

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER
COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2014

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 2014

2. Background

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Coychurch Crematorium received its first award in 2010 and annually thereafter. A re-submission for the Green Flag Award was made in January 2014 and awards were formally announced in July 2014.

3. Current Situation/Proposal

- 3.1 The crematorium has once again been successful in securing this nationally recognised award for the standards of care and maintenance within the grounds of the Crematorium and confirms the commitment to maintaining high standards, which can be appreciated by all visitors.
- 3.2 The Award requires an annual application and a further submission will be made in January 2015

4. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

- 4.1 There is none.

5. Equalities Impact Assessment

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

6. **Financial Implications**

6.1 The submission for the award costs £350 and is met from the revenue budget

7. **Recommendation:**

7.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the success of the Crematorium in securing the Green Flag Award for 2014.

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