15.01%	21	Rhondda Cynon Taff	14.24%
22	Caerphilly CBC	14.89%	22	Caerphilly	12.56%

It is recognised that there is a discrepancy between the decrease in the number of tonnes of residual waste collected and the increase in the number of tonnes of recycling collected. There are a number of possible reasons for this including waste reduction activity in the household and waste transferring across the border to other HWRCs. It should be noted that many of our neighbouring local authorities either operate black bag sorting operations or various methods of residency checks at their HWRCs. As a result, this may drive Blaenau Gwent residents and tonnages back to the borough.

The statutory recycling target for all Welsh local authorities is set at 64% for the next 4 years. **The efforts of the residents of Blaenau Gwent have been instrumental in our improved recycling performance**, therefore, the continued support of residents and businesses is required to continue to reduce the amount of non-recyclable waste sent for disposal and increase the amount recycled in Blaenau Gwent.

6.2 **Expected outcome for the public**

Increased involvement from our communities as residents recycle in line with service requirements to achieve national targets.

6.3 **Involvement** (*consultation, engagement, participation*)

Through the public engagement sessions, the public have been consulted and their views have been sought regarding the impact of the side waste enforcement policy.

6.4 **Thinking for the Long term** *(forward planning)*

In line with the Councils agreed Waste Management and Recycling Strategy 2018-2025, we will continue to seek to identify actions needed to ensure that not only are fines avoided but crucially that service users and stakeholders have a clear understanding of the aims of the service, the actual services to be provided by the Council, the education and engagement activities it can undertake to promote these, the Council's future plans to meet its aspirations and statutory requirements and how it will work together with residents, partners and neighbours to meet wider goals and agendas.

6.5 **Preventative focus**

Improved waste management at a local and national level can help reduce our Ecological footprint, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impact, therefore preventing problems from getting worse.

6.6 **Collaboration / partnership working**

Waste Services continue to receive strategic, technical and financial support from Welsh Government and Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) through the Collaborative Change Programme to further develop and improve the service to achieve future targets. WRAP and Welsh Government support the implementation of side waste restrictions and behaviour change campaigns.

6.7 **Integration** *(across service areas)*

6.8 **EgIA** *(screening and identifying if full impact assessment is needed)*

7. **Monitoring Arrangements**

7.1 The performance of the waste and recycling service will be monitored by the service on a monthly basis, including, but not limited to:

- Changes in residual waste tonnage collected;
- Changes in tonnage of recyclables and food waste collected;
- Recycling performance;
- Financial position;
- Number of residents presenting side waste;
- Number of residents issued with Section 46 notice;
- Number of residents issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice; and
- Survey results.

Highlight reports on progress will be provided through the internal CCP Board Meetings.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

- *Waste & recycling Performance Annual Report 2019/20 [Appendix 1]*

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KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS & TRENDS

Local Authorities within Wales have been set statutory recycling targets of 64% by 2019/20 and 70% by 2024/25. Failure to meet these targets may result in Blaenau Gwent being issued a fine from Welsh Government at the rate of £200 per tonne for every tonne reported below the target level.

PAM/030 – Percentage of waste, reused, recycled or composted

Please note: The following indicators are not the final version and may change following validation by Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Dry Reuse	28.792	31.51	24.12	22.73	107.14
Dry Recycling	3260.497	3565.61	4902.86	3710.74	15439.53
Composting	1321.63	1480.61	1070.80	984.15	4857.20
TMW	7408.71	7818.02	8606.35	7410.80	31243.87
Dry Reuse %	0.39%	0.40%	0.28%	0.31%	0.34%
Dry Recycling %	44.01%	45.61%	56.97%	50.07%	49.42%
Composting %	17.84%	18.94%	12.44%	13.28%	15.55%
Recycling Rate	62.24%	64.95%	69.69%	63.66%	65.31%
Wales Average	67.27%	67.31%	64.72%	63.87%	65.89%

Improvements have been made during 19-20, the recycling rate this year has increased by 6.03 percentage points (subject to NRW validation). The Wales average has also increased by 2.68 percentage points.

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Dry Reuse	98.91	107.14	↑	8.23
Dry Recycling	13153.51	15439.53	↑	2286.02
Composting	4557.12	4857.20	↑	300.08
TMW	30044.08	31243.87	↑	1199.79
Dry Reuse %	0.33%	0.34%	↑	0.01%
Dry Recycling %	43.78%	49.42%	↑	5.64%
Composting %	15.17%	15.55%	↑	0.38%
Recycling Rate	59.28%	65.31%	↑	6.03%

The annual comparison shows significant improvement with an increase of 6.03 percentage points. The total municipal waste figure has increased by 1199.79 tonnes, this increase is due to an increase in reuse, recycling and composting tonnages and a reduction of residual tonnage.

