

Corporate Plan 2018-2022 - A Summary

Our Vision - One Council working together to improve lives

Our Priorities

Priority 1: A successful economy

This means we will take steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.

Key Programmes to support this priority

City Deal – this is a programme that South East Wales Councils have secured from the UK and Welsh Government. The Deal is projected to deliver 25,000 extra jobs across the region.

Strategic Review of Post 16 Education and Training – this programme evaluates education provision and curriculum delivery with Bridgend county borough to ensure that there are clear options available to provide the best possible opportunities for learners in the county borough.

Successful Economy Programme – this programme consists of key regeneration and local development schemes in our main town centres. We will also maximise the opportunities from other regeneration funding strategies and programmes, such as the Valleys Taskforce, a Welsh Government initiative that aims to deliver economic change by creating good quality jobs and helping people access skills.

Alignment of the Welsh Government Tackling Poverty Grants – we will streamline those grants, focusing on alleviating child poverty through early intervention through Flying Start, Families First, Supporting People and Communities First Legacy Funding.

Priority 2: Helping people to be self-reliant

This means we will work with our partners, including our service users and carers, to take early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services, support individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop local solutions to meet local needs and enjoy independent life as much as they can.

Key Programmes to support this priority

Remodelling Social Care -

- We will continue with this large programme of recommissioning adult home care, developing extra care and information and advice services for people and their carers.
- Working with partners we are implementing a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub as a single point of contact for all safeguarding concerns.
- We are looking at our existing models of residential care for children and young people and respite care for children with disabilities in order to make them more targeted and more effective.

Community Asset Transfer - We will transfer assets to communities to manage sustainably while making the most of the assets we retain.

Priority 3: Smarter use of resources

This means we will ensure that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

Key Programmes to support this priority

Digital Transformation Programme – this programme aims to change the way we operate to enable customers to access information, advice and services on line.

Rationalising the Council's estate – this programme is about disposing of council assets and transferring assets to communities to manage while making the most of the assets we retain.

Schools' Modernisation Programme – this programme invests in a sustainable education system in school buildings that reduces cost and their carbon footprint.

In 2018-19 some of our actions will include:

- Continuing to work with the Cardiff Capital Regional Skills and Employment Board and BCBC led local projects to shape employment opportunities and develop a skilled workforce to meet future needs. This includes delivering high quality apprenticeships for all ages.
- Investing in our town centres to enhance existing facilities and provide new facilities.
- Continuing to improve the way the Council provides good information, advice and assistance that are relevant to people and their carers.
- Ensuring that all services available work better together to support vulnerable children through early help to prevent them from becoming looked after.
- Providing sufficient school places in the right area and in new and improved schools
- Changing the way we operate to enable customers to access information, advice and services on line.

You can read more about the actions we will take in 2018-19 and how we will measure success in the full Corporate Plan and further financial information on the Council priorities and performance pages on www.bridgend.gov.uk.

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