



## **MONMOUTHSHIRE AND BRECON CANAL - CRUMLIN ARM WORKING GROUP – 20TH OCTOBER 2016**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE CANAL**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES**

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### **1. MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

#### **1.1 Canal Channel**

Weed cutting/channel maintenance is programmed for the week commencing 17th October 2016 and will be closely monitored given the experiences of last year. This will be coordinated with Ecologist colleagues and other interested parties with regards to supervision.

#### **1.2 Grass Maintenance**

The final cut of the season is programmed for the week commencing 17th October 2016 and will include cutting down to the water's edge along the full length of the canal.

### **2. 2016/2017 WORKS PROGRAMME**

#### **2.1 Towpath**

No works planned for this year.

#### **2.2 Access Enhancement**

No works planned for this year.

#### **2.3 Water Control**

No works planned for the remainder of this financial year.

#### **2.4 Dredging**

No works planned for the remainder of this year.

#### **2.5 Tree Maintenance**

A tree survey over the full length of the Canal has been delayed due to resource issues within the Engineering Projects Group and will be undertaken as soon as resources allow.

## 2.6 External Funding

Officers within CCBC's Economic Development section are currently working with neighbouring authorities to compile bids in an attempt to secure funding for further improvements at key areas along the Canal and it is understood that this is progressing well and in this respect the use of the Canal capital funding as match funding is being considered.

## 2.7 Channel Leak Repair

The second phase of works is well underway but has experienced some delay due to unforeseen site conditions which has added possibly 3 to 4 weeks to the overall contract period, giving a revised completion date for the end of January 2017.

## 2.8 Emergency Works

There have been no defects requiring emergency action identified during this period.

## 3. FUNDING

### 3.1 Capital

The capital budget allocation for 2016/17 has been confirmed as £212k plus a £209k carry over from 2015/16, giving a total budget of £421k. This funding will be used to complete the channel leak repair at Pontywaun.

### 3.2 Revenue

The budget for 2016/17 is confirmed as £100k. Expenditure using this budget will be focused on tree and channel maintenance.

## 4. BOATS

4.1 No update in this respect.

## 5. CANAL MAINTENANCE

5.1 No works planned for the remainder of this year.

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