PAM/043 – Kilograms of residual waste generated per person

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Total residual waste	2797.791	2740.29	2608.57	2693.18	10839.83
BGCBC Population*	69374	69374	69374	69374	69374
Kg per person	40.33	39.50	37.60	38.82	156.25

*Sourced from mid-year population projections (ONS)

19/20 data shows that the residual waste generated has reduced by 1394.71 tonnes and a reduction of 19.94kg per person when compared to 18/19.

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Total Residual Waste	12234.54	10839.83	↓	1394.71
BGCBC Population*	69433	69374	↓	59
Kg per person	176.21	156.25	↓	19.94

Percentage of waste sent to landfill

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Total Landfilled	11.37	47.90	25.52	17.64	102.44
Total Municipal Waste	7,408.71	7,818.02	8,606.35	7,410.80	31,243.87
Landfill Rate	0.2%	0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%

There has been a decrease of 684.83 tonnes landfilled when compared to 18/19.

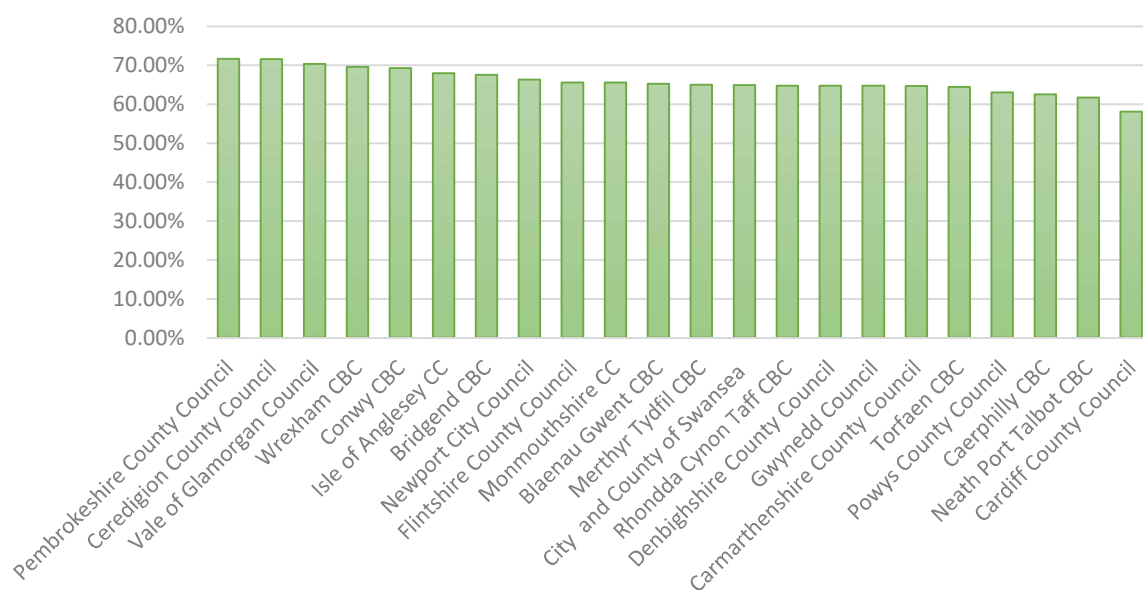
	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Total Landfilled	787.27	102.44	↓	684.83
Total Municipal Waste	30046.94	31243.87	↑	1196.93
Landfill Rate	2.6%	0.3%	↓	2.3

Local Authority Comparison

Annual – 2019/20

	Local Authority	Recycling Rate (%)
1	Pembrokeshire	71.65%
2	Ceredigion	71.57%
3	Vale of Glamorgan	70.35%
4	Wrexham	69.62%
5	Conwy	69.32%
6	Isle of Anglesey	68.00%
7	Bridgend	67.58%
8	Newport	66.36%
9	Flintshire	65.58%
10	Monmouthshire	65.57%
11	Blaenau Gwent	65.31%
12	Merthyr Tydfil	64.99%
13	Swansea	64.97%
14	Rhondda Cynon Taff	64.78%
15	Denbighshire	64.76%
16	Gwynedd	64.74%
17	Carmarthenshire	64.66%
18	Torfaen	64.40%
19	Powys	63.05%
20	Caerphilly	62.51%
21	Neath Port Talbot	61.74%
22	Cardiff	58.14%

19-20 Annual Recycling Rate



Local Authority Comparison

Dry Recycling Only

	Local Authority	Recycling Rate (%)
1	Ceredigion	50.72%
2	Caerphilly	49.75%
3	Blaenau Gwent	49.42%
4	Rhondda Cynon Taff	49.30%
5	Wrexham	49.06%
6	Merthyr Tydfil	47.97%
7	Newport	46.47%
8	Pembrokeshire	45.74%
9	Bridgend	45.05%
10	Torfaen	44.82%
11	Neath Port Talbot	44.27%
12	Vale of Glamorgan	44.13%
13	Carmarthenshire	44.13%
14	Gwynedd	43.93%
15	Flintshire	42.37%
16	Swansea	42.11%
17	Conwy	41.75%
18	Monmouthshire	40.43%
19	Denbighshire	40.37%
20	Isle of Anglesey	39.55%
21	Powys	38.66%
22	Cardiff	37.55%

Blaenau Gwent is ranked 3rd out of the 22 local authorities when comparing dry recycling only across Wales for 19/20.

