



Join the Caerphilly Conversation

Residents across the county borough are being encouraged to have their say on savings proposals totalling £15.6million for next year (2019/20).

The council has already delivered savings totalling **£89million** over the last 10 years, but continues to face increasing financial pressures. Welsh Government recently announced a further reduction in funding of 0.21% for 2019/20 and in order to achieve the resulting £15.6million savings target a list of proposed cuts have been put forward for public consultation.

Cabinet Member for Finance, Cllr Barbara Jones said, "None of us want to be in a position where we are having to consider cutting services or raising council tax by the percentage that we're proposing,

but the financial situation facing us really is uncharted territory for local government, not only in Caerphilly, but across Wales and beyond."

Some of the key points contained within the proposals include:

- Reductions in street cleansing, grass cutting and highways maintenance.
- The closure of two Household Waste Recycling Centres.
- Reduced spending on libraries, youth, adult services and day care provision.
- Reductions in school budgets and school initiatives.
- Increases in school meal prices.
- The Community Safety Warden service to cease.

- Closure of public toilets and four community centres.
- Cease Meals on Wheels service (except for clients under section 117).
- A proposed 6.95% increase in council tax, which would equate to an annual increase of £73.51, or a weekly increase of £1.41 based on a Band D property.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Dave Poole added, "It's heart breaking that we are having to even consider some of these proposals, but we have a legal duty to deliver a balanced budget and therefore have no option. I can only reiterate that the time has come where some difficult decisions will need to be made."

See centre pages for more details about the savings proposals and how you can have your say.



Cllr Dave Poole
Leader of the Council



Cllr Barbara Jones
Finance Cabinet Member

Your Homes. Your Future.

A five-year Caerphilly Homes' Asset Management Strategy has been agreed which outlines the overall approach that will be taken to ensure the council's housing portfolio continues to provide affordable, quality homes that meet customers' needs into the future.

The Strategy includes:



New Council Homes

The Cabinet has agreed ambitious plans which will see the council begin to develop new council homes, supported by investment from Welsh Government's Affordable Housing Grant.

Over £1.8 million has been allocated for 2019/20, following the extension of funding to local authorities. Feasibility studies will be undertaken on a number of sites throughout the county borough to identify those most suitable for development. As well as building new homes the council will also explore options to increase the supply of council housing through other methods, including the selected purchase of empty properties.

Cllr Dave Poole, Leader of the Council said, "No new council homes have been built in Caerphilly county borough since 2003, and last year we made a commitment to our residents that the development of new council homes was a key priority for us. We said last year that we'd hope to be in a position to take this priority forward by 2020, so I'm proud to say that we're already beginning to achieve this in 2018."



Housing Blueprint Approved

The council has also approved an ambitious housing blueprint that could result in the construction of more than 450 new homes at 5 key strategic sites across the area.

Five parcels of land totalling 50+ acres have been identified for future development opportunities, including a significant portion of affordable housing.



■ Cllr Phipps and Cllr Poole at the former council offices site in Pontllanfraith.

Cllr Lisa Phipps, Cabinet Member for Homes and Places said, "These surplus parcels of land are suitable for housing development and will help the council meet our requirement to deliver new homes as set out in the Local Development Plan."

"We will work closely with potential developers to ensure that any new plans include an element of affordable housing. We believe that these proposals balance the need to generate income for the authority from the disposal of surplus land with the affordable housing needs of the surrounding community," she added.



Rydym wedi ymrwngw i gynyddu'r cyflenwad o gartrefi cyngor
We're committed to increasing the supply of council homes

Eich Cartrefi. Eich Dyfodol. Your Homes. Your Future.

10 YEAR VISION TO GET 'more people, more active, more often'

The council's Cabinet has agreed an ambitious strategy that will shape the future of sport and active recreation across the area for the next decade.

Last month the Cabinet gave the green light to the strategy following a period of widespread public consultation. The CCBC Sport and Active Recreation Strategy focuses on a diverse range of sport and physical activity opportunities provided by



The strategy outlines the future delivery of key areas including country parks, cycle and walking routes, leisure centres, playgrounds, sports pitches, skate parks and various other outdoor facilities that are available for the community to enjoy.

Cllr Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services said "The council has a 10 year vision to get more people, more active, more often and this strategy covers the range of sport and physical activity opportunities provided throughout our communities."

"I would like to thank all those who took time to give their views during of the public consultation as this feedback has been invaluable and allowed residents to help shape the future of this key service area."

"We will now turn our attention to the delivery of the strategy, but it is important to stress that this is a 10 year plan and we need to give careful consideration to all the proposals within the document before any further decisions are taken," he added.

Leader of Council, Cllr Dave Poole said, "This strategy is about our 10 year vision for sport and active recreation and we want to ensure we can deliver positive outcomes against a backdrop of very difficult financial pressures."

Works are complete at Pwll-y-Pant roundabout

Residents, motorists and businesses will welcome the news that improvement works at the Pwll-y-Pant roundabout in Caerphilly are complete – in time for the busy pre-Christmas trading period.

The improvement scheme, which started in October last year, was carried out in order to increase capacity at this key strategic location, as well as reduce congestion and improve journey time reliability.

While initial estimations were that the scheme would be completed within 52 weeks, severe weather and other factors, including altering the programme to re-open two lanes southbound from Llanbradach earlier than originally anticipated in response to calls from businesses and members of the public, meant that the programme had to be extended. The good news is that works are now complete – in time for the busy pre-Christmas trading period.

Cllr Sean Morgan, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure said, "I have no doubt that the scheme's completion has been welcomed by all concerned.

"We were obviously very conscious that the programme had extended beyond the originally scheduled 52 weeks, due both to circumstances beyond our control, and changes made to single lane running after listening to concerns from residents and businesses. Local traders are now able to take full advantage of the busy pre-Christmas trading period with no disruption."

The final works on site was the traffic lights switch on, with the new traffic signal system designed to self-manage and balance flows between all the junctions. There will be a bedding in period over the first few weeks where the system learns where the flow priorities are and readjusts to try and ensure that no one arm has excessive queue lengths.

The scheme, which was funded as a result of developer contributions and Welsh Government grant funding, has seen the following improvements:

- Partial full time signalisation of the roundabout.
- Incorporation of a pedestrian crossing on the Trecenydd Arm of the **A468**.
- New footway linking the existing pedestrian bridge to the footway on Pontygwindy Road.
- Additional filter lane on the **A469** Llanbradach Arm approach and lengthening of the existing filter lanes.
- Creation of a dualled lane approach and additional filter lane on the **A468** Bedwas Arm and lengthening of existing filter lanes.
- Creation of an additional filter lane on the Pontygwindy Road Arm and lengthening of the existing filter lanes.
- Creation of a dualled lane approach on the **A468** Trecenydd Arm.
- Two lane exits have been lengthened on the **A468** Trecenydd and Bedwas Arms.

Cllr Sean Morgan added, "The works have undoubtedly caused disruption for residents, motorists and the business community, and I must thank everyone for their patience while these important works were carried out."



A GREENER, CLEANER CAERPHILLY

Caerphilly Town Centre looks set to become one of the greenest public transport hubs in the UK thanks to an ambitious strategy by the council and a funding bid led by Stagecoach.



The council is working with Welsh Government to maximise Caerphilly's potential as a leading sustainable town centre, enjoying a key strategic location in the heart of the City Deal region.

Stagecoach has also launched a major bid for £3.45million from the Department of Transport to convert its fleet of buses serving Caerphilly town centre from diesel to electric. The bid, which includes £4.6m investment by Stagecoach, forms part of the Ultra-Low Emission Bus Scheme, could see the introduction of 21 new electric buses and associated normal and fast charge electricity points installed at the firm's depot in Bedwas.



Leader of Council, Cllr Dave Poole welcomed the news, "These are exciting times for Caerphilly thanks to our ambitious plans to lead the way in the UK in terms of delivering a sustainable transport



strategy and we would also like to commend Stagecoach on their bold plans. It's great to see that we have a shared vision to make Caerphilly one of the greenest transport hubs in the country."

Railway lines in the county borough are also due to be electrified by 2023 as part of the exciting South Wales Metro project.

Cllr Sean Morgan, the Council's Deputy Leader added, "Passengers look set to benefit from a sustainable public transport network that offers

emission-free journeys on brand new vehicles, with faster journey times in an environment that offers a genuine alternative to travelling by car to access employment and leisure opportunities."

