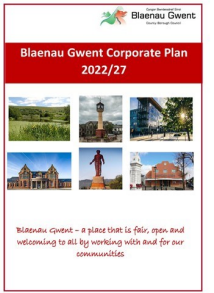


2022 - 2023 OUTCOMES

A new **Corporate Plan** has been developed for the Council, aligning priorities with the Gwent Well-being Plan and Marmot Principles, with a **focus on tackling and reducing inequalities and supporting those impacted by the cost of living crisis.**



The Tech Valleys Initiative

supports our vision for **the South Wales Valleys** to be a globally recognised centre for developing **new technologies to support cutting-edge industry by 2027**

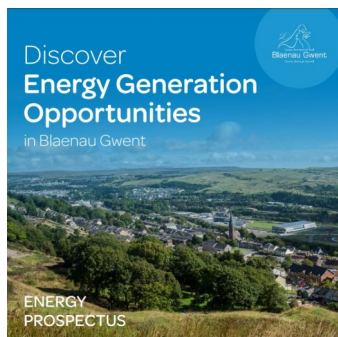


Safeguarding our citizens is central to the work of the Council and good progress has been made to strengthen the corporate safeguarding arrangements in place. This includes the development of a corporate safeguarding training framework being implemented across the council and compliance monitored.



Delivery of the Energy Prospectus

continues with interest in energy development across the borough to facilitate a supply of renewable energy to meet the future energy needs of the area including consideration of wind and hydro generation projects



Key Activities



2022/23 Carbon Emissions

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Change from Base Year	Change from Last Year
Direct Carbon Emissions tonnes CO ₂ e/year	14,750	11,793	13,087	12,332	-16%*	-6%*



Key Stage 4 (KS4)

results for 2022

demonstrated

progress with improvements in 29 out of 32 key measures.

- GCSE A*/A and A*-C grades improved in English, Science and Maths.



The Children Looked After (CLA) numbers remain stable

moving from

196 to 197

children.



52.2%

of residents aged 16 years and over in Blaenau Gwent are **economically active and in employment.**

This is an **increase of 2.7%** since 2011

5G Wales Unlocked is the innovation project behind the new immersive 360-degree immersive environment in Ebbw Vale – just one of several trials demonstrating how ultrafast technology like 5G could transform rural communities, from powering tech innovations in agriculture, to improving rural transport and bolstering the tourism industry.



There are **4,035 Welsh speakers** living within Blaenau Gwent, which equates to **6.2% of the population**

Cymraeg



A total of **£188.7 million** was spent by the Council on **providing services** during 2021-22

The Council continues to be the largest employer within the borough, **employing 2,953 people**



In Children's Services two residential properties have been purchased to provide **residential care for children with more complex needs** so they can be looked after **closer to home** as opposed to outside of Blaenau Gwent and even Wales.



Citizen involvement

Our engagement programme early 2023 gave people in Blaenau Gwent the opportunity to share their views to help us plan our budget and services from April 2023 onwards. This year we had the highest level of response witnessed for a budget engagement survey carried out by the council with 3,376 questionnaires being completed.

School attendance is showing an improvement in both primary and secondary

90.4%

Primary

85.8%

Secondary

£766k

invested into
Active Travel
routes

4.2%

uplift in
Education budgets
agreed for 2023/24

Hwb Tech initiative

Circa **£2m**
for Schools
ICT facilities

85%

Occupancy
of councils
Industrial Units

64%
of households
threatened with
homelessness
was
prevented

133
Complaints
and **28**
compliments
received

£127,527

awarded to 16
community groups
to deliver **local projects**

79 fixed
penalty notices
issued for
fly tipping
which is more than a
400% increase
between
2021/22 to 2022/23.

Recycling rate
was
66.78%
exceeding the national
target of **64%**

6,132

Customers
supported face
to face in our
community
hubs

25.8%

More
Business start-ups

during first 3 months of
2023 compared to the
corresponding period
last year.

210
adults
provided with
electronic assistive technology

63
children on
child protection register
decrease of 3 from
previous year.