Composting Only

	Local Authority	Recycling Rate (%)
1	Isle of Anglesey	28.43%
2	Conwy	26.77%
3	Vale of Glamorgan	25.44%
4	Pembrokeshire	25.13%
5	Monmouthshire	24.74%
6	Denbighshire	23.45%
7	Swansea	22.63%
8	Flintshire	22.03%
9	Powys	21.51%
10	Bridgend	21.02%
11	Ceredigion	20.84%
12	Gwynedd	20.66%
13	Cardiff	20.24%
14	Carmarthenshire	20.12%
15	Wrexham	19.89%
16	Newport	18.74%
17	Torfaen	18.41%
18	Neath Port Talbot	17.22%
19	Merthyr Tydfil	16.09%
20	Blaenau Gwent	15.55%
21	Rhondda Cynon Taff	14.24%
22	Caerphilly	12.56%

Blaenau Gwent is ranked 20th out of the 22 Local Authorities when comparing Composting only across Wales for 19/20.

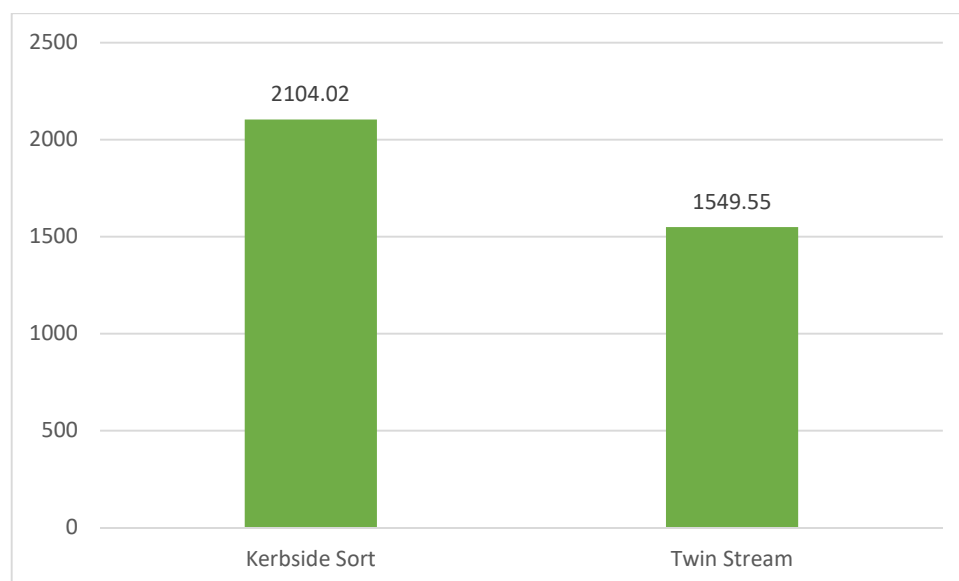
Carbon Efficiency Comparison

A WRAP issued report entitled “The Climate Change impacts of Recycling Services in Wales” documented the increased carbon benefit of a kerbside sort collection service when compared to a Twin Stream (Co-mingled) collection service.

The report produced the following assumptions;

- 10,000 tonnes of material collected via Kerbside Sort = 2569 tonnes CO₂e Carbon benefit
- 10,000 tonnes of material collected via Twin Stream = 1892 tonnes CO₂e Carbon benefit

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Collected recycling tonnage	1902.80	1959.01	1900.31	2427.90	8190.02
CO ₂ e Carbon Benefit – Kerbside Sort	488.83	503.27	488.19	623.73	2104.02
CO ₂ e Carbon Benefit – Twin Stream	360.01	370.64	359.54	459.36	1549.55
Difference	128.82	132.62	128.65	164.37	554.46



Collected Material Data Analysis

In October 2015, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council made a service change which included moving to a weekly kerbside sort recycling collection and a three-weekly residual collection.

A dedicated weekly Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHP) was also introduced in January 2017, which required residents to subscribe to the service.

Residual side waste enforcement and a strict black bag sorting policy at the HWRC were introduced during June 2018 to encourage residents to recycle more of their waste.

Starting in September 2019 the “Keeping up with the Jones’s” campaign is currently being rolled out across the borough to encourage residents to recycle more of their waste.

