

814. PORTHCAWL HARBOUR BYELAWS

The Corporate Director Communities reported on an update on the process to revise the byelaws that are currently effective at Porthcawl Harbour, to reflect the current operations and activities that take place, and the consultation on the proposed new byelaws, under the provisions of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012. She also sought approval of the proposed new byelaws and requested that, subject to Cabinet approval, they be presented to Council for adoption.

The Corporate Director Communities reported that she was authorised by Cabinet at its meeting in December 2020 to undertake a consultation on the proposed draft byelaws. Consultation took place between 23 August 2021 – 14 November 2021, via the Council's website and following the consultation, the proposed byelaws were review by the Harbour Board.

The Cabinet Member Education and Regeneration in commending the proposed byelaws stated that they would discourage people from entering the water away from the lifeboat and shipping operations. He stated that a possibility existed of developing a platform where swimmers could enter the sea directly into deep water, which would be the first such facility along this coastline. The Cabinet Member Communities stated that the proposed byelaws would mitigate against people being hit by boats entering and exiting the marina. The Leader commented that the safety of the harbour to its users is paramount due to there being an increase in water sports.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. Noted a consultation process, under the provisions of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012, has been undertaken and the consultation report is set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
2. Approved the proposed byelaws as set out in Appendix 3, and;
3. Agreed that the proposed byelaws, as set out in Appendix 3, be presented to Council for adoption.