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Caerphilly's Budget Challenge

Caerphilly county borough is faced with having to make further savings in excess of £7.2 million in the next financial year (2018/19).

Last month, the council's Cabinet agreed a list of draft saving proposals and these are now subject to a period of widespread public consultation. Leader of the Council, Cllr Dave Poole said, "The council continues to work hard to minimise the impact of financial cuts on local residents. In fact, over half of the £7.2 million proposed savings for next year will not have a direct impact on the public."

"These savings will be achieved through, for example, vacancy management, structural reviews and procedural changes to service provision within the council. We will continue to do our best to prioritise our funding to protect vulnerable people and front line services, but our savings targets are very tough and we will need to take some difficult decisions over the next few years," he added.

"The council is currently undertaking a far-reaching public consultation, and I would encourage as many residents as possible to get involved and have their say so that we can define our priorities and deliver a budget that matches the needs and aspirations of our communities."

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The budget consultation will run until **8th January 2018**. The feedback will then be considered as part of the final budget report which will be presented to the council in the New Year.



Cllr Dave Poole,
Leader of the Council

Please take the time to complete the budget consultation survey in the centre page pull out.

The survey is also available for completion online at www.caerphilly.gov.uk/budgetchallenge

Check before you eat this Christmas!

Many people will be planning their Christmas parties and evenings out with family and friends over the festive season, so the council's Food Safety team is keen to highlight the importance of checking the food hygiene rating of local eating establishments.

Certain food businesses are rated on their hygiene standards, based on inspections carried out by the Food Safety team. Businesses are rated from zero which means 'urgent improvement necessary' to a top rating of five which is 'very good'.

The team are currently working with businesses with a rating of two or less, by offering specific training on cleaning and disinfection, cross contamination, hand washing and temperature control, with the aim of helping them to improve their food hygiene practices and their rating.

Food Safety officers would also encourage anyone who is thinking of setting up a food business to get in touch for help and advice.

All Welsh businesses selling and providing food are legally required to display their rating sticker. If you are aware of a food business that is not displaying its food hygiene rating please report it by calling 01495 235340 or emailing foodhealthsafety@caerphilly.gov.uk

Residents can also check the food hygiene rating of a premises in advance of visiting by going online www.food.gov.uk/ratings

Are you cooking this Christmas?

-  There are some simple steps you can take when preparing your turkey which will help keep the festive period free from the misery of food poisoning.
-  If you buy a frozen turkey, ensure it's **COMPLETELY THAWED** before you cook it by checking there are no ice crystals in the cavity. A larger turkey can take up to two days to defrost entirely.
-  **DON'T WASH the turkey before cooking.** Washing is more likely to splash any bugs onto worktops, dishes and other foods. Proper cooking will kill any germs.
-  **Plan your cooking time properly.** Follow the cooking times and other instructions on the label. As a general rule, for a turkey under 4.5kg allow 45 minutes per kilo plus 20 minutes; for one weighing between 4.5kg and 6.5kg 40 minutes per kg plus 20 minutes; and for those over 6.5kg 35 minutes per kg plus 20 minutes – all at 180°C, 350°F, Gas Mark 4 (after the oven has preheated).
-  **Check the turkey is cooked properly** by cutting into the thickest part of the meat. None of the meat should still be pink, and any juices that run out should be clear.

Finally, the meat should be steaming hot all the way through.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS @ CHRISTMAS

Our Trading Standards team is keen to remind consumers about issues to look out for in the lead up to the festive season.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO CONSIDER:

- All goods purchased must be of satisfactory quality, fit for their purpose and as described. If you buy faulty or wrongly described goods the Consumer Rights Act is there to protect you. Act quickly, you may have 30 days to claim a refund, after this you may be offered a repair or replacement.
- Remember it is usually the purchaser of the goods – not the person who receives them as a gift - who has the consumer rights. Some shops will give a gift receipt to allow the recipient of the gift to have the rights. Check before you buy.
- Ensure you check all purchases thoroughly to make sure they work before you wrap them. Keep all packaging until you are completely sure that everything is OK.
- Are you sure about your purchase? The law does not give you the automatic right to change your mind when you buy from a retail premises (eg if it's the wrong size or colour).
- Keep your receipts. Traders are entitled to ask for some kind of proof of purchase so it's a lot easier to prove that purchase with a receipt.
- When buying online your rights are enhanced. In most cases when you buy online you have a right to cancel your order and receive a full refund even if the goods are not faulty.
- Be careful about online purchases and only use reputable sites. Ensure you keep details of your order (Trader's name, address, contact details, order reference and product details). Make sure that any payments made are protected.
- You may wish to make purchases over £100 with a credit card (provided you clear your balance each month so that you do not incur interest charges). The credit card company is jointly liable for any problems and you will not have the same level of protection if you pay by a debit card.
- Try not to over-extend yourselves financially. Never borrow from expensive or illegal lenders as you could end up still paying for this Christmas, next Christmas.
- Watch out for fakes. Be suspicious of cheap designer goods, CDs DVDs or perfumes. These goods will be of a very poor quality and may be unsafe.

