

## **Action – Community Services Scrutiny Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

### **Statement re: Current Cableway Closure**

**December 2021**

The decision to keep the cableway closed at this current time is due to the requirement to man the cabin to help prevent vandalism and ensure physical distancing and mask wearing is maintained as per statutory requirements. The opportunity for ventilating the cabin is limited, with only a small skylight window available in the cabin and doors opening to enclosed stations.

With the new Omicron variant likely to become more prevalent in the community, maintaining physical distancing to help stop the spread is essential. The cabin has a small area, therefore, if it were to be opened during current guidance and keep it manned, we could only allow a maximum of 2 passengers per trip. This is deemed uneconomical and not in line with the Council's sustainability objectives.

Once social distancing guidance is reviewed, we will undertake a risk assessment to see whether the number of passengers can be increased and the cableway reopened to the public.

Essential and planned maintenance works for the cableway are still ongoing.

**BGCBC Property Services**