

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

**4 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**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 2020.

**2. Connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities**

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-**

1. **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county borough.

2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** –taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.

3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

**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 2020 and awards were announced on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

#### **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 flying its Green Flag for the eleventh year in succession.
- 4.3 The Chairperson of the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee and the Bereavement Services Manager and Registrar normally collect the Green Flag Award at a ceremony held in July but the Green Flag Award organisers did not hold an award ceremony this year. Instead the Green Flag and certificate have been delivered directly to Coychurch Crematorium.
- 4.4 Bridgend County Borough Council would normally issue a press release to advise the public of the Green Flag Award successes, but due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, Keep Wales Tidy, the Green Flag organiser, has requested that no promotion/press/social media should be done at this time and has instead advised that there are plans to mark the event on 14<sup>th</sup> October, subject to further update.
- 4.5 The award requires an annual application and a further submission will be made in January 2021.

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

- 5.1 None.

#### **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from the report.

#### **7 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications**

- 7.1 The report advises the Committee on the success of the Crematorium in securing the Green Flag Award for 2020. There is no requirement for a well-being statement.

#### **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1 The submission for the award costs £350 and is met from the revenue budget.

9. **Recommendation(s):**

- 9.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the success of the Crematorium in securing the Green Flag Award for 2020.

**ZAK SHELL**  
**CLERK AND TECHNICAL OFFICER**  
**17<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

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**Background Papers: None**

## **PART A - SCREENING FOR EQUALITY IMPACT**

<b>Name of policy</b>	
<b>GREEN FLAG AWARD</b>	
<b>Name of lead officer</b>	<b>ZAK SHELL</b>
<b>Directorate/Department</b>	<b>CLERK AND TECHNICAL OFFICER TO COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE</b>
<i>What is the main purpose of this policy? (give a brief description)</i>	
The purpose of this report is to advise the Joint Committee on Coychurch Crematorium's successful application for a Green Flag Award in 2020.	
<i>What are the main activities covered by this policy? (give a summary)</i>	

Note the success of the Crematorium in securing the Green Flag Award for 2020.

*Who will be directly affected by the delivery of this policy and who is supposed to benefit from it? (e.g. staff, general public, target community, specific equality group)*

General Public

<b>Indicate the likely impact of the policy on the public, employees and community relations.</b> (please tick below as applicable)		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is this policy likely to impact on the way services are delivered to the general public?			X
Is this policy likely to impact on the way employees are treated in the workplace?			X
Are people protected by the equality duties likely to have different access needs in relation to this policy?			X
Is this policy likely to impact on relations between different communities or groups of people protected by the equality duties?			X
Is this policy delivered along with other public sector partner organisations or contractors?			X
<b>Indicate the potential impact on specific equality groups</b>			
Is this policy likely to have a <b>differential impact</b> on the following groups of people protected by the equality duties? (please tick below as applicable)			
Women?	NO		Men?
Disabled people?	NO		Different age groups?
Different racial groups?	NO		Different religion or belief?
Lesbian, gay, bi sexual or transsexual people?	NO		Transgender people?
<b>Indicate the relevance to specific public duties</b>			
Is this policy relevant to any of the following duties? (please tick below as applicable)		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Promote equality of opportunity?			X
Eliminate unlawful discrimination?			X
Foster good relations between people from different backgrounds?			X
Eliminate harassment or victimisation?			X
Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?			X
Encourage participation of disabled people in public life?			X

Consider treating disabled people more favourably than others?		X
Protect and promote human rights?		X
Ensure the equal treatment of English and Welsh languages?		X

<b>Use the space below to briefly set out what evidence has been considered as part of the screening.</b>		
<b>Likely differential impact on specific equality groups (positive or negative):</b>		
Improved service for all		
<b>Likely relevance to the following equality duties:</b>		
Not applicable		
<b>Likely relevance to the following human rights:</b>		
Not applicable		
<b>Equal treatment of English and Welsh languages:</b>		
Not applicable		
<b>Indicate what impact the policy will have on equality groups and its relevance to duties: (please tick below as applicable)</b>		
<b>High</b>	Highly likely to have an impact on groups and highly relevant to duties	
<b>Medium</b>	Likely to have an impact on most groups and relevant to most duties	
<b>Low</b>	Likely to impact on some groups and relevant to some duties	
<b>None</b>	Unlikely to have an impact and not relevant to the duties	X

## SIGN OFF ON SCREENING FOR EQUALITY IMPACT

<b>Name and job title of lead officer:</b>	<b>JOANNA HAMILTON – BEREAVEMENT SERVICES MANAGER &amp; REGISTRAR</b>
<b>Directorate/Department:</b>	<b>COMMUNITIES DIRECTORATE</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2020</b>

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## PART B - ASSESSING FOR EQUALITY IMPACT

### 1. Involvement of customers, employees and partner organisations

Briefly describe what consultation / involvement has been carried out that is relevant to the equality groups and the duties:

NOT RELEVANT

Briefly describe what consultation / involvement will be undertaken that is relevant to the equality groups and the duties:

NOT RELEVANT

### 2. Data collection and monitoring for equality

Briefly describe what data and information has been collected that is relevant to the equality groups and the duties:

NOT RELEVANT

Briefly describe what data and information will be collected and how it will be used that is relevant to the equality groups and the duties:

NOT RELEVANT

### 3. Delivery to customers – *Access issues*

Briefly describe what action has been taken to meet customer access issues that is relevant to the equality groups and the duties:

NOT RELEVANT

Briefly describe what action will be taken to meet customer access issues that is relevant to the equality groups and the duties:

NOT RELEVANT

### 4. Employment issues

Briefly describe what action has been taken to meet employer access issues that is relevant to the equality groups and the duties:

NOT RELEVANT

Briefly describe what action will be taken to meet employer access issues that is relevant to the equality groups and the duties:

NOT RELEVANT

### 5. Delivery – *Partnerships and contractors*

Briefly describe what evidence there is that equality and human rights are considered in partnership working and contracts (i.e. tendering documents, contract clauses, performance measurements).

NOT RELEVANT

### 6. Harassment, community relations and human rights

If relevant to the policy, briefly describe what evidence there is about harassment, relations between different equality groups and human rights.

NOT RELEVANT

## Part C – Summary of assessment, action planning and monitoring progress

Use the table below to analyse the findings from Part A and Part B and set out what options will help the Council to mitigate any risk of unlawful discrimination, promote equality, good community relations, Welsh language and human rights. This may include actions on involvement and consultation; data collection and further research; physical access to information or services; training or procurement. These actions should be included in the relevant policy and inform relevant strategic or service plans. Set out arrangements for reviewing the actions to measure whether the intended outcome has been achieved. The summary should be included in any formal corporate reports on the policy and retained by the service area for the statutory period of six years.

<b>Name of policy : GREEN FLAG AWARD</b>		<b>Date :</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2020</b>	
<b>Summary of assessment:</b> (expand as required) <b>NO IMPACT ON SPECIFIC EQUALITY GROUPS OR DISABILITY DUTIES</b>			
<b>Action to be undertaken</b> (expand as required)	<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>Target date</b>	<b>Expected equality outcome</b>
NONE REQUIRED			

## SIGN OFF ON EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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