

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

**Action Sheet**

**Community Scrutiny Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action to be Taken</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
4	<p><b><u>Minutes – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020</u></b></p> <p><b>Item 7 – Waste and Recycling Performance 2019-20</b></p> <p>A Member enquired regarding the green waste collected from Housing Associations and if it could be collected by the Council.</p>	Matthew Stent	<p>Officers have been in contact with the Registered Social Landlords [RSLs] to remind them that they can utilise Silent Valley for the disposal of their green waste. All the RSLs are entitled to contract out the collection of their green waste and it will be up to that contractor to arrange for the disposal. The Council is unable to force those contractors to dispose of the waste at Silent Valley.</p>
6	<p><b><u>Forward Work Programme – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020</u></b></p> <p>Members asked that a report on Fly Grazing be included on the agenda for the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.</p>	Dave Thompson	<p>Owing to the ongoing pandemic and the need for the Authority to prioritise resources to this response the Service would be unable to respond to this request within given timescales. Officers from the Public Protection Service are all currently heavily involved in the pandemic response; and following a recent funding announcement, officers will need to prioritise the setting up of a new Covid Regulations Enforcement Team and the officer responsible for Fly Gazing is heavily involved in this work.</p> <p>Given the above and considering the likely priorities for the service over the winter with the ongoing pandemic, the aim is to present the report to the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.</p>

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7	<p><b><u>Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience Forward Plan (2019-2022) 2019-20 Annual Report</u></b></p> <p>A Member suggested potential options for recycling, e.g. crisp packets.</p>	Chris Engel / Matthew Stent	<p>Blaenau Gwent is supporting a local individual in the collection of these i.e. providing sacks for storage, collection points at offices, promotion in MD message. Waste Services will continue to offer this assistance and work closely with Chris Engel and the Biodiversity Team to see if there is any further assistance can provide be provided. However, any development towards a kerbside collection would not be cost effective. Kerbside vehicles are already at capacity and are specifically designed for the current materials collected at the kerbside. Plus, the amount of crisp packets collected would need to be significant as the material is so light yet would have minimal impact on performance. There is a moral element in their removal from the residual waste stream but we have to balance this with the resources available to us.</p>
8	<p><b><u>Flood Risk Management Plan (2016-2022)</u></b></p> <p>A schedule of works with timescales for completion to be provided and circulated to all Members.</p>	Wayne Jervis / Clive Rogers	See attachment 1.