

# **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER**

### **COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**

**15 SEPTEMBER 2017**

#### **GREEN FLAG AWARD**

##### **1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Joint Committee on Coychurch Crematorium's successful application for a Green Flag Award in 2017.

##### **2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority**

2.1 This report is prepared and takes into consideration the following Corporate Improvement Objectives as outlined in the Councils Corporate Plan: -

- Priority one – Supporting a successful economy
- Priority two – Helping people to be more self-reliant
- Priority three – Smarter use of resources

##### **3. Background**

3.1 The Green Flag Award is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales. It was launched in 1996 to recognise and reward the best green spaces in the country. The first national award was introduced in 1997 and it continues to identify the high standards against which our parks and green spaces are measured. It is also seen as a way of encouraging organisations to achieve high environmental standards, setting a benchmark of excellence in recreational green areas. All green spaces are different and diversity is encouraged with each site being judged on its merits.

3.2 Coychurch Crematorium received its first award in 2010 and annually thereafter. A re-submission for the Green Flag Award was made in January 2017 and awards were formally announced in July 2017.

##### **4. Current Situation/Proposal**

4.1 The Crematorium has once again been successful in securing this nationally recognised award for the standards of care and maintenance of the site and grounds. The award confirms the commitment to maintaining high standards, which can be appreciated by all visitors.

4.2 Coychurch is one of only three crematoria sites in Wales that hold a Green Flag Award. Coychurch is flying its Green Flag for the eighth year in succession.

4.3 The Award requires an annual application and a further submission will be made in January 2018.

5. **Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**

5.1 None.

6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There is no impact on specific equality groups and disability duties.

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 The submission for the award cost £350 and is met from the revenue budget.

8. **Recommendation:**

8.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the success of the Crematorium in securing the Green Flag Award for 2017.

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**Background Papers:** None