For more advice please contact Citizens Advice Consumer Services on **03454 040506** or visit www.adviceguide.org.uk To report a trading standards issue please ring **01443 811300** or email us on tradingstandards@caerphilly.gov.uk

Christmas Refuse & Recycling Collections



Normal Collection Day: Revised Collection Day:

■ Monday 25th December	■ Wednesday 27th December
■ Tuesday 26th December	■ Thursday 28th December
■ Wednesday 27th December	■ Friday 29th December
■ Thursday 28th December	■ Saturday 30th December
■ Friday 29th December	■ Sunday 31st December
■ Monday 1st January 2018	■ Tuesday 2nd January
■ Tuesday 2nd January	■ Wednesday 3rd January
■ Wednesday 3rd January	■ Thursday 4th January
■ Thursday 4th January	■ Friday 5th January
■ Friday 5th January	■ Saturday 6th January

Residents are reminded to have their bins, boxes or bags out for collection prior to 6am on their revised collection day. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE RECYCLING OUT FOR COLLECTION IN BLACK BAGS AS IT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED (CLEAR BAGS ONLY).

- 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**

Thanks for your **GREEN** efforts!

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped improve the quality of household recycling over the past few months.

The council was facing serious problems caused by a minority of residents placing inappropriate items in their recycling bin - such as food waste, pet poo and other non-recyclable materials.

This contamination was causing major issues for our waste contractors, as just one bin or black bag containing incorrect items could contaminate a whole lorry full of material. In order to address this issue the council undertook a major awareness-raising campaign to help remind householders about what can and cannot be recycled.

Cllr Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services said, "The positive response from residents has made a huge difference to the quality of our recycling and I would like to thank everyone for their efforts to date. Our waste contractor has reported a significant improvement in the quality of the recycling material being sent for processing, with a major reduction in the amount of contamination being found."

"It is important that we build on this success and encourage even more people to recycle fully in order to meet ambitious targets set by Welsh Government over the coming years."

The latest Welsh Government recycling figures show Caerphilly residents are the best recyclers in the Valleys with a 65.5% recycling rate. Over the past 20 years the Caerphilly average has increased by over 61 percentage points from 4.2% in 1998/99 when Welsh Government started to collect the data. This year's recycling rate of 65.5% is higher than the Wales average of 64%.



BEFORE



AFTER

Caerphilly Residents
65%
Recycling Rate

Please do not place recycling out for collection in black bags as it will not be collected (clear bags only). For more information about recycling visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Support **Caerphilly** this Christmas



The council has been listening to feedback from motorists and the local business community affected by the ongoing roadworks at the Pwll Y Pant roundabout in Caerphilly.



With Christmas fast approaching, the authority has agreed a number of positive measures to help keep Caerphilly moving and open for business during the festive period.

At the time of writing, changes were being planned to alter the traffic management layout at the Pwll y Pant roundabout to help reduce congestion and improve traffic flow over Christmas and the New Year.

Fixed cameras are also being installed to transmit regular updated images of the latest traffic situation so that motorists can check online before setting out.

The council's Cabinet has also agreed to introduce 2 hours free parking in Caerphilly Town Centre pay and display car parks in December to help boost trade.

Cllr Sean Morgan, Deputy Leader of Council said, "We are aware of the significant impact that the roundabout works are having and we have listened to the feedback from motorists and local businesses."

"The council is always keen to support and promote the local High Street and we want to encourage as many people as possible to give the local economy a boost this Christmas. Our message is Caerphilly is still very much open for business."

The council and the main contractor, Walters UK Ltd, are continually monitoring the progress of the scheme and post-Christmas the traffic management arrangements will revert back to as they are now (single lanes) for a period of time.

The latest information and updates can be found on the council's website www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Festive discounts!



Hoppers are in for a festive treat again this year, as the council's Town Centre Management Team joins forces with local retailers to unveil their ever-popular voucher booklet.

Back for 2017, the festive voucher booklet has over 100 offers and discounts from retailers in Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly, Risca and Ystrad Mynach.

The booklets can be picked up from:

- **Bargoed:** Morrisons, Poundworld & Library
- **Blackwood:** ASDA, Maxime Cinema, Tidal Stores, Blackwood Miners' Institute & Library
- **Caerphilly:** ASDA, Morrisons, Visitor Centre, Wetherspoons & Library
- **Risca:** Tesco & Library
- **Ystrad Mynach:** Tesco, Library & Penallta House

The offers contained within the voucher booklet can be used until Saturday 30th December.



Who's taking you **home** tonight?

As the festive season approaches, the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership is urging revellers to make sure that they get home safely after a night out with family and friends.

A new initiative is being launched in December called 'Who's Taking You Home Tonight' which aims to make people stop and think about the consequences of their behaviour and decision-making during a night out.

A thought-provoking image featuring a taxi, a police car, an ambulance and a hearse is being used to promote the campaign. This clearly demonstrates the potential outcome that could result from inappropriate behaviour such as drunkenness, violence, driving under the influence or using unlicensed taxis.

Cllr Eluned Stenner, Cabinet Member for Public Protection said, "We want people to enjoy themselves and have a good time this festive season, but we also need to make everyone aware of the serious consequences that could arise from making bad decisions. People should think carefully about who's taking them home tonight and the impact their behaviour could have on others this Christmas."