The council's Cabinet also recently approved a new Electric Vehicle Strategy for the county borough, which outlines the authority's aspirations to provide a new electric vehicle infrastructure across the area. In addition, the council has also started using a hybrid electric vehicle as its 'official car' - used for trips by the Mayor, Leader, senior officers and for a wide range of other business uses.

Festive offer for 10k sign ups



Readers looking for a New Year challenge should look no further than the Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k, which is set to return on Sunday 19th May 2019.

This year, organisers are offering a special Christmas and New Year incentive to sign up to participate in the run; sign up for the 10k between Monday 10th December and Friday 11th January 2019 and receive a free Caerphilly 10k training t shirt.

Set against the backdrop of Caerphilly Castle, the Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k will lead participants in and around Caerphilly town centre, passing a number of iconic landmarks and great views along the way.

Also returning for 2019 is the 2k run, which gives younger runners the opportunity to experience the timed event at a shorter distance. Participants in the 2k race must be at least 8 years old on the day of the race to participate.

Entry to the 10k costs £20 for unaffiliated runners and £18 for affiliated runners and concessions, while the 2k race costs £6.50 to enter.

The event is organised by Caerphilly County Borough Council and is supported by Welsh Athletics, Run Wales and Sport Wales.

To sign up to the 10k and to receive a FREE training t shirt, visit <http://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/10k>
email: 10k@caerphilly.gov.uk Event hotline: 029 2088 0011

Civil Parking Enforcement

Caerphilly County Borough Council is set to take over Civil Parking Enforcement duties from Gwent Police in April 2019.

The transfer of Civil Enforcement powers will allow the council to provide a coordinated and consistent approach to enforcement of traffic regulations and will help improve road safety, traffic flow and reduce obstructions.

From this date, civil enforcement officers will undertake enforcement duties in towns and villages across the Caerphilly county borough and if a vehicle is found to be parked unlawfully may issue a Penalty Charge Notice.

Legislation dictates that any surplus created through the issuing of Civil Parking Enforcement will be reinvested in the highway network.

The new measures will allow the council to focus on the interests of residents, local businesses and transport operators by focusing on residential and town centre parking and the abuse of specific types of parking such as disabled parking bays, loading bays, bus stops and double yellow lines.

Gwent is currently the only police force area to still carry out parking enforcement and the transfer of powers to the council will bring Caerphilly and all other local authorities in Gwent in line with the rest of Wales.

Detailed guidance will be issued in the new year.



Plaque to former leaders unveiled

A plaque dedicated to former Leaders of Caerphilly County Borough Council has been unveiled at the council's headquarters, Penallta House.

The council's current Leader, Cllr Dave Poole, personally funded the purchase and installation of the plaque, which details all council Leaders since Caerphilly County Borough Council's inception in 1996.

Cllr Dave Poole said, "We do plenty to thank former civic heads for their contribution during their year in office – and rightly so, but it struck me that we did very little to thank former Leaders for their years of service."

"Having worked alongside many of the previous Leaders of Council, and now being Leader myself, I know just how hard they worked for the benefit of our communities. It seemed only right to have this plaque thanking them for their service installed at our council headquarters."

The plaque was unveiled by the wives of three former council Leaders, Harry Andrews MBE, Allan Pritchard and Keith Reynolds who are sadly no longer with us. Also in attendance at the unveiling were former council Leaders, Graham Court and Cllr Lindsay Whittle.



Christmas Refuse & Recycling Collections

Normal Collection Day:	Revised Collection Day:
Monday 24th December	Normal Collection Day
Tuesday 25th December	Thursday 27th December
Wednesday 26th December	Friday 28th December
Thursday 27th December	Saturday 29th December
Friday 28th December	Sunday 30th December
Monday 31st January 2018	Normal Collection Day
Tuesday 1st January	Wednesday 2nd January
Wednesday 2nd January	Thursday 3rd January
Thursday 3rd January	Friday 4th January
Friday 4th January	Saturday 5th January

Please note: There will be no collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. Residents are reminded to have their bins, boxes or bags out for collection prior to 6am on their revised collection day.

- Additional recycling will be collected if placed in **CLEAR BAGS**.
- Recycling centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years day.
- Public Toilets will also be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

For more information on recycling, please visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/recycling or call 01443 866 533

Caerphilly celebrates 20 YEARS of recycling

This year marks 20 years since the start of the recycling kerbside collection scheme, with Caerphilly county borough residents continuing to help ensure Caerphilly is at the forefront of recycling in Wales – just as they did 20 years ago.

Back in 1998, the council, an early adopter for the scheme, began its recycling collection service for the recycling of bottles, jars, cans, newspapers and magazines. Residents were provided with a green plastic box for recycled materials, and in the first year alone, the council achieved a recycling rate of almost 2%.

Fast forward 20 years, and Caerphilly county borough residents have helped ensure the council continues to be one of the leading areas in Wales for recycling. Recent figures published by Welsh Government show that Caerphilly continues to be the leading area in the Gwent area for recycling, with 66.7% of all waste generated across the area in 2017/18 being reused, composted or recycled.

Cllr Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services said, "We certainly welcome these latest recycling figures and would like to say a big thank you to all residents across our area who are doing their bit to help us exceed the ambitious recycling targets that we are set.

"There's still work to do, but by continuing to work together we can further boost our recycling rates and help Caerphilly continue to be one of the greenest places in Wales."

The council is also looking to further boost this impressive recycling figure, by encouraging all residents across Caerphilly county borough to recycle their food waste each week. In recent months, a team of recycling advisors have been visiting residents to explain the benefits of the weekly kerbside collection service.

Currently, the food waste recycling scheme is taken up by around 50% of households, with the recycled food waste processed through anaerobic digestion, which turns the waste into energy. As an incentive to further increase participation, the council has been running a prize draw, where participating households across the area can win £50 high street vouchers for doing their bit.



Even better, for the first three months of 2018/19, Caerphilly County Borough Council and its residents have managed to achieve a 72% recycling rate – exceeding the ambitious targets that Welsh Government have set councils across Wales.

Food waste caddies are **FREE** and can be ordered through the council's website www.caerphilly.gov.uk/recycling or by calling **01443 866533**

Do you know a High Street Hero?

Caerphilly County borough Council is launching an exciting new initiative to celebrate local high streets and the hard working retailers that make them special. We're looking for businesses that provide excellent customer service, offer value for money and show great product knowledge.

So, if your butcher is the best in the business, if your stylist is a cut above the rest or you know where to find the best cup of coffee in town, we want you to let us know so we can make sure they get the recognition they deserve. All nominated businesses will receive a window sticker and certificate as well as a listing on our High Street Heroes webpage, where all nominations and reviews will be available to read.

Cllr. Sean Morgan, cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Economy said: "Thanks to the dedication and commitment of traders, high streets remain the heart of our local communities. Behind each shop front is a talented individual, a hardworking family or dedicated team of colleagues. 'High Street Heroes' gives customers old and new the chance to say thank you to the individuals and businesses that make a difference."

To nominate your High Street Hero visit [Facebook.com/CaerphillyCBC](https://www.facebook.com/CaerphillyCBC) or Twitter @CaerphillyCBC. There's no complicated form, all you have to do is let us know which business you'd like to nominate and why they make your shopping experience the best it can be.

For more information visit: www.caerphilly.gov.uk/HighStreetHeroes



Caerphilly County Borough Council is urging residents to be vigilant to prevent victims of fraud during the run up to Christmas.

Recently, a resident in the Caerphilly county borough paid a large amount of money to an individual 'claiming' to be a council pest control officer. There have also been reports of a number of residents being targeted for gardening work despite the onset of the winter weather. The council would like to emphasise that no person working for, or on behalf of the council, will request cash payments for a service.

Cllr Eluned Stenner, Caerphilly County Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection said, "I would encourage residents to be extra cautious during the run up to Christmas to stop any resident in the Caerphilly borough being victims of fraud. The message is to be careful and stay safe and if you have any suspicions then report the matter to the police using 101 or through the council's Trading Standards department on 01443 811300."

FLU KILLS

Protect yourself and others

If you are:

- aged 65 or over,
- pregnant, or
- have a long term health condition.

You should have a free flu jab every year from your GP or Community Pharmacy.

BEAT FLU BEFORE IT BEATS YOU! www.beatflu.org



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 www.beatflu.org

Choose Pharmacy

Do you need to see a doctor today? **If you think it's ...**

indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, piles, hay fever, head, lice, teething, nappy rash, colic, chicken pox, threadworms, sore throats, athlete's foot, conjunctivitis, mouth ulcers, cold, sores, acne, dermatitis, verruca, back pain, ingrowing toenails, vaginal thrush, oral thrush, scabies.