Residual Waste

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Kerbside	2436.66	2449.503	2424.583	2488.803	9799.549
HWRC	215.013	211.025	180.445	176.708	783.191
Cleansing	161.289	173.467	174.437	190.545	699.738
Commercial	150.045	150.14	149.677	144.408	594.270
Total	2963.007	2984.135	2929.142	3000.464	11876.748

Residual waste collected in 19/20 when compared to 18/19 is as follows

- Kerbside Residual = 952.242 tonnes decrease (8.86%)
- HWRC Residual = 288.10 tonnes decrease (26.89%)
- Cleansing Residual = 35.854 tonnes increase (5.40%)
- Commercial Residual = 67.761 tonnes decrease (10.24%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Kerbside	10751.791	9799.549	↓	952.242
HWRC	1071.291	783.191	↓	288.10
Cleansing	663.884	699.738	↑	35.854
Commercial	662.031	594.270	↓	67.761
Total	13148.997	11876.748	↓	1272.25

Kerbside Recycling

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Paper	181.36	214.08	217.51	228.680	841.630
Cardboard	280.16	314.84	331.16	487.800	1413.960
Mixed Glass	365.64	375.44	282.84	514.540	1538.460
Mixed Plastics	217.52	215.52	177.06	178.620	788.720
Steel Cans	68.78	67.27	25.86	80.720	242.630
Aluminium Cans	52.12	45.40	42.188	61.880	201.588
Aerosols	0.00	5.54	7.90	9.620	23.060
Small Domestic Apps	16.26	5.54	3.16	5.740	30.700
Textiles	2.20	3.00	2.24	2.220	9.660
Total	1184.04	1246.63	1089.918	1569.82	5090.408

Kerbside recycling in 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 135.978 tonnes (2.74%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Paper	916.060	841.630	↓	74.43
Cardboard	1276.850	1413.960	↑	137.11
Mixed Glass	1452.520	1538.460	↑	85.94
Mixed Plastics	803.300	788.720	↓	14.58
Steel Cans	281.920	242.630	↓	39.29
Aluminium Cans	182.360	201.588	↑	19.228
Aerosols	0.00	23.060	↑	23.06
Small Domestic Apps	5.180	30.700	↑	25.52
Textiles	16.680	9.660	↓	7.02
Mixed Cans & Plastics	19.56	0.00	↓	19.56
				0
Total	4954.43	5090.408	↑	135.978

Kerbside Composting

Food

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Food – Kerbside	718.76	712.38	810.39	858.080	3099.610
Food – Trade	28.38	25.44	36.56	35.460	125.840
Total	747.14	737.82	846.95	893.54	3225.45

There has been an increase of 367.02 (12.84%) tonnes of Food waste in 19/20 when compared to 18/19

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Food – Kerbside	n/a	3099.610		
Food – Trade	n/a	125.840		
Total	2858.43	3225.45	↑	367.02

Green

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Garden – Kerbside	472.993	592.335	187.882	61.557	1280.891
Garden – HWRC	89.97	108.306	32.411	33.497	264.184
Garden – Commercial	30.20	54.182	20.727	14.767	119.876
Garden – Other	0.00	1.741	0.00	18.579	54.196
Total	593.163	756.564	241.02	128.40	1719.147

Green Waste collected in 19/20 when compared to 18/19 is as follows

- Kerbside Garden = increase of 153.627 tonnes (13.63%)
- HWRC Garden = decrease of 0.413 tonnes (0.16%)
- Commercial Garden = increase of 22.073 tonnes (22.57%)
- “Other” Garden = decrease of 4.782 tonnes (8.11%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Garden – Kerbside	1127.264	1280.891	↑	153.627
Garden – HWRC	264.597	264.184	↓	0.413
Garden – Commercial	97.803	119.876	↑	22.073
Garden – Other	58.978	54.196	↓	4.782
				0
Total	1548.642	1719.147	↑	170.505

HWRC Recycling / Reuse

HWRC Recycling

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Sheet Glass	8.66	0.00	0.00	9.680	18.340
Cardboard	34.02	36.50	46.90	46.880	164.300
Hard Plastics	56.44	72.72	35.90	37.840	202.900
Scrap Wood	369.44	357.424	303.68	283.560	1314.104
Inert	438.30	494.76	1791.37	189.440	2913.870
Plasterboard	26.98	39.26	27.54	19.080	112.860
Scrap Metal	59.18	65.36	36.40	45.620	206.560
Paint	7.60	6.05	0.00	0.000	13.650
UPVC	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.000	8.000
WEEE (Cold)	29.701	29.627	24.471	24.791	108.590
WEEE (SDA)	29.38	41.02	27.12	39.960	137.480
WEEE (LDA)	6.62	9.44	8.98	14.260	39.300
WEEE (CRT)	11.05	13.66	12.16	10.560	47.430
WEEE (Flo. Tubes)	0.148	0.218	0.00	0.000	0.366
WEEE (Batt. House)	0.47	0.12	1.84	0.168	2.598
WEEE (Batt. Auto)	1.82	0.00	0.00	0.000	1.820
Mattresses	21.26	26.10	19.58	21.740	88.680
Carpets	59.18	75.00	65.58	68.420	268.180
Cooking Oil	0.40	0.40	0.60	0.200	1.600
Tyres	4.22	0.54	3.24	2.440	10.440
Total	1167.869	1270.199	2406.361	816.639	5661.068