The council is working with the emergency services and other local partners to help spread this important message as part of the ongoing 'Safer Caerphilly After Dark' initiative.



For more information visit <http://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/safercsb/> or call 01443 864374

GET READY FOR WINTER

Winter weather can be severe and can quickly disrupt our daily lives.

By being aware and better prepared we can help minimise risk both at home, and when we are out and about. Even doing one or two simple things now could help save you time and money. Preparation now can also help you stay healthy and avoid becoming unwell. Below are some simple steps that can help you deal with severe weather:

GET YOUR FLU JAB: The annual flu vaccination is offered free to people who are most at risk. Contact your GP or pharmacist if you think you, or someone you care for, should be eligible for a free flu jab.

IS YOUR VEHICLE READY FOR WINTER? Check your vehicle is in good running order before you travel. Remember - before setting out always check the weather forecast.

PREPARE A WINTER KIT: You could get stuck in your car, so get a winter car kit ready (ice scraper, de-icer, jump leads, shovel, blanket, sunglasses for winter glare from the low sun, torch). For longer trips think about food, water and medicines too.

CHECK YOUR PIPES ARE INSULATED: Insulating pipes helps keep the heat in, saving you money, but it also means reduced risk of frozen pipes which can burst, causing flooding and leaving your home without water.

KNOW WHERE YOUR STOP TAP IS: Do you know where your stop tap (also called stopcock) is? It's something you should know so you can turn off the water to your home quickly should there be a problem.

BEWARE STRONG WINDS: In high winds trees or branches can come down, cast iron guttering could be lethal and so can roof slates. Garden furniture and even children's toys and trampolines can fly around causing damage and potential harm.

PREPARE FOR A POWER CUT: We are so reliant on the internet, but if a storm meant power and mobile phone networks were affected, what would you do? Consider a separate battery charger, and you could store key information such as the power cut helpline number (105) on your phone.

FREEZE A FEAST: Think about freezer-friendly foods and how to combine them with store cupboard staples so you can still serve up a feast for the family - even if you can't get out to the shops.

For further information visit www.metoffice.gov.uk/barometer/advice or www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Emergencies-and-crime-prevention/Winter-preparedness

IMPROVING AIR quality HOW CAN I HELP?

Air quality is currently high on the public health agenda, with research suggesting air pollution contributes to around 50,000 premature deaths in Britain every year. The bulk of the pollution is caused by vehicle emissions, but other sources include local industry, agriculture and bonfires.



The bulk of the pollution is caused by vehicle emissions, but other sources include local industry, agriculture and bonfires. The main pollutant is nitrogen dioxide, which is emitted from car exhausts. In accordance with the National Air Quality Strategy, the council's Environmental Health department actively monitors this pollutant around the county borough.

There are a number of steps drivers can take to help tackle air pollution, such as maintaining an economic driving style and turning car engines off when not in use. When engines idle, they are still using fuel and emitting pollutants. Turning car engines off when not in use and allowing sufficient time during winter months to properly defrost vehicles, uses less fuel and subsequently reduces atmospheric emissions.

It is worth noting that local authorities are able to issue fixed penalty notices to drivers who allow their vehicles to run unnecessarily whilst stationary. This includes stops longer than 1 minute (there are exceptions to the regulations). Burning domestic waste, plastics, wood, metal and garden waste etc in a bonfire emits various dangerous pollutants to the atmosphere. The council's waste and recycling service will collect the majority of household waste and is a cleaner alternative, which will enable the materials to be correctly disposed of or reused.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, it is an offence to cause the emission of smoke that is prejudicial to health or a nuisance. The council currently has 22 Mini Recycling Sites and 6 Civic Amenity Sites that accept a wide range of waste material, which prevents the need for lighting a bonfire.

For more information visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Caerphilly's Commitment to Customer Service

Caerphilly county borough council delivers a wide range of diverse services which are accessed by people of all ages and abilities - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our various departments deal with all aspects of service delivery from the cradle to the grave and we believe that our customers are at the heart of our business.

We deliver education, social services, highways, environmental health, trading standards, leisure, libraries, recycling, public protection, tourism, planning, housing, public transport as well as the other key support services that keep the organisation running.

In order to ensure we deliver a quality service to all our customers, the council has launched a new set of Corporate Customer Service Standards. Staff at all levels across the organisation will be required to reflect these standards in everything that they do.

Cllr Colin Gordon, CCBC's Cabinet member for Corporate Services said, "It is important that all our employees understand their role in ensuring that we put our customers first. There are over 171,000 people living in the Caerphilly county borough and they are all our customers, so we want them to be confident that they can enjoy a positive customer experience when dealing with the council at any level."

The key themes contained within the standards state that we will always be **WELCOMING, PASSIONATE, DEPENDABLE, FAIR** and **IN TOUCH** with our customer's requirements.

