

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD
REPORT OF HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT

13TH NOVEMBER 2014

SECTION B– MATTER FOR INFORMATION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: None

AWARD TO CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Purpose of Report

To bring to Members attention to an award presented by South Wales Police to one of the Authority's Civil Enforcement Officers.

Background

Police Officers and members of the public who have made an extraordinary contribution to the community in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot were recognised at a recent awards ceremony. One of the recipients was a Civil Enforcement Officer employed by the Authority.

On the afternoon of 22nd April 2014 Christopher Simmons along with PCs Robert Bending and Andrew Hedley performed CPR on a man who had collapsed in St Mary's car park in Port Talbot, their actions gave paramedics the best opportunity to save the man's life.

The brave and quick-thinking Traffic Warden was praised for giving emergency treatment to an elderly man who had collapsed in Port Talbot.

The enforcement officer was on duty in the town centre when a man in his 70s, travelling with his wife, suffered a suspected cardiac arrest, at St Mary's car park near the bus station.

An eye-witness said a young male traffic warden rushed to help the man and gave him swift medical help.

"He performed CPR on the man until the paramedics, including the air ambulance, arrived," she said.

"He was the only person to step forward and help while a crowd gathered and just watched.

"It was the brave actions and quick-thinking of the officer that saved this man's life," she said.

It is proposed that a photo is taken with the Leader and Director of Environment in recognition of the award.

Appendices

None

List of Background Papers

Not applicable

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