



SELECTION BOX POLICY

In November 2024 Full Council meeting it was agreed to look into a selection box policy ready for 2025.

3926 selection boxes + 61 allergen free selection boxes ordered in 2024 for the following:

Number of boxes	for	Budget
106 boxes of 26 (2756)	Schools & Grotto	Christmas
4 boxes of 26 (104)	Oakwood estate	Maesteg West Ward Fund
6 boxes of 26 (156)	Caerau Men Shed	Nantyffyllon Ward Fund
35 boxes of 26 (910)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caerau Community Growers. • Caerau Church Hall Support Group. • Caerau Development Trust. • Caerau Dragons Boxing Club. • Caerau All Whites FC Minis. • Llynfi BMX Racing Club. • Noddfa Youth & Community Project. • UDC Dance. • Valley Foxes FC 	Caerau Ward Fund
Additional requests agreed in November full council		
30	St Cynfelyn's community group	Used the already purchased selection boxes that were now not needed due to purchasing allergen free selection boxes – Caerau Ward to issue exact numbers to the groups
40	Maesteg Judo Club	

Caerau children's groups:

Caerau Community Growers	200
Caerau Church Hall Support Group	100
Caerau Development Trust	100
Caerau Dragons Boxing Club	40
Caerau All Whites FC Minis	50
Llynfi BMX Racing Club	80
Noddfa Youth & Community Project	120
UDC Dance	150
TOTAL	900

Allergen free selection boxes for schools = 61, these were £3 each excluding VAT, including the VAT the total was £219.60.

Due to the amount of selection boxes ordered, Cadbury's Direct gave a 10% discount making each selection box £1.24

Overall, for the Christmas period in 2024 the total cost of selection boxes was £6,057.06

Many members felt that the amount of selection boxes ordered and issued was excessive and that some children could potentially receive 5+ selection boxes paid for by Maesteg Town Council as all primary school children receive a selection box and the grotto also gives out selection boxes. It was also noted over the Christmas period that only Noddfa Youth & Community Project acknowledged that MTC had provided the selection boxes.

The legal statutory provision for supplying selection boxes falls within Local Government Act 1972, s144 (2) & s145 and Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Policy

The provision of Selection boxes should be limited to the local primary schools and Town Council Santa's Grotto.

Should organisations request selection boxes they must use the S137 application form for this and purchase them themselves. The S137 policy will apply and still be limited to 1 application per financial year.

This policy was agreed by the Policy committee on 25/02/2025

Policy Accepted and adopted by a Hybrid meeting of the Council held on 04/03/2025

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Mayor

Review Date: To be reviewed during the year following an election unless any issues arise.