For more information visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk



Mae ein Cwsmeriaid a'n Staff wrth wraidd ein busnes **Our Customers and Staff are at the heart of our business**

<p><i>Byddwn bob amser...</i> YN GROESAWGAR... Wrth ddarparu effaith gwrtais, gadarnhaol a pharhaol.</p> <p>YN FRWDFRYDIG... Yn ein nod i wella pethau er gwell.</p> <p>YN DDIBYNADWY... Wrth adeiladu perthynas hirdymor yn seiliedig ar ymddiriedaeth a thryloywder.</p> <p>YN DEG... Wrth ymdrechu i wneud y peth iawn bob amser.</p> <p>MEWN CYSYLLTIAD... Mewn ffordd ryngweithiol ac amrywiol yn ein sianeli cyfathrebu.</p>	<p><i>We will always be...</i> WELCOMING... Providing a courteous, positive and lasting impact.</p> <p>PASSIONATE... In our aim to change things for the better.</p> <p>DEPENDABLE... Building long term relationships on trust and transparency.</p> <p>FAIR... We will always strive to do the right thing.</p> <p>IN TOUCH... Interactive and diverse in our communication.</p>

Man gwyrddach i fyw, gweithio ac ymweld
A greener place to live, work and visit

Star volunteers honoured

Grass roots heroes from across the county borough have been recognised at the annual Voluntary Sector Achievement Awards, held at Blackwood Miners' Institute.

Caerphilly County Borough Council and Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) organise the award ceremony to honour volunteers who undertake work from all sections in the local community.

During the evening, winners were congratulated and presented with awards in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Brigadier Robert Aitken CBE DL, The High Sheriff Kevin Thomas Esq JP and the Mayor of Caerphilly county borough council, Cllr John Bevan.

The full list of winners this year is as follows:

ADULT VOLUNTEER ☆ May Davies

YOUNG VOLUNTEER ☆ Jessica Dallas

GROUP VOLUNTEERS ☆ Oakdale Partnership

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER ☆ Andrea Soulsby

ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEER ☆ Lynda Lee

PERSONAL JOURNEY ☆ Mike Smith

PARENT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR ☆ Wendy Howls

INSPIRATIONAL VOLUNTEER ☆ Clive Harrison

MAYOR'S CIVIC AWARD ☆ Tracey Wallbank



Cllr Barbara Jones, Deputy Leader of Council said,

"The awards are a celebration of the endless spirit, enthusiasm and dedication of our thriving voluntary sector. Events like this allow us to do our little bit to recognise the positive contribution they make to so many people's lives."

Musical entertainment at the event was provided by talented pupils from Lewis School Pengam. The awards were sponsored by Hill and Co Financial Advisors, Molson Coors, Campaign Newspapers, Groundwork Wales, The Parent Network, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Gwent Police.

Help into employment

Getting you back to work with free friendly support.

- Training
- Interview techniques
- 1-2-1 support
- CV's
- Application forms

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communityregen@caerphilly.gov.uk
bridgesintowork@caerphilly.gov.uk



'Working in partnership with Communities and Job Centre Plus'



Childcare Offer Extended

The new Welsh Government Childcare Offer is now available in additional pilot areas across the county borough and could bring huge financial savings for eligible parents working 16 hours or more per week.

From the term following their 3rd birthday, children could be entitled to 20 hours of government funded childcare. This is in addition to the 10 hours already provided by the part-time Foundation Phase and up to 30 hours of childcare during the school holidays. Parents could receive the funding until they are offered a full time education place, usually the September after their child's fourth birthday potentially saving families in the region of up to £4,725 per year.



Eligibility checks and an application form are available at www.caerphilly.gov.uk/childcareoffer

Bryn Meadows CAERPHILLY 10K 2018



New Year Challenge?

Residents looking for a New Year challenge should look no further than the Caerphilly 10k, which returns for 2018 on Sunday 20th May.

Registration is now open for the popular annual event, which in 2017 saw over 2,450 runners of all abilities descend on Caerphilly from across the country to take part in the event. The 10k route will lead participants in and around the town centre, passing landmarks including the Tommy Cooper statue along the way and offering great views of the castle. Also returning is the Caerphilly 2k run, offering younger runners a chance to get involved in this timed event. Participants must be at least 8 on the day of the event in order to participate.

Entry fees are £20 for unaffiliated entrants, £18 for affiliated/Welsh Athletics entrants, £18 for concessions (over 60's and wheelchair users) and £6.50 for 2k runners.

All fees include booking fee and transaction charges.

For information, and to sign up please visit www.caerphilly10k.co.uk

email: 10k@caerphilly.gov.uk Event hotline: 029 2088 0011

Eligible parents for the childcare offer will:

- Have a child aged 3 / 4 who is able to access part time education
- Live in the Caerphilly Basin (including: Aber Valley, Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen, Llanbradach, Morgan Jones, Penyrheol, St James and St Martins wards). The Lower Sirhowy Valley (including: Abercarn, Crosskeys, Risca and Ynysddu wards) or the Mid Valley's East (including: Argoed, Blackwood, Cefn Fforest, Crumlin, Newbridge, Pengam, Penmaen and Pontllanfraith wards). **and**
- Work 16 hours per week or more **or**
- Earn the equivalent of working 16 hours at national living wage or national minimum wage or more **or**
- Are in receipt of specific caring benefits



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

For more information please contact the Family Information Service on 01443 863232

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

THAT'S THE MESSAGE TO IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS ACROSS THE COUNTY BOROUGH AS THE COUNCIL LAUNCHES ITS NEW CAMPAIGN AIMED AT TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, INCLUDING DOG FOULING.