Your pharmacist can provide free confidential NHS advice and treatment without you having to make an appointment to see your GP.



Register and be Safer in Seconds

Register
my appliance

Christmas is around the corner and many people will be thinking about buying new household appliances, so the council is keen to remind consumers about an important safety initiative.

If you buy a new fridge, freezer or washing machine it is vital that the manufacturer knows where to find you if a safety repair is ever needed.

Unlike cars, these products aren't automatically registered and it's easy to forget, but by registering your major appliances, with the manufacturers at www.registermyappliance.org.uk, you'll be contacted swiftly if an important free safety repair ever becomes necessary.

All that is needed to register is the product's serial number, found on the appliance data plate (on the door frame of ovens, on the door of washing machines and inside the fridge compartment).

In addition, here are some Top Tips for buying appliances online:

- ◆ **Check who you're buying from.** Just like the high street, look for reputable sellers that you know, or check out what other buyers say.
- ◆ **Research ratings and reviews.** Choose the best model for your household.
- ◆ **Check the recall listing.** Know any product you should not buy at <https://productrecall.campaign.gov.uk>
- ◆ **Of course, compare prices.** We all love a bargain, but if it looks too good to be true it probably is.

Once your new appliance is home

- ◆ **Register your product with the manufacturer.** Be the first to know about recalls or safety repairs. It's quick and easy at www.registermyappliance.org.uk
- ◆ **Follow the installation and user instructions.** For best and safest performance.

- ◆ **Charge and power up correctly.** Keep you and your home safe. Do not mix and match chargers between electrical products and check 'smart' plugs are suitable for use with your appliance.

- ◆ **Found a safety issue? Speak up!** Report product safety problems to your retailer or manufacturer and let trading standards know.



Job done! Your family will be safer in seconds.

When clicking on the brand at www.registermyappliance.org.uk/registration/ and entering the model, the majority of manufacturers show where to find the data.

Essential culvert works in Ystrad Mynach

Essential works will take place in the New Year at Commercial Street, Ystrad Mynach.

To ensure that the safety of pedestrians and road users is maintained, a need for essential (pro-active) remedial works has been identified by Caerphilly County Borough Council's Engineering Team to replace the culvert deck which travels beneath Penallta Road.

It is anticipated that the scheme will begin mid-January with works expected to take approx 10 weeks. To ensure that the works are completed as quickly and safely as possible, an essential closure will take place along a small section of road starting on Penallta Road and ending at the intersection of Penallta Road, Bedwyllyn Road and Commercial Street.

Cllr Sean Morgan, Cabinet Member with responsibility for infrastructure said: "These essential works have been scheduled for the New Year to minimise the disruption to both businesses and residents over the Christmas period, with pedestrian access maintained throughout the works to all businesses and residential properties. It has been decided to use reinforced precast units, rather than other construction methods in order to minimise the amount of time that the road closure will be in place. We will liaise with residents, businesses and local transport companies to outline the proposed works prior to their commencement."

These works will be mainly funded by Welsh Government and in part by Caerphilly County Borough Council.



New drainage requirements

Significant changes to drainage requirements for new developments will come into effect in the New Year. From January 7th, all new developments of more than 1 house, or where the construction area is 100m² or more, will require sustainable drainage to manage on-site surface water. Surface water drainage systems must be designed and built in accordance with mandatory standards for sustainable drainage. These systems must be approved by the local authority, acting as the Sustainable Drainage Approval Body (SAB), before construction work begins.

Further information is available on our website www.caerphilly.gov.uk or by contacting drainage@caerphilly.gov.uk

SAFEGUARDING



It's everybody's business

Caerphilly County Borough Council is committed to creating caring communities to ensure that residents feel safe and protected and we all have a responsibility to ensure that children and adults are treated with respect and protected from others who may abuse them. If you have any concerns about a child, young person or vulnerable adult, you can report your concerns to the Information and Advice Assistance Service (IAA).

Adults: 0808 100 2500

■ IAAADULTS@caerphilly.gov.uk

Children: 0808 100 1727

■ contactandreferral@caerphilly.gov.uk



**Diogelu Gwent
Gwent Safeguarding**

£11.5 million invested in Lansbury Park transformation

Around £11.5 million has been invested, to date, into transforming Lansbury Park in Caerphilly.

This investment includes:

- **£4.4m** of internal Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) improvements to council homes.
- **£4m** of energy efficiency works and related external WHQS improvements to council homes.
- **£2m** Welsh Government Arbed funding to improve the energy efficiency of council and private homes.
- **£680,000** Welsh Government Vibrant and Viable Places funding to support improvements to private properties.
- **£500,000** was also provided from E.On as part of the ECO (Energy Company Obligation) scheme to support the energy efficiency programme.

External wall insulation has now been installed to 519 council owned homes and 75 private properties; helping to address fuel poverty and improve the environment through reduced carbon emissions. The council is currently exploring funding opportunities to complete works to the remaining private properties in Lansbury Park.

Future investment planned for Lansbury Park includes £1.9m from the council's WHQS programme to carry out external improvements to paths, external walls, external fencing etc. The council has also allocated £500,000 for WHQS environmental improvements in Lansbury Park; these improvements will be decided through engagement and consultation with the local community.



After

Chief Housing Officer Shaun Couzens, Cllr Dave Poole, Housing Officer Steve Martin and Cllr Lisa Phipps.



Before



Before



After

Cash boost for Welsh schools

The council has welcomed the news that five Welsh medium primary schools across the area will benefit from over £6 million in Welsh Government funding. The investment will see 41 projects across 16 local authority areas, benefit, to the tune of £51 million.

The funding will be used to increase Welsh medium capacity, provide enhanced childcare provision, enhanced classroom facilities and allow for the removal of demountable classrooms from many of the sites.

Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement, Cllr Philippa Marsden welcomed the announcement, saying, "This funding will allow us to make significant improvements in the provision of Welsh medium education across the Caerphilly county borough."

"As well as the physical enhancements that will be made to the school sites themselves, this funding will allow us to create an additional 200 Welsh medium school places for our young people to benefit from, so we warmly welcome this significant funding announcement from Welsh Government."

"It's important to stress that this is a five year programme, but now that funding for these schemes has been approved we can consider the scheduling for these programmes of work in earnest."

The 5 schools in the Caerphilly county borough are:

- **Ysgol Penalltau** in Hengoed - **£730,935**
- **Ysgol Ifor Bach** in Abertridwr - **£497,230**
- **Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bro Allta** in Ystrad Mynach - **£1,630,620**
- **Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Derwen** in Oakdale - **£1,620,620**
- **Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Y Castell** in Caerphilly - **£1,648,495**



Rhifau Defnyddiol Useful Numbers

**PRIF SWITSFWRDD
MAIN SWITCHBOARD**
☎ **01443 815588**

Minicom Minicom
☎ **01443 873626**

**Rhif argyfwng ar gyfer
Gwasanaethau'r Cyngor:
Emergency Number for
Council Services:**
☎ **01443 875500**
(Allan o Oriau yn unig • Out of hours only)

**Gwasanaethau
Cymdeithasol i Blant
Children's Social Services**
☎ **0808 100 1727**

**Gwasanaethau
Cymdeithasol i Oedolion
Adults' Social Services**
☎ **0808 100 2500**

BalchderStryd StreetPride
☎ **01443 866566**

**Cyngor i Ddefnyddwyr
Consumer Advice**
☎ **03454 040506**

**Ymholiadau Treth y Cyngor
Council Tax Enquiries**
☎ **01443 863002**

**Ailgylchu Dodrefn
Furniture Recycling**
☎ **01685 846830**

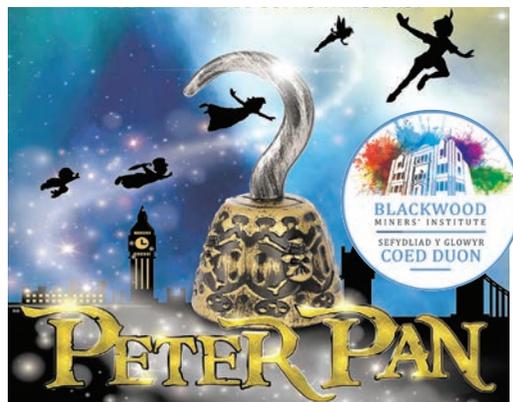
Bathodyn Glas Blue Badge
☎ **01443 866571**

**Budd-daliadau Tai
/Treth y Cyngor
Housing & Council
Tax Benefits**

Ceisiadau Newydd New Claims:
☎ **01443 866567**
Hawlwyr Presennol Existing Claimants:
☎ **01443 864099**

**Rydym yn croesawu
galwadau yn Gymraeg.
We welcome calls in Welsh.**

Digwyddiadau / What



7/12/18 - 30/12/18 Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon Blackwood Miners' Institute

Owen Money yw seren y pantomeim llawn hwyl eleni gyda chast cyfan o actorion, cantorion a dawnswyr talentog. Paratowch eich hun am daith hwyliog, llawn caneuon, llawn-jôcs, llawn chwerthin trwy hud ac anhrefn gwlad y panto! Am fanylion, rhestr o berfformiadau, prisiau tocynnau ac archebion, ewch i wefan Sefydliad y Glowyr neu ffoniwch.

