



## ANNUAL COUNCIL - 10TH MAY 2018

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF THE BRYN COMPOST LIAISON GROUP**

**REPORT BY: INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval to dissolve the Bryn Compost Liaison Group.

### **2. SUMMARY**

2.1 In March 2010, Council agreed to establish the Bryn Compost Liaison Group.

2.2 Part 2 of the Council's constitution provides that full Council is responsible for "agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees, sub committees, panels and boards, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them".

2.3 The In Vessel Composting (IVC) process of food waste at Bryn Compost has been decommissioned; as such there is no requirement to continue meetings of the Liaison Group.

### **3. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

3.1 The production of the Well-being Plan by the Public Services Board is a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Board must set local well-being objectives and must take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives. In so doing the Board must maximise their contribution to the 7 national well-being goals:

- *A prosperous Wales*
- *A resilient Wales*
- *A healthier Wales*
- *A more equal Wales*
- *A Wales of cohesive communities*
- *A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language*
- *A globally responsible Wales*

3.2 The local Well-being Plan, 'The Caerphilly We Want 2018-2023' sets out how the Public Services Board has developed its local objectives for well-being (the Well-being Objectives) and the steps it intends to take to meet them.

### **4. THE REPORT**

4.1 The IVC process was designed and utilised to recycle food waste (plus some green waste) into compost. Unfortunately, during the development phases, the process gave rise to unpleasant odours that were experienced in local communities. As such, the Bryn Compost Liaison Group was established in March 2010 in order to address complaints of odour associated with the IVC process.

- 4.2 The Liaison Group is composed of representatives from the Bryn Compost Company, Environmental Health, Natural Resources Wales, Public Health Wales, adjoining local ward members and ten residents and chaired by Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services.
- 4.3 Since the introduction of an Anaerobic Digestion Plant (AD) at the site, food waste treatment practices have changed; food waste is now treated via the AD. As such the IVC facility is no longer used to treat food waste.
- 4.4 As the IVC process has been decommissioned and food waste composting activities no longer take place at the site, there is no longer a source of food waste composting odours, and therefore no receptors. Consequently there is no need to continue with meetings of the Bryn Compost Liaison Group.

## **5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

- 5.1 The liaison group contributed to the Well-being Goals as set out in Links to the Strategy above. It was consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act in that it successfully integrated a problem solving approach with other agencies to set priorities, involved the local population in the decisions that affected them, and explored the root cause of the issues to minimise future re-occurrences.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications.

## **8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Staffing resources will be saved as there would no longer be a requirement to prepare, clerk or attend the meetings.

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

- 9.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.
- 9.2 Local ward Members have not objected to the dissolution of the Bryn Compost Liaison Group, however they have requested that another group be established to address other issues including the deposits of mud on the road near the site, creation of bunds on the site, height of stone dust in the quarry, etc.
- 9.3 It is proposed that an informal group be established to address the above concerns. The group to comprise of the three members for the St Cattwgs ward, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and relevant officers.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 That Council dissolves the Bryn Compost Liaison Group.

- 10.2 That an informal discussion group be established comprising the St Cattwg ward members, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and relevant officers for a period of twelve months.

## **11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 There is no longer a necessity to operate a Bryn Compost Liaison Group.
- 11.2 An officer/member discussion group will address the concerns expressed by local residents.

## **12. STATUTORY POWER**

- 12.1 The Local Government Act 2000.

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Consultees: Cllr Poole - Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Cllr George – Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services  
Cllr Stenner – Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection  
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Mark S Williams – Interim Director of Communities  
Rob Hartshorn - Head of Policy and Public Protection  
Lisa Lane - Interim Monitoring Officer  
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Anwen Cullinane - Senior Policy Officer (Equalities and Welsh Language)  
Shaun Watkins - HR Service Manager  
Tim Stephens - Interim Head of Planning  
Marcus Lloyd - Acting Head of Engineering Services  
Dean Smith - Principal Engineer  
Jon Goldsworthy – Natural Resources Wales  
Adam Ward – Natural Resources Wales  
Mezz Bowley – Public Health Wales  
Cllr Morgan - Local Ward Member (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure, Sustainability & Wellbeing of Future Generations Champion)  
Cllr David – Local Ward Member  
Cllr Bezzina - Local Ward Member  
Cllr Gair – Local Ward Member  
Cllr Miles – Local Ward Member

Background Papers: Terms of Reference for the Bryn Compost Liaison Group  
Report to Council 9th March 2010