HWRC Recycling in 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 1791.31 tonnes (46.29%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Sheet Glass	9.840	18.340	↑	8.5
Cardboard	147.460	164.300	↑	16.84
Hard Plastics	175.900	202.900	↑	27
Scrap Wood	1267.720	1314.104	↑	46.384
Inert	1317.460	2913.870	↑	1596.41
Plasterboard	112.420	112.860	↑	0.44
Scrap Metal	181.340	206.560	↑	25.22
Paint	29.790	13.650	↓	16.14
UPVC	7.110	8.000	↑	0.89
WEEE (Cold)	101.173	108.590	↑	7.417
WEEE (SDA)	113.270	137.480	↑	24.21
WEEE (LDA)	48.460	39.300	↓	9.16
WEEE (CRT)	37.350	47.430	↑	10.08
WEEE (Flo. Tubes)	0.394	0.366	↓	0.028
WEEE (Batt. House)	1.345	2.598	↑	1.253
WEEE (Batt. Auto)	0.00	1.820	↑	1.82
Mattresses	81.550	88.680	↑	7.13
Carpets	221.600	268.180	↑	46.58
Cooking Oil	2.000	1.600	↓	0.4
Tyres	13.580	10.440	↓	3.14
				0
Total	3869.76	5661.068	↑	1791.306

HWRC Reuse

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Textiles	17.77	19.11	13.65	14.040	64.570
Media	3.475	5.543	5.216	2.874	17.108
Gas Bottles	5.383	3.900	3.035	3.618	15.936
Total	26.628	28.553	21.901	20.532	97.614

HWRC Reuse in Quarter 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 15.048 tonnes (18.23%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Textiles	51.69	64.570	↑	12.88
Media	1.131	17.108	↑	15.977
Gas Bottles	29.745	15.936	↓	-13.809
Total	82.566	97.614	↑	15.048

Commercial & Industrial Recycling

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Trade Recycling	93.48	101.48	81.32	106.20	399.58
Highways Inert	180.00	360.00	400.00	360.00	1300.00
Total	273.48	461.48	481.32	466.20	1699.58

Commercial and Industrial recycling in 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has decreased by 170.08 tonnes (9.10%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Trade Recycling	429.66	399.58	↓	30.08
Highways Inert	1440.00	1300.00	↓	140
Total	1869.66	1699.58	↓	170.08

Other Materials

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
AHP	129.32	146.84	137.68	139.40	553.24
Road Sweepings	324.06	206.68	434.96	375.80	1341.5
Total	453.38	353.52	572.64	515.20	1894.74

Absorbent Hygiene Products collected in 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 97.4 tonnes (21.37%)

Road Sweepings collected in 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 96.76 tonnes (7.77%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
AHP	455.84	553.24	↑	97.4
Road Sweeping	1244.74	1341.5	↑	96.76
Total	1700.58	1894.74	↑	194.16

Residual / Recycling Round Data

Residual Round Data

Round 1

Day-Week	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday – W1	17.98	17.37	17.64	18.71	71.69
Monday – W2	17.43	19.32	22.81	16.93	76.48
Monday – W3	17.87	18.51	17.31	17.91	71.59
Tuesday – W1	18.73	17.00	18.76	20.98	75.47
Tuesday – W2	18.65	17.78	17.97	16.47	70.87
Tuesday – W3	15.89	15.90	15.29	18.01	65.08
Wednesday – W1	17.91	18.07	18.29	16.94	71.21
Wednesday – W2	19.33	19.57	18.37	19.57	76.85
Wednesday – W3	17.69	17.05	15.73	18.19	68.66
Thursday – W1	17.92	16.74	17.44	14.28	66.38
Thursday – W2	14.01	14.51	14.30	16.25	59.07
Thursday – W3	17.12	18.05	16.92	13.97	66.07
Total	210.54	209.86	210.82	208.20	839.43

Residual Waste collected on Round 1 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has decreased by 49.31 (5.55%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday – W1	74.79	71.69	↓	-3.1
Monday – W2	77.47	76.48	↓	-0.99
Monday – W3	73.19	71.59	↓	-1.6
Tuesday – W1	71.98	75.47	↑	3.49
Tuesday – W2	77.88	70.87	↓	-7.01
Tuesday – W3	66.96	65.08	↓	-1.88
Wednesday – W1	78.42	71.21	↓	-7.21
Wednesday – W2	79.21	76.85	↓	-2.36
Wednesday – W3	75.79	68.66	↓	-7.13
Thursday – W1	75.28	66.38	↓	-8.9
Thursday – W2	63.25	59.07	↓	-4.18
Thursday – W3	74.49	66.07	↓	-8.42
				0
Total	888.74	839.43	↓	-49.31