This year's fun-packed pantomime stars **Owen Money** and a whole cast of talented actors, singers and dancers. Prepare yourself for a fun-packed, joke-crammed, song-filled, fast-moving, laugh-a-minute ride through the magic and mayhem of panto land! For details, schedule of performances, ticket prices and bookings, please visit the BMI website or phone.

01495 227 206

Chwiliwch am Siôn Corn Search for Santa



5 - 6/12/2018 - 6pm Parc Gwledig Cwm Sirhywi Sirhowy Valley Country Park

Byddwch angen batris newydd ar gyfer eich tortsh ar gyfer y daith gerdded yn ystod y nos gyffrous hon trwy'r goedwig wrth i ni chwilio am gliwiau yn ein chwiliad am Siôn Corn. Yn addas ar gyfer 5 oed a hŷn. Mae angen archebu lle ar gyfer y digwyddiad.

You'll need new batteries for your torch for this exciting night-time wander through woods as we look for clues in our search for Santa. Suitable for ages 5 and above. Booking required for this event.

01495 227206

Gwneud Dynion Eira Pren Wooden Snowman Making

8/12/2018 10am - 2pm

Parc Cwm Darran

Pwy ddywedodd fod angen eira arnoch i adeiladu dyn eira? Beth am fynd ati i wneud dyn eira pren gyda'r Gwarchodwyr ym Mharc Cwm Darran? Gallwch hefyd archebu dyn eira pren o'r Parc a'i gasglu, os nad ydych yn dymuno gwneud un. I archebu un, ffoniwch 01443 875557. Cost: £5 y dyn eira pren ac mae angen archebu ar gyfer y digwyddiad hwn.

Who said you need snow to build a snowman? Why not have a go at making a wooden snowman with the Rangers at Parc Cwm Darran? You can also order a wooden snowman from the Parc and collect it, if you don't fancy making one. You can order one by phoning 01443 875557. Charge: £5 per wooden snowman and booking required for this event.

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CAERPHILLY TOWN CENTRE

Profwch olygfeydd, synau ac arogleuon tref a chastell sy'n paratoi ar gyfer y Nadolig gyda reidiau traddodiadol ffair hwyl, arogleuon o win poeth sbeislyd, theatr stryd hudol a thros 100 o stondinau bwyd, crefft a rhoddion.

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of a town and castle preparing for Christmas with traditional funfair rides, smells of mulled wine, captivating street theatre and over 100 food, craft and gift stalls.

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Llawr Sglefrio Ice Rink

Canol Tref Bargoed • Bargoed Town Centre

12/12 - 16/12/2018 10AM-7PM

Bydd Llawr Sglefrio lla Bargoed hynod boblogaidd yn dychwelyd y Nadolig hwn am gyfnod o bum diwrnod o ddydd Mercher 12fed i ddydd Sul 16eg Rhagfyr ym maes parcio dan do Morrison's!



The hugely popular Bargoed Ice Rink will return this festive period from Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16th December at Morrison's undercover car park!

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Gwneud Ceirw Llychlyn P Wooden Reindeer Mak

15/12/18 10 am - 10am

Parc Cwm Darran

Dewch i wneud Rudolph, Pranciwr neu Dawr 3 troedfedd o daldra eich hun. Gallwch hefyd arddangos carw Llychlyn pren os nad ydych eisiau gwneud (yn dibynnu ar argaeledd). I archebu un, ffoniwch 01443 875557. Cost yw £10 ar gyfer pob carw Llychlyn pren ac mae angen archebu ar gyfer y digwyddiad hwn. Ffoniwch i archebu.

Come along and make your own 3ft tall Rudolph Prancer or Dancer. You can also order a wooden reindeer if you don't fancy making one (subject to availability). You can order one by phoning 01443 875557. Charge £10 per wooden reindeer and booking required for this event. Call to book.

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Gŵyl Aef Siôn Corn Santa's Winter Wonderland Rhagfyr | December

8/9 ■ 15/16 ■ 22/23, 10am - 4pm
Fforest Cwmcarn Cwmcarn Forest

Ymunwch â ni yng Nghanolfan Ymwelwyr Coedwig Cwmcarn a cherddwch drwy'r dyffrynnoedd eira yng Ngŵyl Aef Siôn Corn! Cewch eich syfrdanu wrth weld goleuadau'r pentrefi'n amrantu, y rhaeadrau a'r anifeiliaid cudd ...oll o gynhesrwydd y Ganolfan!

Join us at Cwmcarn Forest Visitor Centre and walk through the snow covered valleys in Santa's Winter Wonderland. Marvel at the twinkling lights of the villages, cascading waterfalls and hidden animals ...all in the warmth of the Centre!

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**Gorymdaith
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River of Light
Lantern
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**CANOL TREF CAERFFILI
20/12/2018 - 6.30PM
CAERPHILLY TOWN CENTRE**

Bydd yr orymdaith yn cychwyn yn man Parcio a Theithio Gorsaf Caerffili ac yna'n dod i lawr i dref Caerffili, gan oleuo Teras yr Orsaf, Heol Caerdydd a Stryd Sain Ffagan ar ei ffordd i'r man terfyn ar Heol y Cilgant. Bydd yr Orymdaith yn gorffen gydag arddangosfa tân gwyllt hardd dros Gastell Caerffili.

The parade will begin at the Caerphilly Railway Station Park and Ride and then make its descent down to Caerphilly town, lighting up Station Terrace, Cardiff Road and St Fagans Street on its way to the finale on Crescent Road. The Parade will finish with a beautiful fireworks display over Caerphilly Castle.

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'Working in partnership with Communities and Job Centre Plus' Sefydliad

Yn galw pob Gofalydd Calling all Carers

Mae Tîm Gofalyddion Caerffili'n darparu cymorth, cyngor a gwybodaeth i ofalyddion di-dâl/anffurfiol. Yn ystod y 18 mis diwethaf, mae bron i 600 o ofalyddion newydd wedi ymuno â'r rhestr bostio ac yn awr yn derbyn y cylchlythyr chwarterol, Newyddion Caerffili, sydd â gwybodaeth ymarferol yn ogystal â manylion am weithgareddau a digwyddiadau y gall gofalyddion gael mynediad atynt.

Os ydych yn ofalydd ac yn dymuno cael eich ychwanegu at y rhestr bostio, e-bostiwch ni ar gofalyddion@caerffili.gov.uk neu ffoniwch ni ar 01495 233218 / 233234.

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Caerphilly Carers Team provides support, advice and information to unpaid/informal carers. In the last 18 months, nearly 600 new carers have signed up to the mailing list and now receive the quarterly newsletter Carephilly News, which has practical information as well as details of activities and events that carers can access.

If you are a carer and wish to be added to the mailing list, please e-mail us at carers@caerphilly.gov.uk or call us on 01495 233218 / 233234.

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Caerphilly's Budget Challenge

The table below details the comprehensive list of DRAFT savings proposals agreed by the council's Cabinet.

Please take the time to consider the savings proposals and let us have your feedback by either returning this form to any of the main council offices or your nearest library, leisure centre, cash office, housing office or customer services centre.

If you prefer, you can also return the survey in the post to: Consultation and Public Engagement Officer, Corporate Policy Unit, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7PG.

The closing date for the consultation is 11th January 2019.



Draft Savings Proposals 2019/20

The following tables detail the comprehensive list of savings proposals agreed by the council's Cabinet.

