

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

## A SNAPSHOT

### ECONOMIC GROWTH

The **£1.28 billion Cardiff Capital Region Programme** is the biggest City Deal of its kind in the country. It has the potential to deliver 25,000 extra jobs across the region and support game changing improvements to connectivity, physical and digital infrastructure and regional business governance and capacity.

Simultaneously, within Bridgend County Borough our **Successful Economy Programme** is delivering key regeneration and local development schemes across the county borough, including supporting the redevelopment of **Salt Lake in Porthcawl** - the largest waterfront development in the country.

Other schemes include the development of a water sport hub at **Rest Bay**, redevelopment in Bridgend, including **new affordable housing units** and transforming **Maesteg Town Hall** into an arts and cultural hub.

### SOCIAL CARE

A large **remodelling programme in Social Care** has delivered two new care homes, one which opened in December 2018 and one which will open in April/ May 2019. We have also transferred an existing residential care home to an independent provider.

We launched a **new model of residential care for children and young people** making our provision more flexible and effective, including the opening of Maple Tree House.

Our Social Services team won a Social Care Accolade for supporting **Newly Qualified Social Workers**.

As an Authority in 2017-18 we diverted **973 people** from mainstream services and helped them to remain independent for as long as possible - way above our target of 200.

### EDUCATION

Our **Strategic Review of Post-16 Education and Training** is consulting on a number of options to re-organise the current post-16 education and training provision with a view to providing the best possible opportunities for learners.

The council's **Schools' Modernisation Programme** is designed to reduce costs and our schools' carbon footprint, laying the foundations for a sustainable future. We made a capital investment of £16.6m in our schools during 2017-18 and we have ambitious long term proposals to invest up to £70 million between now and 2024.

**GCSE results** in August 2018 showed an improvement with 69.9% of pupils gaining five or more grades at A\* - C compared with 67.9% the previous year, bucking an overall national fall.

In 2017-18 we ranked 5th in Wales for **primary school attendance** and 7th in Wales for **secondary school attendance**.

### PARTNERSHIPS

The **Bridgend Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub** enables Social Services, Police, Probation, Education and Health to work together more effectively for vulnerable young children, young people and adults, providing a single point of contact for all safeguarding concerns.

In 2018/19 **BCBC and Halo Leisure** became the first partnership in the UK to be rated Excellent in Quest Active Communities external assessment.

### DIGITAL

**Digital Transformation Programme** - The Council's My Account platform was launched in April 2018, with more than 20,000 people signing up to the system and over 9,500 people using the system to access and manage their tax accounts online.

### IMPROVING SERVICES

We are proud to be recognised as the second best performing authority in Wales in terms of recycling rates, and one of the top performing authorities in the UK. Our 63,624 households recycled 68.5% of their household waste in 2017-18.

We recently introduced a new **Corporate Landlord** model (the first of its kind in Wales) to effectively and efficiently deliver all of the Council's property needs under one roof, including Total Facilities Management and Major Projects teams.