Round 2

Day-Week	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday – W1	14.47	13.74	12.97	13.30	54.48
Monday – W2	14.80	16.22	15.25	13.06	59.33
Monday – W3	18.31	18.41	15.28	15.55	67.54
Tuesday – W1	20.06	20.73	19.17	17.39	77.35
Tuesday – W2	15.27	17.27	16.69	14.04	63.27
Tuesday – W3	15.35	15.56	13.18	13.35	57.44
Wednesday – W1	17.07	17.36	16.25	16.04	66.71
Wednesday – W2	17.41	17.55	16.40	16.10	67.46
Wednesday – W3	16.03	15.70	15.61	15.43	62.77
Thursday – W1	14.90	14.44	13.81	17.27	60.43
Thursday – W2	15.75	13.95	16.21	14.12	60.03
Thursday – W3	15.19	13.95	13.08	15.73	57.96
Total	194.61	194.88	183.89	181.38	754.77

Residual Waste collected on Round 2 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has decreased by 80.47 (9.63%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday – W1	62.38	54.48	↓	-7.9
Monday – W2	66.74	59.33	↓	-7.41
Monday – W3	73.37	67.54	↓	-5.83
Tuesday – W1	86.53	77.35	↓	-9.18
Tuesday – W2	71.63	63.27	↓	-8.36
Tuesday – W3	62.28	57.44	↓	-4.84
Wednesday – W1	72.39	66.71	↓	-5.68
Wednesday – W2	70.83	67.46	↓	-3.37
Wednesday – W3	67.54	62.77	↓	-4.77
Thursday – W1	65.02	60.43	↓	-4.59
Thursday – W2	70.13	60.03	↓	-10.1
Thursday – W3	66.40	57.96	↓	-8.44
				0
Total	835.24	754.77	↓	-80.47

Round 3

Day-Week	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday – W1	16.74	15.26	15.42	15.25	62.66
Monday – W2	20.34	19.16	19.26	15.11	73.87
Monday – W3	17.29	15.16	17.57	16.38	66.40
Tuesday – W1	17.74	19.31	17.34	17.30	71.69
Tuesday – W2	18.25	16.55	16.43	18.47	69.70
Tuesday – W3	14.47	16.57	15.86	19.54	66.44
Wednesday – W1	16.32	16.66	17.29	14.75	65.02
Wednesday – W2	16.05	14.46	15.08	12.62	58.22
Wednesday – W3	17.68	17.09	15.37	16.19	66.33
Thursday – W1	16.82	16.42	16.49	13.52	63.25
Thursday – W2	27.73	23.16	24.39	14.63	89.90
Thursday – W3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	199.42	189.80	190.51	173.75	753.48

Residual Waste collected on Round 3 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has decreased by 58.29 (7.18%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday – W1	65.05	62.66	↓	-2.39
Monday – W2	82.36	73.87	↓	-8.49
Monday – W3	76.44	66.40	↓	-10.04
Tuesday – W1	77.19	71.69	↓	-5.5
Tuesday – W2	72.99	69.70	↓	-3.29
Tuesday – W3	51.88	66.44	↑	14.56
Wednesday – W1	67.42	65.02	↓	-2.4
Wednesday – W2	66.58	58.22	↓	-8.36
Wednesday – W3	72.80	66.33	↓	-6.47
Thursday – W1	65.75	63.25	↓	-2.5
Thursday – W2	113.31	89.90	↓	-23.41
Thursday – W3	n/a	n/a		
Total	811.77	753.48	↓	-58.29

Recycling Round Data

Round 1

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	3.52	3.52	4.32	4.42	15.78
Tuesday	4.65	4.32	4.86	5.87	19.71
Wednesday	4.66	4.91	4.73	4.81	19.10
Thursday	5.28	5.65	5.29	4.15	20.36
Friday	3.63	3.69	4.05	3.53	14.91
Total	21.74	22.09	23.24	22.78	89.85

Recycling Waste collected on Round 1 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 3.09 kg per household (3.56%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	13.63	15.78	↑	2.15
Tuesday	17.49	19.71	↑	2.22
Wednesday	20.26	19.10	↓	-1.16
Thursday	20.72	20.36	↓	-0.36
Friday	14.67	14.91	↑	0.24
Total	86.76	89.85	↑	3.09

Round 2

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	4.06	3.81	4.74	4.84	17.44
Tuesday	3.57	3.45	3.70	4.87	15.60
Wednesday	5.16	4.90	5.22	5.61	20.89
Thursday	3.87	4.47	4.13	4.53	17.01
Friday	4.63	4.32	4.68	4.69	18.32
Total	21.29	20.95	22.47	24.53	89.24

Recycling Waste collected on Round 2 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 5.06 kg per household (6.01%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	16.39	17.44	↑	1.05
Tuesday	14.96	15.60	↑	0.64
Wednesday	19.20	20.89	↑	1.69
Thursday	16.52	17.01	↑	0.49
Friday	17.12	18.32	↑	1.2
Total	84.18	89.24	↑	5.06

Round 3

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	4.69	4.59	5.61	4.59	19.49
Tuesday	4.28	4.35	4.87	5.16	18.67
Wednesday	4.41	4.64	4.53	4.36	17.94
Thursday	4.52	4.69	4.95	5.05	19.21
Friday	5.16	5.48	6.12	3.75	20.50
Total	23.06	23.75	26.08	22.92	95.81