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Proposal	Saving	Description	Public Impact
Budget realignment and vacancy management with no Public Impact.	£305k	Rising 3's (£50k); Education Achievement Service (EAS) 2% reduction in contribution (£48k); Education Improvement Grant (£27k); Reduction in match-funding contribution 14-19 Transport Initiative (£10k); Early Years (Central Team) (£20k); Community Education (Youth Service) premises, vacant posts etc. (£100k); Community Education (Adult Service) (£50k).	NONE
Full-year impact of closure of Cwmcarn High School	£221k	Cwmcarn High closed in October 2018. £221k is the balance following closure.	NONE
Reduction in Local Management of Schools (LMS) Contingency budget to reflect actual spend	£40k	Reduce budget based on prior years spend. This is a contingency budget with ring fenced reserves. It funds extra premises costs in schools with building adaptations.	LOW
Outdoor Education - support for Free School Meal (FSM) pupils attending courses (fund through grants instead)	£17k	Removal of full budget - was set up many years ago to support FSM pupils in accessing outdoor education activities. In 2017-18 only 8 (out of 86) schools accessed this funding and all but 1 have a Special Resource Base (SRB). Consequently the impact will not be felt across all schools in the Authority. Other schools are using Pupil Deprivation Grant funding and where the impact is linked to those in danger of exclusion this will be picked up as part of the SRB Review.	LOW
1/3rd reduction in the School Meal Administration Utility & Telephone Budget	£10k	£10k relates to saving on telephone lines in most schools for Catering - as now using mobiles.	NONE
5% Efficiency target Planning & Strategy Management & Support Services	£29k	Opportunities with regards to additional income generation – most notably linked to grant funding.	NONE
Reduction in School Improvement Initiatives budget	£243k	Proposal to remove the funding set aside to support schools in difficulty from a school improvement perspective. These situations are normally linked to inspection outcomes and more recently to national categorisation. As a result of a decreasing number of schools in higher risk categories this level of reduction is achievable at this time. There would need to be an understanding that should "emergency" funds be required, there is a potential to access funding from reserves (subject to the appropriate approval for use of balances).	MEDIUM
Visually Impaired Service - 4.4% reduction in contribution	£17k	Service hosted by Torfaen CBC. The Authority will need to progress with the Lead Authority.	MEDIUM
Education Welfare Service - vacancy management	£46k	Saving will be in place for 2019/20. Follows re-modelling of Service from September 2018 – Education Welfare Officer's compliment of 11.24 Full Time Equivalent's reduced to 8.45 FTE's but with a new Administrative Post to support the Team. Posts already vacant.	LOW
Reduction in Music Service	£50k	Will require staffing reductions – it is hoped these will be voluntary arrangements under the council's Workforce Plan.	LOW
Libraries - Reduction in Book Fund	£85k	Current resources budget is £355k.	MEDIUM
Libraries	£15k	Reduction in premises costs, staff and books.	NONE
Library Service	£30k	Additional £30k to the £100k (£85k + £15k above) = £130k.	NONE
GAVO (Youth Service) - Remove contribution as service can be provided by CCBC	£25k	Removal of full contribution to GAVO - relating to Holiday Scheme Co-Ordinator. Implications for GAVO as this funding links to a post. No implications for public as the advice will continue to be provided through the Youth Service.	MEDIUM
Review of Staffing model in Libraries	£50k	It is hoped any staffing reductions would be voluntary arrangements as part of the council's workforce plan.	LOW
Schools - MTFP shortfall	£2,126k	Schools will be required to balance their own budgets and identify savings to cover the £2.1m. School budgets are typically 80% staff related hence there will be a reduction in staff in schools.	MEDIUM

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING - £3,309k

COMMUNITIES (Highways, Planning, Waste Management, Leisure, Public Protection etc.)

Proposal	Saving	Description	Public Impact
Budget realignment and vacancy management with no Public Impact.	£790k	Business Support & Funding (£25k); Business Support & Funding (£10k); Events & Marketing (£10k); Blackwood Miners Institute (£20k); Urban Renewal (£4k); Planning Division (£42k); Staffing restructure in Regeneration and Planning (£125k); 2% efficiency target for Arts Development budget (£3k); Vacancy management (part of wider £200k restructure proposal of the Highways team (£34k); Staffing restructure in Infrastructure Division (£166k); Environmental Health (£15k); CCTV - reduction in line rental costs (£40k) Reduction in CCTV overtime budget (£8k); 5% efficiency target for Health Division budgets (£12k); Sport & Leisure - reduction in sport & leisure tutor budgets (£75k); reduction in Smart Rewards budget (£15k); reduction in Supplies budget including uniforms and smartcards (£8k); reduction in Caerphilly Adventures budget (£12k); Fleet Management - cease use of external diagnostic services and provide in-house (£10k); Building Cleaning (£31k) Parks & Countryside (£18k); Reduction in Cemeteries maintenance budget (£25k); Reduction in War Memorial maintenance budget (£15k); Reduction in Allotments budget (£3k); Waste Management Staffing restructure (£34k); Reduction in Parks and Playing Fields budgets (£30k).	NONE
Reduction in Community Regeneration Fund	£50k	Impact on Voluntary Organisations.	LOW
Cwmcarn Visitor Centre	£10k	Increase income.	NONE
Realignment of staffing budgets at the Winding House	£67k	To reduce opening hours and staff resource.	LOW
Reduction in Town Centre budget	£5k	Remedial maintenance in town centres e.g. graffiti, small scale repair of street furniture.	LOW
Reduction in Events Budgets	£47k	Reduction in some events in town centres.	LOW
Introduction of bus station departure charges	£100k	Full year effect of not renewing the contract that ends on 31/03/19. Consultation currently ongoing.	LOW
32% reduction in Carriageway Resurfacing – Revenue Contribution to Capital (capital budget = £750k)	£53k	Deterioration in road quality, increased risk insurance claims.	MEDIUM
7% reduction in Carriageway Surface Dressing budget	£60k	Deterioration in road quality, increased risk insurance claims.	MEDIUM
4% reduction in Highways Reactive Maintenance budget	£55k	Increased efficiency through the use of new technology (Jetpatcher).	NONE
7% reduction in Highways Structures budget	£36k	Deterioration in infrastructure.	LOW
14% reduction in Traffic Management Maintenance budget	£5k	Reduction in maintenance and budget efficiency.	LOW
2% reduction in Street Lighting Non-Routine Maintenance budget	£9k	Reduction in maintenance as a result of new LED technology.	NONE
8% reduction in other Highways Maintenance budgets	£66k	Deterioration in infrastructure.	MEDIUM
Reduction in other miscellaneous Highway/Land Drainage budgets	£21k	Increased flood risk.	MEDIUM
Reduction in Risca Canal budget	£10k	Reduction in minor maintenance but there is a planned Capital investment programme for significant improvements to sections of the canal which allow this reduction.	LOW
Gully Cleansing	£64k	Consideration of sharing a jetter with adjoining council to half the costs (gully would only be available to Caerphilly 50% of the time).	NONE
Deletion of Community Response Team budget	£100k	Minor maintenance such as repairs to benches, painting of railings, general tidy up of towns and villages will cease.	NONE
Public Transport - review of contracts with highest subsidy per passenger	£68k	Reduction/termination of some bus routes.	MEDIUM
Highways Operations additional income	£6k	More focussed pursuit of highway recharges.	NONE
Lunchtime School Crossing Patrols	£36k	Removal of Lunch time Patrol.	HIGH
9% reduction in Traffic Signal Routine Maintenance budget	£11k	Efficiency achieved through new contract arrangements.	NONE
Reduction in Accident Studies due to contract review	£10k	Reduction in accident statistics analysis and causation.	NONE
Increase in road closure fee income	£30k	Charge to contractors for all closures with no further event subsidies.	NONE
Passenger Transport - increase in income	£3k	Increase in replacement bus pass cards - Change in price (new charge £10 per replacement of lost card).	LOW
Increase in Car Park charges	£40k	First increase in 8 Years and possible charging on Sunday. Proposed increase 20p per tariff.	LOW
Introduction of a charge for residential parking permits	£30k	Introducing an annual charge in accordance with policy. Proposed £15 per permit.	LOW
Integrated Transport Unit	£50k	Maximise the use of internal fleet and resources and reduce external contracts.	NONE
Provision of Meals Direct Service to Section 117 clients only	£141k	Cease meals on wheels service except for clients eligible under Section 117 aftercare, currently just 1 individual. Part year saving to allow for implementation.	HIGH
Increase price of secondary school meals by 10p	£50k	Price increase £2.25 to £2.35.	LOW
Increase price of primary school meals by 10p	£54k	Price increase £2.00 to £2.10.	LOW
Increase price of staff meals by 5%	£3k	e.g. carvery set menu would raise from £4.70 to £4.95; daily special choice from £4.10 to £4.30 and sandwich from £2.45 to £2.60.	LOW
Catering income from Secondary Schools	£20k	Increased catering income.	NONE
Cessation of the Community Safety Warden Service	£355k	Removal of service.	HIGH
Increase in fee for retrieving stray dogs from pound	£3k	Price increase to £75 from £44.	LOW
Introduction of charges for rat treatments	£20k	New Charge - £20 (plus VAT) per treatment reducing to £10 (plus VAT) for those on means tested benefits.	LOW
Registrars - increase in ceremony fees	£10k	Increase in fees which range from 7.5% to 20% depending on day of the week and the venue.	LOW
Trading Standards	£40k	Delete Fair Trading Officer post.	LOW
5% efficiency target for Pollution budgets & Emergency Planning budgets	£26k	Delete 0.5 full time equivalent Environmental Health Officer post.	MEDIUM
Sport & Leisure - changes in VAT for leisure pricing	£50k	Some clubs may have to pay more for the service.	LOW
Building Cleaning	£15k	Increase in income.	NONE
Community Centres - withdrawal of funding for 2 Centres not in CCBC ownership	£13k	Reduces subsidy to user centre ownership for Glan-y-Nant and Rudry Community Centres.	LOW
Community Centres - reduction of 1 hour Caretaker support across all Centres	£18k	Additional charge from community centres committees.	LOW

