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# Leading the way - the first council to implement the Living Wage

CCBC is tackling poverty and improving living standards for the lowest paid employees. We have made a stand for the 3,000+ employees and ensure that none of our workforce earn below the living wage.

#### Bargoed Cinema on track

CCBC has agreed exciting plans to fund a £6million cinema and retail development in Bargoed town centre. This is the latest announcemement for the town and is a key part of the wider regeneration of Bargoed and the surrounding communities.

# Working together to improve social services



CCBC is driving exciting new proposals that will see Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent councils leading the way in Wales. The two local authorities have agreed to integrate to deliver Social Services and sustain key services for all sections of the community.

### Giving young people a head start



To date we have taken on over 260 young people either as a work placement, apprenticeship or trainee. We are providing real opportunities to get people on the career ladder by offering quality, paid work placements.

#### Centre for Sporting Excellence on way to Ystrad Mynach



Demolition work has started on a £6million project that will deliver state of the art sporting facilities in the heart of the county borough. The scheme will transform the former hospital site and provide a site of regional importance for sports development.

### Transforming our council homes



We are improving the homes of all our tenants by delivering the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS). This is the council's flagship priority involving a budget of over £200m between 2012 and 2020.

#### Flying the Green Flag



We now boast FIVE green flags in our area - Morgan Jones Park, Waunfawr Park and Nelson Wern Park. Parc Cwm Darren and Cwmcarn Forest are the latest.

#### Cleaner and greener

CCBC continues to buck the national trend by consistently exceeding the Welsh Government's recycling targets thanks to our streamlined collection process and proactive approach to encouarge greater participation.

#### Improving our performance

We continue to deliver on our targets which means we will receive a £1.9 million grant boost from the Welsh Government as part of this year's 'Outcome Agreement'.

#### School meal prices frozen

Meal prices in primary and secondary schools will remain unchanged - ensuring that our pupils get nutritious meals at an affordable price.

#### Tackling sickness absence

Staff sickness levels at the council continue to fall thanks to the dedication of the workforce and improvements arising from an ongoing drive by the organisation to tackle absence levels and improve staff health.

#### Facelift for Blackwood Stute



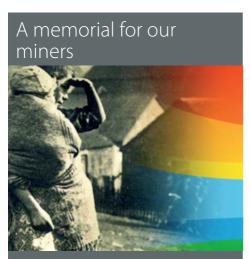
£1.3million is being spent transforming the much-loved Blackwood Miners Institute. An external facelift, improved facilities, better access and a major boost for this important arts and entertainment venue.

# Protecting staff through effective management

CCBC has avoided making any compulsory redundancies, despite making significant savings across the organisation. Our effective HR management means we are protecting jobs in these tough times.

# Park and ride charges scrapped

We have decided against introducing charges for the use of park and ride facilities. This is great news for all commuters with free facilities making rail services more attractive and accessible to all.



CCBC is supporting ambitious plans by the Aber Valley partnership to develop a poignant memorial in Senghenydd on the former Universal colliery site - a scheme that has international significance as well as local importance.

### Library Boost across the county borough



Major new developments are now open in Bargoed and Risca - extra provision planned for Aberbargoed, and exciting new developments on the way in Caerphilly, Newbridge and Abercarn.

### Balancing budgets in these difficult times

Despite the current economic climate and the difficulties facing the public sector, CCBC has balanced its budgets and is delivering key services on target and on budget without compromising on quality.



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