In September this year, the council agreed to implement a series of new measures as part of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), which aim to tackle irresponsible dog ownership and dog fouling through enhancing the council's ability to enforce against irresponsible dog owners. Pupils from Ystrad Mynach Primary School joined the council to officially launch the **'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'** environmental awareness raising campaign at Ystrad Mynach Park. From Tuesday 14th November, any dog owner who is found to not comply with the following restrictions can be issued with a £100 fixed penalty notice. Pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon in Abercarn have also worked hard to produce impressive artwork as part of the **'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'** campaign, which has been transferred onto large banners in areas of high footfall to encourage dog owners to act responsibly.

TO REPORT INSTANCES OR OFFENDERS OF DOG FOULING IN CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH, PLEASE CALL 01443 866566 OR VISIT WWW.CAERPHILLY.GOV.UK/STREETPRIDE



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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH**

THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER ARE:

- Excluding dogs from all enclosed children's play and multi-use games areas.
- Requiring dogs to be kept on leads in enclosed memorial gardens.
- Requiring dog owners to remove dog faeces in public places.
- Requiring dog owners to carry an appropriate receptacle for dealing with the waste that their dog produces (that is, to always have the means to pick up their dog faeces).
- Requiring dog owners to put their dogs on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer on any public land, where the dog is considered to be out of control or causing harm or distress to prevent a nuisance.



High Street Rate Relief

Application forms have been sent to eligible ratepayers following the council's adoption of the Welsh Government's 'High Street Rate Relief Scheme' to provide support for eligible high street retail businesses in Wales affected by the recent rating revaluation.

The Scheme offers up to £500 discount on a business rate bill per property for Tier 1 properties and up to £1,500 per property for Tier 2 properties; the scheme only applies to the current financial year 2017-18. Cllr Colin Gordon, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services said, "We welcome the decision to support businesses, particularly those affected by the introduction of new levels of business rates from April 2017. I would encourage businesses receiving an application form through the post to complete and return it without delay."



For ratepayers who have not received a form, please visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Business/Business-rates/High-street-rate-relief where further information and application forms are available.

Trading Standards warn against 'QUICK FIX' diet solutions

Around one in three people in the UK are expected to make a New Year's resolution to lose weight and Caerphilly Trading Standards are warning against 'quick fix solutions' that are often too good to be true.



The team are keen to remind anyone considering taking a food supplement that these are intended to supplement the diet and should not be regarded as a substitute for a varied diet and a healthy lifestyle. Before making decisions about lifestyle or diet changes, it is also important to talk to a qualified healthcare professional. Food supplements come in a variety of forms; traditional tablets, capsules, and powders, as well as drinks. There are many other types of foods marketed at those who seek to lose weight and sports nutrition is gaining in popularity. These products are strictly regulated in law to ensure they are safe and labelled correctly for consumers to make informed decisions.

Trading Standards are urging those who are considering purchasing food and food supplements sold on the high street, the internet and on social media, to source them only from reputable suppliers. At Cwmbran Magistrates Court in October 2017, Jeffrey Young, a Director of JY Nutrition Limited in Pontymister, was sent to prison for 35 weeks, he pleaded guilty to 12 charges under various pieces of food legislation concerning the sale of food and food supplements.



To report an issue to Caerphilly County Borough Council's Trading Standards team, please visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/tradingstandards or call 01443 811 300

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**

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

Jack and the Beanstalk 6/12/2017 - 30/12/2017 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 y 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



Llawr Sglefrio Iâ Bargod Bargoed Ice Rink 6/12/2017 - 10/12/2017

Canol tref Bargod • Bargoed town centre

■ Lleolir Llawr Sglefrio Iâ Bargod poblogaidd ym maes parcio danddaearol Morrisons. Bydd ogof Siôn Corn am ddim ddydd Sadwrn 9 a dydd Sul 10 Rhagfyr rhwng 11am a 4pm trwy garedigrwydd Cyngor Tref Bargod.

■ The popular Bargoed Ice Rink will be located in Morrisons underground car park. A free Santa's grotto will be present on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December between 11am and 4pm courtesy of Bargoed Town Council.

02920 880 011



Chwilio am Santa • Search for Santa 6/12/2017 - 6pm

Parc Gwledig Dyffryn Sirhywi • Sirhowy Valley Country Park

■ Bydd angen batris newydd arnoch ar gyfer eich fflashlamp ar gyfer y noson gyffrous hon o grwydro drwy'r coed yn edrych am gliwiau wrth chwilio am Siôn Corn. Addas ar gyfer oedranau 5 ac uwch. Mae angen archebu ar gyfer y digwyddiad hwn.

■ 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



Marchnad Nadolig Caerffili • Caerphilly Christmas Market

9/12/2017 - 10/12/2017

Canol tref Caerffili • Caerphilly town centre

■ Profwch golygfeydd, 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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Gweithdai Llusern Afon River of light Lantern

9/12/2017 - 10/-12/2017

Canolfan Hamdden Caerffili Caerphilly Leisure centre

■ Mwynhewch ychydig o amser hwyl i'r teulu ym 9 a 10 Ionawr wrth wneud llusern arbennig Nadoligaidd i'w gwisgoi yn y Light Parade Afon y Goleuni Caerffili ar 14 Rhagfyr. Digwyddiad hwn yw ffurfiol.