COMMUNITIES (Continued)

Proposal	Saving	Description	Public Impact
Community Centres - reduction of all Caretaker support across all Centres from October	£79k	Additional charge from community centres committees to fund the caretakers salary. Part Year from 1st October 2019.	HIGH
Community Centres - closure of 4 Centres	£23k	Tirphil, Phillipstown, Channel View & Lower Rhymney* (*already closed).	MEDIUM
Bowling Green rationalisation programme	£10k	Ongoing phased removal of the grants to bowls clubs as previously agreed by Cabinet.	NONE
Review of Pavilion Attendant provision	£30k	Reduction of pavilion attendant hours.	NONE
Parks & Countryside - reduction in Community Asset budget	£54k	Cessation of minor infrastructure maintenance and upgrades; e.g. gates and barriers etc.	LOW
Parks & Countryside	£20k	Reduction in machinery budget.	LOW
Reduction in playground maintenance budget	£10k	Reduced ability to replace play equipment.	LOW
Parks & Countryside	£44k	Staffing restructure (reduction in Area Parks staff).	LOW
Removal of one application of the weed spraying contract	£32k	Reduced service.	LOW
Green Spaces/Cemeteries	£100k	Staff restructure.	LOW
Green Spaces/Cemeteries	£40k	Increase in Cemeteries income.	NONE
Waste Management	£166k	Cleansing staffing reductions.	MEDIUM
Waste Management - Introduce charge for bulky waste	£50k	A charge of £16 for 1 to 3 items (for all items other than fixture and fittings).	LOW
Waste Management	£53k	Rationalise the waste collection service offered to farms and outlying properties by requesting more properties bring their waste to the kerbside.	LOW
Waste Management	£193k	Reduction in mechanical sweeping.	MEDIUM
Waste Management - closure of 2 Civic Amenity Sites	£98k	Civic Amenity Sites at Penallta and Aberbargoed.	MEDIUM
Waste Management	£50k	Reduction in Public Engagement Budget.	LOW
Civic Amenity Sites to shut an additional day	£38k	Reduced service (assumes 4 remain open).	MEDIUM
Waste Management	£5k	Development of an electronic Commercial Waste System.	NONE
Waste Management - closure of all 5 Public Conveniences	£74k	Closure in all towns (Twyn to stay open as this is managed within the Visitor Centre).	HIGH
Waste Management	£34k	Reduction in the level of weekend cleansing.	MEDIUM
Waste Management	£6k	Reduce number of Supervisor's vans.	NONE
Ty Duffryn - standing charges and lease income	£394k	A new lease agreed with Third Party Operators.	NONE
Enterprise House - termination of lease	£67k	Staff moving to Tredomen.	NONE
Reduction in Corporate Property Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) budget	£50k	Reduced DDA budget availability.	NONE
Energy savings from LED lights in Ty Penallta	£20k		NONE
Reduction in cleaning of Corporate Buildings	£15k		NONE

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR COMMUNITIES DIRECTORATE - £4,404k

SOCIAL SERVICES & HOUSING

Proposal	Saving	Description	Public Impact
Budget realignment and vacancy management with no Public Impact	£216k	Children's Commissioning Consortium Cymru (4C's) rebate - joint commissioning of children's placements (£35k); Families First (£23k); Customer Services restructure (£20k); Domiciliary Care client income (£25k); Extra Care (£20k) 5% efficiency target for Office Expenses (£9k); Private Housing - staffing restructure (£34k); Revise staff apportionments between General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (£50k).	NONE
Children's Services review of admin support	£186k	To be achieved through back office restructure.	LOW
Review of Barnardo's contract	£189k	Potential reduction in Family Support Services.	MEDIUM
Review of staffing budgets in Adult Social Services	£550k	To be achieved through back office restructure.	LOW
Review of non Residential Charging Policy	£100k	Propose changes to the current non residential charging policy to ensure equity for all service users to include: charging for support element of domiciliary care, charging for day opportunities in a community setting, and charging for day opportunities provided by the independent and third sector.	LOW
Retender of Shared Care Respite Contract currently held by Action for Children	£50k		LOW
Review of Day Services to achieve a budget reduction of 6%	£300k	All of these savings could be achieved through a re-design of services including closure of a day base Twyn Carn with little impact on service users. E.g. Service users could receive a similar service but in a different location. Promotion of independence to enable people to meet their own outcomes.	LOW
Implications of Social Services & Wellbeing Act 2014	£150k		LOW
Review of external day care	£205k		LOW
Cap inflationary uplifts on external contracts	£3k	Minor reductions could be achieved through efficiencies within the provider organisation.	NONE
Non renewal of Mental Health Carers Support contract	£34k	Full year effect of not renewing the contract that ends on 31/03/19. Consultation currently ongoing.	LOW
Income generation - Ty Hapus	£25k	Will offer for use by other local authorities and ABUHB.	NONE
Cease contribution to SEWIC (Social Services South East Wales collaboration)	£15k	Regional agreement has been reached to cease a back office function with no public impact.	NONE
Dissolution of South East Wales IT Consortium	£22k	Full year effect of termination of a regional arrangement for back office IT Support in 2018/19. This support is now provided through the Regional WCCIS Service.	NONE
Removal of Homeless Prevention Fund budget	£46k	To be funded through growth in RSG.	NONE
Llamau grant reduction	£3k	Reduced service already being provided.	NONE

TOTAL SAVINGS IN SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING - £2,094k

CORPORATE SERVICES

(Finance, Procurement & Customer Services, It, Property, HR & Communications and Health and Safety)

Proposal	Saving	Description	Public Impact
Budget realignment and vacancy management with no Public Impact.	£731k	Environment Finance - vacant post (£24k); Environment Finance – restructure (£33k); Deletion of former Outcome Agreement budget (£40k); Equalities Team - reduction in publicity and promotion budgets (£4k); Reduction in Welsh Language Translation budget (£10k); Corporate Policy - Service Review (£67k); Information Technology (£150k); Reduction in Public Service Broadband Aggregation (PSBA) charges (£132k); Reduction in telephony costs and line rentals (£35k); Staffing restructure in Central Services (£33k); Human Resources – restructure (£120k); Health & Safety – restructure (£83k).	NONE
Housing Benefits - vacant post	£27k	Could increase performance if post filled.	LOW
Housing Benefits - New Burdens funding	£42k	Could increase performance if post filled.	LOW
Additional grant and fees and charges income	£67k	Income.	NONE
Customer Services - management/team leader restructure	£108k	Front line service but no impact on service delivery due to revised working practices.	LOW
Customer Services - potential retirement	£26k	Front line service but no impact on service delivery due to revised working practices.	LOW
Reduction in voluntary sector Service Level Agreements (SLAs)	£42k	Directly impact Voluntary Sector SLA payments.	MEDIUM
Reduction in Technical Assistance budget	£5k	Reduction in budget which is used to provide technical advice and guidance to Voluntary sector to allow them to access external grant programmes.	LOW
Reduction in Well-being budget	£10k	Reduction in budget used to support well-being activities.	LOW
Cease the use of Ffynnon	£12k	New ways of working.	NONE
Mailroom	£4k	Reduce to a single van.	NONE
Agenda distribution	£5k	Cessation of delivery of papers to Members.	NONE