Recycling Waste collected on Round 3 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 5.08 kg per household (5.60%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	18.62	19.49	↑	0.87
Tuesday	16.53	18.67	↑	2.14
Wednesday	17.37	17.94	↑	0.57
Thursday	18.43	19.21	↑	0.78
Friday	19.78	20.50	↑	0.72
Total	90.73	95.81	↑	5.08

Round 4

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	4.13	4.11	5.26	4.61	18.11
Tuesday	3.45	3.91	4.38	5.55	17.29
Wednesday	3.98	3.16	3.52	4.98	15.65
Thursday	4.37	4.88	4.53	4.87	18.65
Friday	3.74	3.31	3.92	3.84	14.81
Total	19.67	19.38	21.62	23.84	84.51

Recycling Waste collected on Round 4 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 8.03 kg per household (10.50%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	16.40	18.11	↑	1.71
Tuesday	14.78	17.29	↑	2.51
Wednesday	15.48	15.65	↑	0.17
Thursday	16.33	18.65	↑	2.32
Friday	13.48	14.81	↑	1.33
Total	76.48	84.51	↑	8.03

Round 5

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	4.46	4.65	5.26	5.56	19.93
Tuesday	5.08	5.40	6.01	6.02	22.51
Wednesday	4.99	4.84	5.10	5.59	20.52
Thursday	4.38	4.53	4.72	4.85	18.49
Friday	4.53	4.16	5.02	4.25	17.96
Total	23.43	23.57	26.11	26.28	99.40

Recycling Waste collected on Round 5 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 5.79 kg per household (6.19%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	18.58	19.93	↑	1.35
Tuesday	22.38	22.51	↑	0.13
Wednesday	19.49	20.52	↑	1.03
Thursday	16.85	18.49	↑	1.64
Friday	16.30	17.96	↑	1.66
Total	93.61	99.40	↑	5.79

Round 6

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	4.66	4.96	5.78	4.88	20.28
Tuesday	4.49	4.61	5.34	5.22	19.67
Wednesday	3.85	3.88	4.42	4.75	16.89
Thursday	6.54	5.95	8.03	4.69	25.21
Friday	4.34	4.29	4.93	4.33	17.90
Total	23.88	23.69	28.50	23.87	99.94

Recycling Waste collected on Round 6 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 5.18 kg per household (5.47%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	18.98	20.28	↑	1.3
Tuesday	18.39	19.67	↑	1.28
Wednesday	16.10	16.89	↑	0.79
Thursday	23.60	25.21	↑	1.61
Friday	17.69	17.90	↑	0.21
Total	94.76	99.94	↑	5.18

Round 7

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	4.67	5.10	5.70	5.67	21.13
Tuesday	4.05	4.35	4.82	5.12	18.33
Wednesday	3.67	3.59	3.81	4.21	15.28
Thursday	4.08	4.13	4.41	4.76	17.38
Friday	3.59	3.65	3.91	4.01	15.16
Total	20.06	20.81	22.65	23.76	87.29

Recycling Waste collected on Round 7 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 4.65 kg per household (5.63%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	18.40	21.13	↑	2.73
Tuesday	18.72	18.33	↓	-0.39
Wednesday	14.37	15.28	↑	0.91
Thursday	16.58	17.38	↑	0.8
Friday	14.57	15.16	↑	0.59
Total	82.64	87.29	↑	4.65

Round 8

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	3.97	3.85	4.73	4.42	16.97
Tuesday	5.01	4.85	5.31	4.36	19.53
Wednesday	4.04	4.14	4.61	4.79	17.59
Thursday	3.58	4.08	4.55	4.92	17.11
Friday	3.84	3.84	3.88	3.99	15.55
Total	20.43	20.75	23.08	22.49	86.75

Recycling Waste collected on Round 8 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 5.63 kg per household (6.94%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	15.73	16.97	↑	1.24
Tuesday	17.81	19.53	↑	1.72
Wednesday	16.62	17.59	↑	0.97
Thursday	15.88	17.11	↑	1.23
Friday	15.09	15.55	↑	0.46
Total	81.12	86.75	↑	5.63

Round 9

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	3.51	3.55	4.06	4.76	15.88
Tuesday	4.84	4.63	5.19	4.72	19.38
Wednesday	4.85	4.91	5.08	4.49	19.32
Thursday	3.80	3.98	4.50	4.50	16.78
Friday	4.12	3.79	5.01	4.12	17.03
Total	21.12	20.86	23.83	22.58	88.39

Recycling Waste collected on Round 9 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 3.41 kg per household (4.01%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	15.85	15.88	↑	0.03
Tuesday	17.21	19.38	↑	2.17
Wednesday	18.94	19.32	↑	0.38
Thursday	15.51	16.78	↑	1.27
Friday	17.48	17.03	↓	-0.45
Total	84.98	88.39	↑	3.41