■ Enjoy some FREE family fun time and bring home an extra special festive lantern to carry in the Caerphilly Light Parade on 14 December. This is a free event.

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Gwneud dynion eira Wooden snowman

9/12/2017 • 10am - 2pm

Parc Cwm Darran

■ Pwy ddywedodd fod angen eira arnoch i aros yn ffrwydwr yn ymuno gyda'r Rangers i wneud dyn eira pren gyda'r Gwarchodwr Gallwch hefyd archebu dyn eira pren o'r Parc a'r Gwarchodwr dymuno gwneud un. Gallwch archebu un trwy ffonio Tâl: £5 y dyn eira pren a rhaid archebu ar gyfer y digwyddiad hwn.

■ Who said you need snow to build a snowman? You can make 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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**Cofrestrwch i dderbyn gwybodaeth reolaidd am ddigwyddiadau lleol drwy
I gael gwybodaeth am sgysiau, clybiau llyfrau a sesiynau crefft sydd ar y gweill yn eich llyfrgell leol e**

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For information about upcoming talks, book clubs and craft sessions at your local library v**



It's ON on y Goleuni Workshops

• 10am - 5pm
Caerffili •
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Gorymdaith Lusern Afon y Goleuni River of Light Lantern Parade

14/12/2017 • 6.30pm
Caerphilly Town centre
Caerphilly Town centre

Bydd yr orymdaith yn cychwyn yn man Parcio a Theithio Gorsaf Reilffordd 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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Preben making

Yn ddechrau dyn eira? Beth am yrru ym Mharc Cwm Darran? Yn ddechrau dyn eira? Beth am yrru ym Mharc Cwm Darran? Yn ddechrau dyn eira? Beth am yrru ym Mharc Cwm Darran?

Why not have a go at



Gwneud ceirw Llychlyn pren • Wooden reindeer making

16/12/2017 • 10am - 2pm
Parc Cwm Darran

Dewch draw a gwneud eich Rudolph, Prancer neu Dancer 3 troedfedd eich hun. Gallwch hefyd archebu carw Llychlyn pren os nad ydych yn dymuno gwneud un (yn dibynnu ar argaeledd). Gallwch archebu un trwy ffonio 01443 875557. Codir tâl o £10 ar gyfer carw Llychlyn pren ac mae rhaid archebu ar gyfer y digwyddiad hwn.

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.

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Eich Diogelu Chi • Protecting You

Nod tîm Diogelu'r Cyhoedd y cyngor yw sicrhau bod y fwrdeistref sirol yn lle iach, diogel a theg i bobl fyw a gweithio ynddo ac i ymweld. Un o brif dasgau'r tîm yw datgelu'r gwir am yr unigolion a'r busnesau hynny sy'n gweithredu'n anghyfreithlon, a'u dwyn gerbron y llys.

Isod ceir enghreifftiau o erlyniadau diweddar:

The council's Public Protection team aims to ensure that the county borough is a healthy, safe and fair place for people to live, work & visit. One of the team's key tasks is to expose and bring before the courts those individuals and businesses we discover acting illegally.

Below are examples of recent prosecutions:

Erlyniadau Safonau Masnach • Trading Standards prosecutions

Enw Name	Tramgwydd Offence	Dyfarniadau Court Decision
Jeffrey Young o Benybont-ar-Ogwr	17 Hydref 2017 yn Llys Ynadon Cwmbrian. Gwerthu bwyd anniogel trwy fethu â datgan presenoldeb alergenau. Camddisgrifio atchwanegiadau bwyd mewn perthynas â chynhwysion. Defnyddio hawliadau iechyd a maeth heb ganiatâd ar labelu atchwanegiadau bwyd. Methu â darparu manylion olrhain mewn perthynas â chynhyrchion bwyd ac atchwanegiadau bwyd. Methiant i gydymffurfio â'r gofynion labelu mewn perthynas ag Atchwanegiadau Bwyd. Defnydd twyllodrus o Nod Masnach ar gynhyrchion bwyd.	35 wythnos o garchar. Costau o £1,100 i'r Awdurdod Lleol, £115 gordal i ddioddefwyr. Rheoliadau Atchwanegiadau Bwyd (Cymru) 2003. Rheoliadau Hawliadau Maeth ac Iechyd (Cymru) 2007. Rheoliadau Bwyd Cyffredinol 2004. Deddf Diogelwch Bwyd 1990. Deddf Nodau Masnach 1994.
Jeffrey Young of Bridgend	17 October 2017 at Cwmbrian Magistrates Court. Selling unsafe food by failing to declare the presence of allergens. Misdescribing food supplements in relation to ingredients. Use of non-permitted health and nutritional claims on labelling of food supplements. Failing to provide traceability details in relation to food products and food supplements. Failure to comply with the labelling requirements in relation to Food Supplements. Fraudulent use of a Trade Mark on food products.	35 weeks imprisonment. £1,100 costs to the Local Authority, £115 victim surcharge. Food Supplement (Wales) Regulations 2003. Nutrition and Health Claims (Wales) Regulations 2007. General Food Regulations 2004. Food Safety Act 1990. Trade Marks Act 1994.
Armored Evans o Dderi	29 Medi 2017 yn Llys Ynadon Casnewydd. Meddiant ar gyfer cyflenwi a gwerthu pyrsiau, coluron, persawr eillio a phersawr ffug.	£575 o ddirwy, £800 o gostau i'r Awdurdod Lleol, £62.50 gordal i ddioddefwyr. Deddf Nodau Masnach 1994.
Armored Evans of Deri	29 September 2017 at Newport Magistrates Court. Possession for supply and the sale of counterfeit purses, make up, aftershave and perfume.	£575 fine, £800 costs to the Local Authority, £62.50 Victim Surcharge. Trade Marks Act 1994.
David Glyndwr Lewis o Fachen	15 Medi 2017 yn Llys Ynadon Casnewydd. Methu â chludo Cwm Cymorth person anabl mewn Cerbyd Hackney.	£265 o ddirwy, £150 o gostau i'r Awdurdod Lleol, £30 gordal i ddioddefwyr. Deddf Cydraddoldeb 2010.
David Glyndwr Lewis of Machen	15 September 2017 at Newport Magistrates Court. Failing to carry a disabled person's Assistance Dog in a Hackney Carriage.	£265 fine, £150 costs to the Local Authority, £30 Victim Surcharge. Equality Act 2010.