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR CORPORATE SERVICES - £1,079k

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE

Proposal	Saving	Description	Public Impact
Budget realignment and vacancy management with no Public Impact.	£383k	Pension contributions former Authorities (£50k); External Audit fees (£50k); Welsh language (£53k); Business Rates (NNDR) on empty properties (£131k); Rent Allowances, War Widow Concessions - budget realignment (£10k); Reduction in Carline budget (£20k); Reduction in Carbon Management Scheme budget (£25k); Class 1A NI Contributions (Tusker) (£40k); Reduction in miscellaneous items budget (£4k).	NONE
Solar PV Panels.	£15k	Income.	NONE
Communities Match Funding Pot.	£15k	Could impact on Communities to organise 2 events. Community council/sponsorship funding would be needed to continue with the events.	LOW

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE - £413k



Temporary One-Off Savings 2019/20 ONLY

Proposal	Saving	Description	Public Impact
EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING			
Local Management of Schools LMS Contingency - 23% Reduction	£45k	Current budget is £193k, this will reduce to £153k prior to this £45k proposed reduction. This leaves just £108k to deal with in year formula issues. Consequently if an issue arises will need to consider the use of LMS Contingency balances - subject to formal approval.	MEDIUM
TOTAL SAVINGS for Education & Lifelong Learning - £45k			
COMMUNITIES			
Community Regeneration Community Projects - 53% Reduction	£35k	Impact on ability to fund small projects that do not have specific funding.	LOW
Business Grants - 50% Reduction	£25k	Reduced funding for Businesses.	LOW
Community Regeneration Fund - 100% Reduction	£50k	Impact on Voluntary Organisations. This is the remaining budget.	LOW
Winter Maintenance - 54% Reduction	£500k	Alternative funding via winter maintenance reserve.	NONE
Public Rights of way -50% Reduction	£31k	Deterioration in Public Rights of Way.	LOW
Maintenance of Land - 50 % Reduction	£15k	Deterioration in maintenance of land.	LOW
Temporary reduction in Carriageway Resurfacing	£110k	Alternative funding sought from Welsh Government.	LOW
Temporary reduction in Carriageway Surface Dressing	£800k	Alternative funding sought from Welsh Government.	LOW
Temporary reduction in Structures Maintenance budget	£40k	Alternative funding sought from Welsh Government.	LOW
Temporary reduction in Highways Reactive Maintenance budget	£43k	Alternative funding sought from Welsh Government.	LOW
Temporary reduction in Risca Canal Maintenance budget	£40k	Reliant on capital project.	LOW
RCCO Waste Vehicles - 100% Reduction	£390k	Risk to vehicle availability/reliability.	LOW
CORPORATE PROPERTY			
Property Maintenance - 20% Reduction	£309k	Reduced funding available for discretionary work.	LOW
TOTAL SAVINGS for communities - £2,388k			
SOCIAL SERVICES & HOUSING			
Reduce Growth provision	£300k	Would only meet existing need but does not allow for any demographic increases from August 2018 or for any fee increases in excess of inflation.	HIGH
TOTAL SAVINGS for Social Services & Housing - £300K			
CORPORATE SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE			
Information Technology - PC Refresh -100% Reduction	£129k	Replacement PC and printer capacity Budget £132k.	NONE
Deferred Borrowing - 4.4% Reduction	£500k	Reduces opportunity to use as a one off underspend on capital schemes.	LOW
TOTAL SAVINGS for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance - £629K			
TOTAL 2019 - 20 TEMPORARY SAVINGS PROPOSALS - £3,362K			

Total Savings for Whole Authority £14.7M



Council Tax

Increase Council Tax by **6.95%** for the **2019/20** financial year.



The Caerphilly Conversation

Please give us your views on the savings proposals outlined.

The list of proposals was presented to Cabinet on 14th November 2018 to enable the Council to achieve the required savings of £14.7m for 2019/20. Please take time to answer the questions below so we can use your views to help inform our budget decisions over the coming years.

You may wish to indicate if you strongly agree or disagree with any of the savings listed for the next financial year giving reasons for your views.

To achieve the required savings, the proposals are based on a council tax increase of 6.95% for 2019/20.

Please select one of the following options to tell us your preference about council tax. ✓ Please select **ONE** only.

I support the proposed increase in council tax. 6.95% which would mean an increase of £1.41 per week for a Band D property.

I support a lower increase in Council Tax. (Every 1% reduction from the proposed 6.95% would mean having to find a further £496k of savings).

I support a greater increase in Council Tax. (Every 1% increase above the proposed 6.95% would mean having to find £496k less savings).

I do not support an increase in Council Tax. I understand that this would mean having to find further savings to balance the budget.

If you feel that the proposed budget cuts in a specific area will affect you as an individual (positively or negatively) because of any of the following (your ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, religious beliefs or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents) please give details below.

Please let us have any ideas you may have about how we can limit the impact of any of these proposals on you and your community.

Looking forward to 2020 and beyond, please tell us if you have any suggestions for areas of spending that could be reduced, removed, or that service users could be charged for.

Reduce spending on:

Remove spending completely on:

Charge for:

To ensure that we achieve a representative sample, it would be useful if you could answer the following questions about yourself.

I am completing this survey

As a resident of the County Borough

Representing a third sector organisation

As a business person

As an elected member

Other, please write in

My Post Code is:

I am (tick one)

Male

Female

Other, please write in

What is your main language? (tick one)

English

Welsh

Other (including British Sign Language)

Do you have a disability? (tick one)

Yes

No

Thank you for completing the survey. Please return this form to any of the main council offices or your nearest Library, Leisure Centre, Cash Office, Housing Office or Customer First Centre. If you prefer, you can also return the survey in the post to Consultation and Public Engagement Officer, Corporate Policy Unit, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, CF82 7PG.

Rhifau Defnyddiol Useful Numbers

**PRIF SWITSFWRDD
MAIN SWITCHBOARD**
☎ **01443 815588**

Minicom Minicom
☎ **01443 873626**

**Rhif argyfwng ar gyfer
Gwasanaethau'r Cyngor:
Emergency Number for
Council Services:**
☎ **01443 875500**
(Allan o Oriau yn unig - Out of hours only)

**Gwasanaethau
Cymdeithasol i blant
Children's Social Services**
☎ **0808 100 1727**

**Gwasanaethau
Cymdeithasol i Oedolion
Adults' Social Services**
☎ **0808 100 2500**

Balchder Stryd StreetPride
☎ **01443 866566**

**Cyngor i Ddefnyddwyr
Consumer Advice**
☎ **03454 040506**

**Ymholiadau Treth y Cyngor
Council Tax Enquiries**
☎ **01443 863002**

**Ailgylchu Dodrefn
Furniture Recycling**
☎ **01685 846830**

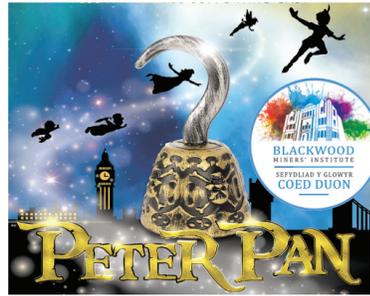
Bathodyn Glas Blue Badge
☎ **01443 866571**

**Budd-daliadau Tai
/Treth y Cyngor
Housing & Council
Tax Benefits**

Ceisidau Newydd New Claims:
☎ **01443 866567**
Hawlwyr Presennol Existing Claimants:
☎ **01443 864099**

*Rydym yn croesawu
galwadau yn Gymraeg.
We welcome calls in Welsh.*

Digwyddiadau / What's ON



7/12/18 - 30/12/18 Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon Blackwood Miners' Institute

Owen Money yw seren y pantomeim llawn hwyl eleni gyda chast cyfan o actorion, cantorion a dawnsyr talentog. Paratowch eich hun am daith hwyllog, llawn caneuon, llawn-jocs, llawn chwerthin trwy hud ac anhrefn gwlad y panto! Am fanylion, rhestr o berfformiadau, prisiau tocynnau ac archebion, ewch i wefan Sefydliad y Glowyr neu ffoniwch.

