

Meeting of:	COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	13 SEPTEMBER 2024
Report Title:	GREEN FLAG AWARD
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Responsible Officer:	JOANNA HAMILTON BEREAVEMENT SERVICES MANAGER & REGISTRAR
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no impact on the policy framework and procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	To advise the Joint Committee on Coychurch Crematorium's Green Flag Award success for 2024, which the Crematorium has received for the fifteenth year in succession, confirming continued recognition of its status as one of the best green spaces in the country, demonstrating the highest standards of management of the site and grounds.

1. Purpose of 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 2024.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Green Flag Award sets the benchmark standard for the management of parks and green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world. 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 and reward 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 2024 and awards were announced on 16th July 2024.

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 of the site and grounds. The award confirms the commitment to maintaining high standards, which can be appreciated by all visitors.
- 3.2 Coychurch Crematorium is flying its Green Flag for the fifteenth year in succession.
- 3.3 The Chairperson of the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee and the Bereavement Services Manager and Registrar normally collect the Green Flag Award at a ceremony but the Green Flag Award organisers will not hold an award ceremony this year. Instead the Green Flag and certificate have been delivered directly to Coychurch Crematorium.
- 3.4 On 22nd July 2024 Bridgend County Borough Council issued a press release to advise the public of the Green Flag Award successes, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 3.5 The award requires an annual application and a further submission will be made in January 2025.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty, and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services, and functions. This is an information report, therefore, it is not necessary to carry out an Equality Impact assessment in the production of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

- 5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. As the report is for information it is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

6. Climate Change Implications

- 6.1 There are no Climate Change implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

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

9. Recommendation:

9.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the report.

Background Papers: None