Gellir gweld y rhestr yn llawn ar www.caerffili.gov.uk/erlyniadau
To view the full list, visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/prosecutions

Caiff canlyniadau erlyniadau eu dangos am gyfnod cyfyngedig i ddangos i drigolion lleol bod y cyngor yn gweithredu mewn modd agored. Ni ddylid aildddefnyddio gwybodaeth mewn unrhyw fodd heb ganiatâd Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili.
● Prosecution results are provided for a limited period to promote the openness of the council's actions to local residents. Information provided must not be reused in any form without the agreement of CCBC.

Adroddiad perfformiad wedi'i gyhoeddi

Bob blwyddyn mae'r cyngor yn cyhoeddi adroddiad sy'n nodi'n fanwl sut mae e wedi perfformio yn ystod y 12 mis blaenorol.

Mae'r Adroddiad Perfformiad Blynnyddol yn cynnwys crynodeb ariannol o sut mae'r awdurdod wedi perfformio o fewn ei gyllidebau, crynodeb o berfformiad yn erbyn Amcanion Lles ar gyfer 2016/17 ac aesiad terfynol o'r cynnydd a wnaed yn erbyn ei Flaenoriaethau Corfforaethol 2013-17 Gellir gweld fersiwn llawn o'r adroddiad ar gyfer 2016/17 trwy ymweld â'r ddolen isod: www.caerphilly.gov.uk/My-Council/Strategies,-plans-and-policies/Improvement-Plan/performance-report?lang=cy-gb

Performance report published

Every year the council publishes a report which sets out in detail how it performed during the previous 12 months.

The Annual Performance Report includes a financial summary of how the authority performed within its budgets, a summary of performance against Well-being Objectives for 2016/17 and a final assessment of the progress made against its 2013-17 Corporate Priorities. A full version of the report for 2016/17 can be viewed by visiting the link below:

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Draft Savings Proposals 2018/19

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

Education and Lifelong Learning

Proposal	Saving	Total Budget	Description	Public Impact
Savings that will have no direct impact on the public	£802k			NIL
Maintenance of School Buildings - Withdrawal of budget for 50/50 schemes.	£333k	£333k	50/50 scheme (bid process) with Schools for spend on school premises. Proposals will be made to access contingency balances for a period of 3 years so that this scheme can continue in the short term. Medium to long-term this would have a significant impact on the level of revenue funded repairs and maintenance spend on our schools.	MEDIUM
Speech and language support for pupils with specific learning difficulties - vacant post.	£66k	£484k	This service provides support and advice for pupils with specific learning difficulties in our schools. The proposal is to delete 2 vacant posts (1.4 full time equivalents) following retirements at the end of the summer term 2017. No impact currently for pupils or schools with regard to statutory provision.	MEDIUM
School Improvement Initiatives - Budget reduction.	£120k	£250k	Targeted funding directed by Chief Education Officer relating to Schools in difficulties (e.g. Standards). Initially low impact on Schools if Chief Education Officer is able to access education balances. However, this is not a long-term solution so will rise to medium impact.	MEDIUM
Libraries - Reduction in Book Fund.	£25k	£380k	Service users unlikely to notice any significant impact.	LOW
Libraries - Removal of newspapers and reduction in online subscriptions.	£20k	£25k	Reduced Open Access provision within our libraries. Removal of hardcopy newspapers from all sites (£10k) and reduction in the number of on-line subscriptions currently available to the public (£10k).	MEDIUM
Reduction in payment to Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) for Holiday Scheme Co-ordinator Post.	£15k	£40k	The role of this post is to advise and support any group looking to provide activities for Children and Young people (8 to 18 years) during the school holiday period. The potential impact will be on GAVO with minimal impact on service users as the Youth Service would take up any shortfall in capacity.	MEDIUM

