

Meeting of:	COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
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Report Title:	GREEN FLAG AWARD
Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer / Cabinet Member	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 2026, which the Crematorium has received for the seventeenth 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 2026.

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 2026 and awards were announced on 14th July 2026.

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 seventeenth 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 15th July 2026 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 2027.

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 Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with five ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The well-being objectives are designed to complement each other and are part of an integrated way of working to improve well-being for the people of Bridgend. The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. 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 and Nature Implications

- 6.1 There are no Climate Change and Nature 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 £389 and is met from Coychurch Crematorium's revenue budget.

9. Recommendation:

- 9.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the report.

Background Papers: None