This year's fun-packed pantomime stars **Owen Money** and a whole cast of talented actors, singers and dancers. Prepare yourself for a fun-packed, joke-cramped, song-filled, fast-moving, laugh-a-minute ride through the magic and mayhem of panto land! For details, schedule of performances, ticket prices and bookings, please visit the BMI website or phone.

☎ **01495 227 206**

Chwiliwch am Siôn Corn Search for Santa

5 - 6/12/2018 - 6pm
**Parc Gwledig Cwm Sirhywi
Sirhowy Valley Country Park**

Byddwch angen batris newydd ar gyfer eich tortsh ar gyfer y daith gerdded yn ystod y nos gyffrous hon trwy'r goedwig wrth i ni chwilio am gliwiau yn ein chwiliad am Siôn Corn. Yn addas ar gyfer 5 oed a hyn. Mae angen archebu lle ar gyfer y digwyddiad.

You'll need new batteries for your torch for this exciting night-time wander through woods as we look for clues in our search for Santa. Suitable for ages 5 and above. Booking required for this event.

☎ **01495 227206**

Gwneud Dynion Eira Pren Wooden Snowman Making

8/12/2018 10am - 2pm

Parc Cwm Darran

Pwy ddywedodd fod angen eira arnoch i adeiladu dyn eira? Beth am fynd ati i wneud dyn eira pren gyda'r Gwarchodwyr ym Mharc Cwm Darran? Gallwch hefyd archebu dyn eira pren o'r Parc a'i gasglu, os nad ydych yn dymuno gwneud un. I archebu un, ffoniwch 01443 875557. Charge: £5 y dyn eira pren ac mae angen archebu ar gyfer y digwyddiad hwn.

Who said you need snow to build a snowman? Why not have a go at making a wooden snowman with the Rangers at Parc Cwm Darran? You can also order a wooden snowman from the Parc and collect it, if you don't fancy making one. You can order one by phoning 01443 875557. Charge: £5 per wooden snowman and booking required for this event.

☎ **01495 227206**



CAERFFILI ★ CAERPHILLY MARCHNAD NADOLIG CHRISTMAS MARKET

8/12 - 09/12/2018
**CANOL TREF CAERFFILI
CAERPHILLY TOWN CENTRE**

Profwch olygfeydd, synau ac arogleuon tref a chastell sy'n paratoi ar gyfer y Nadolig gyda reidiau traddodiadol ffair hwyl, arogleuon o win poeth sbeislyd, theatr stryd hudol a thros 100 o stondinau bwyd, crefft a rhoddion.

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of a town and castle preparing for Christmas with traditional funfair rides, smells of mulled wine, captivating street theatre and over 100 food, craft and gift stalls.

☎ **02920 880 011**

Llawr Sglefrio Iâ Ice Rink

Canol Tref Bargod • Bargoed Town Centre

12/12 - 16/12/2018 10AM-7PM

Bydd Llawr Sglefrio Iâ Bargod hynod boblogaidd yn dychwelyd y Nadolig hwn am gyfnod o bum diwrnod o ddydd Mercher 12fed i ddydd Sul 16eg Rhagfyr ym maes parcio dan do Morrison's!

The hugely popular Bargoed Ice Rink will return this festive period from Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16th December at Morrison's undercover car park!

☎ **02920 880 011**

Gwneud Ceirw Llychlyn Pren Wooden Reindeer Making

15/12/18 10 am - 10am

Parc Cwm Darran

Dewch i wneud Rudolph, Pranciwr neu Dawnsiwr 3 troedfedd o daldra eich hun. Gallwch hefyd archebu carw Llychlyn pren os nad ydych eisiau gwneud un (yn dibynnu ar argaeledd). I archebu un, ffoniwch 01443 875557. Cost yw £10 ar gyfer pob carw Llychlyn pren ac mae angen archebu ar gyfer y digwyddiad hwn. Ffoniwch i archebu.

Come along and make your own 3ft tall Rudolph, Prancer or Dancer. You can also order a wooden reindeer if you don't fancy making one (subject to availability). You can order one by phoning 01443 875557. Charge £10 per wooden reindeer and booking required for this event. Call to book.

☎ **01495 227206**

Gŵyl Aeaf Siôn Corn Santa's Winter Wonderland

Rhagfyr | December

8/9 ■ 15/16 ■ 22/23, 10am - 4pm

Fforest Cwmcarn Cwmcarn Forest

Ymunwch â ni yng Nghanolfan Ymwelwyr Coedwig Cwmcarn a cherdwch drwy'r dyffrynnoedd eira yng Ngŵyl Aeaf Siôn Corn! Cewch eich syfrdanu wrth weld goleuadau'r pentrefi'n amrantu, y rhaedrau a'r anifeiliaid cudd...oll o gynhesrwydd y Ganolfan!

Join us at Cwmcarn Forest Visitor Centre and walk through the snow covered valleys in Santa's Winter Wonderland. Marvel at the twinkling lights of the villages, cascading waterfalls and hidden animals...all in the warmth of the Centre!

☎ **01495 227206**



Corymdaith Lusern Afon y Goleuni River of Light Lantern Parade

**CANOL TREF CAERFFILI
20/12/2018 - 6.30PM
CAERPHILLY TOWN CENTRE**

Bydd yr orymdaith yn cychwyn yn man Parcio a Theithio Gorsaf Caerffili ac yna'n dod i lawr i dref Caerffili, gan oleuo Teras yr Orsaf, Heol Caerdydd a Stryd Sain Ffagan ar ei ffordd i'r man terfyn ar Heol y Cilgant. Bydd yr Orymdaith yn gorffen gydag arddangosfa tân gwyllt hardd dros Gastell Caerffili.

The parade will begin at the Caerphilly Railway Station Park and Ride and then make its descent down to Caerphilly town, lighting up Station Terrace, Cardiff Road and St Fagans Street on its way to the finale on Crescent Road. The Parade will finish with a beautiful fireworks display over Caerphilly Castle.

☎ **02920 880 011**

Cofrestrwch i dderbyn gwybodaeth reolaidd am ddigwyddiadau lleol drwy e-bostio: digwyddiadau@caerffili.gov.uk

I gael gwybodaeth am sgysia, clybiau llyfrau a sesiynau crefft sydd ar y gweill yn eich llyfrgell leol ewch i www.caerffili.gov.uk neu ffoniwch **01443 864068**

www.caerffili.gov.uk/digwyddiadau www.caerphilly.gov.uk/events

Sign up to receive regular information about local events by e-mailing: events@caerphilly.gov.uk

For information about upcoming talks, book clubs and craft sessions at your local library visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk or call **01443 864068**

Sgiliau Gwaith i Oedolion 2

Cymwysterau AM DDIM

Hyfforddiant a chefnogaeth Swyddi ar gyfer pobl sy'n gweithio

■ Am fwy o wybodaeth ffoniwch **01495 237921**

Working Skills for Adults 2

FREE QUALIFICATIONS

Training & employment support for working people

■ For further information please ring **01495 237921**



'Gweithio mewn partneriaeth â Chymunedau a'r Ganolfan Byd Gwaith'
Crymlyn, Stryd Fawr, Crymlyn, NP11 4QD ■ Crumlin Institute, Main Street, Crumlin, NP11 4QD
'Working in partnership with Communities and Job Centre Plus' Sefydliad

Yn galw pob Gofalydd Calling all Carers

Mae Tim Gofalyddion Caerffili'n darparu cymorth, cyngor a gwybodaeth i ofalyddion di-dâl/anffurfiol. Yn ystod y 18 mis diwethaf, mae bron i 600 o ofalyddion newydd wedi ymuno â'r rhestr bostio ac yn awr yn derbyn y cylchlythyr chwarterol, Newyddion Caerffili, sydd â gwybodaeth ymarferol yn ogystal â manylion am weithgareddau a digwyddiadau y gall ofalyddion gael mynediad atynt.

Os ydych yn ofalydd ac yn dymuno cael eich ychwanegu at y rhestr bostio, e-bostiwch ni ar gofalyddion@caerffili.gov.uk neu ffoniwch ni ar 01495 233218 / 233234.

www.caerffili.gov.uk/gofalyddion



Caerphilly Carers Team provides support, advice and information to unpaid/informal carers. In the last 18 months, nearly 600 new carers have signed up to the mailing list and now receive the quarterly newsletter Caerphilly News, which has practical information as well as details of activities and events that carers can access.

If you are a carer and wish to be added to the mailing list, please e-mail us at carers@caerphilly.gov.uk or call us on 01495 233218 / 233234.

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