Round 10

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Monday	3.34	3.60	3.68	2.15	12.77
Tuesday	4.67	4.61	4.75	2.64	16.67
Wednesday	4.23	3.16	3.14	2.55	13.08
Thursday	3.95	3.76	5.04	2.44	15.19
Friday	2.35	2.31	2.60	2.00	9.26
Total	18.53	17.44	19.22	11.78	66.97

Recycling Waste collected on Round 10 during 19/20 when compared to 18/19 has increased by 0.79 kg per household (1.19%)

	18/19	19/20	+/-	Difference
Monday	13.12	12.77	↓	-0.35
Tuesday	16.87	16.67	↓	-0.2
Wednesday	12.83	13.08	↑	0.25
Thursday	14.24	15.19	↑	0.95
Friday	9.12	9.26	↑	0.14
Total	66.18	66.97	↑	0.79

Demand Monitoring Data

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
No. of Requests	6916	6343	5999	9610	28868

Request Breakdown

Day	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	19/20
Van Permit	418	437	373	311	1539
Recycling Receptacles	1911	1781	1729	3076	8497
Garden Waste	1392	697	148	366	2603
Request Green Sacks	217	139	28	76	460
AHP	344	408	365	448	1565
Request AHP Sacks	860	938	893	1213	3904
Cancel AHP Collection	20	29	30	24	103
Missed Collection	577	776	647	900	2900
Assisted Collection	51	52	64	83	250
Cancel Assisted	1	0	1	3	5
Request Wheelie Bin	426	328	303	378	1435
Warden Enquiry	272	240	170	218	900
General Enquiry	281	340	381	492	1494
Waste Presented Early	46	60	41	48	195
Commercial Waste	100	118	113	140	471
Christmas tree	0	0	88	419	507
Winter Green Waste	0	0	34	242	276
Bulky Waste	0	0	591	1173	1764
Total	6916	6343	5999	9610	28868

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Agenda Item 8

Executive Committee and Council only

Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer: N/A

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer: N/A

Committee: **Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

Date of meeting: **21st September 2020**

Report Subject: **Forward Work Programme: 19th October 2020**

Portfolio Holder: **Cllr Joanna Williams, Executive Member Environment**

Report Submitted by: **Cllr Mandy Moore, Chair of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
x	x	07.09.20			21.09.20			

1. **Purpose of the Report**
 - 1.1 To present to Members the Community Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme for the Meeting on 19th October 2020 for discussion and agreement.
2. **Scope and Background**
 - 2.1 The Scrutiny Work Programmes are key aspects of the Council's planning and governance arrangements and support the requirements of the Constitution.
 - 2.2 The topics set out in the Forward Work Programme link to the strategic work of the Council as identified by the Council's revised Corporate Plan, corporate documents and supporting business plans.
 - 2.3 Effective work programmes are essential to ensure that the work of scrutiny makes a positive impact upon the Council's delivery of services.
 - 2.4 The Committee's Forward Work Programme was agreed in September 2020, recognising the fluidity of the document to enable the Committee to respond to urgent and emerging issues, and included timescales when reports will be considered by the Committee. The work programme is managed and implemented by the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer under the direction of the Chair and Committee.
 - 2.5 The forward work programme for the forthcoming meeting will be presented to Committee on a 6 weekly cycle in order that Members can consider the programme of work; request information is included within the reports, as appropriate and / or make amendments to the work programme.

3. **Options for Recommendation**

3.1 **Option 1:** The Scrutiny Committee consider the Forward Work Programme for the meeting 19th October 2020, and

- Make any amendments to the topics scheduled for the meetings;
- Suggest any additional invitees that the committee requires to fully consider the reports; and
- Request any additional information to be included with regards to the topics to be discussed.

3.2 **Option 2:** The Scrutiny Committee agree the Forward Programme for the meeting 19th October 2020, as presented.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

- Appendix 1 – Forward Work Programme – Meeting on 19th October 2020

Community Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme

Monday 19th October 2020

Dates / Deadlines	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
Monday 19th October 2020 Deadline: 2 nd October 2020	1. Cemetery Capacity Update	Performance Monitoring To be updated on the cemetery capacity following the review undertaken in 2019/20.	Dave Watkins	Executive – 9 th December 2020
	2. Central Depot new Build / Relocation / Business Plan	Pre Decision To consider the options for the preferred site before development of a business case.	Dave Watkins	Executive – 9 th December 2020
	3. Update on Flood Risk Management Plan	Performance Monitoring To report progress on the Flood Management Plan. Note, this is the annual monitoring report and is not to consider the flooding that took place earlier in 2020.	Carl Powell Wayne Jervis	Executive – 9 th December 2020
	4. Environment Act Section 6 Duty	Performance Monitoring Annual report of the implementation of the Environment Act and the Council's Biodiversity duties throughout 2019/20 and consideration of the proposed actions for 2020/21.	Chris Engel	Executive – 9 th December 2020

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