

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board 22nd February 2019

Joint Report of the Head of Streetcare, M. Roberts and the Head of Engineering and Transport, D. Griffiths

Matter for: Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

Programme of Maintenance of Bus Shelters

Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide information as requested by Members.

Executive Summary

- 2 This report seeks to provide an overview of maintenance and responsibilities of bus shelters located throughout Neath Port Talbot.
- 3 There are 553 bus shelters located throughout the borough. 528 of these are in this Council's ownership, whilst a further 25 are owned and managed by Neath Town Council.

Background

- 4 There are 553 Bus shelters located throughout Neath Port Talbot. 25 shelters are owned and managed by Neath Town Council while the remaining 528 are owned by this Council.
- 5 Of the 528 council shelters, 420 are blue in colour with perspex panels and are of various sizes and configuration (e.g. enclosed, cantilever etc.). The responsibility for the repair and maintenance of these shelters lies with Waste & Neighbourhood Services.
- 6 In addition to the above, the Council's Engineering and Transport Section have been successful in securing Welsh Government grants over the last 4 financial years to enable the replacement of the blue shelters with modern stainless steel shelters along the

strategic bus network. Shelters have been replaced between Margam & Neath, Neath & Swansea(via Skewen) and Neath & Pontardawe. These stainless steel shelters have replaced the blue shelters.

Current Position (Blue Shelters)

- 7 Regular inspections take place identifying shelters requiring repair or replacement. The inspections and repairs are organised by the Waste and Neighbourhood Section.
- 8 Shelters are replaced when they are either beyond economical repair or become a Health and Safety concern. (e.g. as a result of a vehicle accident), and are prioritised as finances allow.
- 9 Since 2016, in addition to many bus shelters being repaired, 17 'blue' shelters have required replacing due to their overall condition or as a result of vehicle accidents. Replacement costs of these shelters are in the region of £3-6K each, dependent on their size and configuration.
- 10 Day-to-day cleansing is carried out by the local zone teams within WANS. Also, as part of the winter works programme, bus shelters receive an annual power wash.
- 11 The current budget within Waste and Neighbourhood Services for the maintenance (cleaning, repair and replacement) of 'blue' shelters plus all bus stop signs is £39k.

Current Position (Stainless Steel Shelters)

- 12 Maintenance of stainless steel shelters is via a contract with Clear Channel.
- 13 The contract specifies that Clear Channel can arrange advertising on these shelters retaining the associated income and, in return and at their own expense, Clear Channel provide a full maintenance and repair service on a regular basis, to include:-
 - A minimum cycle of 10 working day inspection
 - Full shelter wash on a 20 day working cycle

- The removal of graffiti/fly posting within 48hrs of notification
- Full repair of non-urgent faults of damage within 10 working days of notification.

Whilst day to day repairs are included within the contract, the replacement of shelters is not.

- 14 Recently two of the stainless steel shelters have been demolished as a result of vehicle accidents. The replacement cost for these shelters is in the region of £14k each. Insurance claims are being pursued against the drivers of the vehicles to replace the shelters however, to date these shelters are yet to be replaced.

Risk Management

- 15 If the cost of replacing the demolished stainless steel shelters cannot be recovered from insurers then the cost falls on the Council's maintenance budget. The replacement of one stainless steel bus shelter represents some 36% of the Council's budget provision for shelter maintenance.

Background Papers

- 16 None

Wards Affected

- 17 All

Officer Contact

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