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING - £1,381k

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

Proposal	Saving	Total Budget	Description	Public Impact
Savings that will have no direct impact on the public	£912k			NIL
Customer First - Staffing reductions.	£80k	£1,321k	This will be achieved through vacancy management linked to the delivery of the approved Customer Services Strategy.	LOW

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR CORPORATE SERVICES - £992k



Social Services, Public Protection & Corporate Policy

Proposal	Saving	Total Budget	Description	Public Impact
Savings that will have no direct impact on the public	£977.5k			NIL
Decommission Age Concern Hospital Discharge contract.	£46k	£46k	Decommissioning of contract for relatively low numbers of people receiving low-level, non-statutory services for a short period. Forms part of a Wales-wide push to promote greater independence.	LOW
Decommission two Luncheon Clubs contract.	£12k	£12k	A small number of people attend these 2 Luncheon Clubs. The service may need to cease or different arrangements will need to be put in place if an alternative funding stream cannot be found.	LOW
Domiciliary Care Client Income - Realign budget. Income Budgets.	£75k	£1,610k	There is an expectation that Welsh Government will gradually increase the weekly cap on service users' contributions for non-residential care which will translate into a small increase in income each year.	LOW
Small reduction in externally commissioned Respite Care for older people and adults with physical disabilities.	£30k	£428k	The small reduction will be offset by alternative arrangements that can be provided through the Carers Respite Grant.	LOW
Decommission DEWIS advocacy contract (residential homes).	£12k	£57k	Decommissioning of contract with £45k budget retained for spot purchase. Spot contract is more reflective of the level of service demand.	LOW
Decommission Care & Repair (Safety at Home) contract.	£13k	£13k	Other schemes are available that provide this service.	LOW
Decommission GAVO and MENCAP contracts.	£57k	£57k	MENCAP contract (52k) ended some time ago and the GAVO contract (£5k) relates to GAVO's central costs.	LOW
Decommission Stroke Association contract.	£18k	£18k	Alternative services available through the NHS.	LOW
Reduce Carers Trust (Advocacy) contract by 50%. (Previously known as Crossroads).	£36k	£70k	Advocacy services are available from other agencies.	LOW
Implications of Social Services & Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.	£264k	£12,998k	The total home care provision budget is £12.998m (including direct payments) Potential service users for some services to be signposted to alternative low or nil cost services.	LOW
Removal of 1 Meals on Wheels Van Helper post. Staffing Budgets.	£7.5k	£148k	Will require a severance payment. Presently 6 van helpers (3 full time equivalent). Reduction is equivalent to 17 hours.	LOW
Increase in charge for Meals on Wheels. Income Budgets.	£11k	£168k	Proposed increase of 20p per meal. Charges presently £3.10 subsidised meal and £5.45 unsubsidised meal.	MEDIUM
Increase price of Secondary School meals by 10p from April 2018 i.e. from £2.15 to £2.25. Income Budgets.	£50k	£1,502k	Will not impact on the most vulnerable families due to Free School Meal eligibility. Last increase was 5% in 2014/2015.	LOW
Increase price of Primary School meals by 10p from April 2018 i.e. from £1.90 to £2.00. Income Budgets.	£54k	£1,574k	Will not impact on the most vulnerable families due to Free School Meal eligibility. Last increase was 5% in 2014/2015.	LOW
Registrar's - Increase in ceremony fees in line with cost of providing the service. Income Budgets.	£10k	£225k	To ensure costs of ceremony service provision are fully recovered. The current income budget is already being overachieved so this increase is realistic.	LOW
Introduce Rat Treatment Fees Income Budgets.	£20k	NIL	New charge. Introduction of a £20 charge for household rat treatments.	MEDIUM
Removal of one Pest Control/Animal Trespass post. Staffing Budgets.	£29k	£159k	Removal of one vacant Pest Control/Animal Trespass post from a team of 5. Cases will be dealt with on basis of urgency and health risk.	LOW
Deletion of 2 Community Safety Warden posts. Staffing Budgets.	£40k	£285k	2 posts to be deleted reducing the total number of posts to 7.3 full time equivalents.	MEDIUM
Reduce Air Quality & Contaminated Land Monitoring & Contractors.	£15k	£62k	Less monitoring of polluted areas.	MEDIUM
Voluntary Sector - Reduction in Technical Assistance Budget.	£4k	£19k	Reduction in grants to support technical advice and guidance available to Voluntary Sector to establish viability of projects before they can bid for further funding.	LOW
Reduction in Well-being budget.	£10k	£41k	This is money used for environmental projects in the community. A reduction in grants will result in less money available for projects such as developing a community garden and to train volunteers.	LOW

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC PROTECTION & CORPORATE POLICY - £1,791k

Regeneration & Planning, Engineering, Community & Leisure and Housing

Proposal	Saving	Total Budget	Description	Public Impact
Savings that will have no direct impact on the public	£1,225.5k			NIL
Reduction in Community Regeneration Fund.	£137k	£232k	The Community Regeneration Fund is used by community and voluntary organisations to bid for funding for local initiatives. There was an underspend of £115k in 2016/17.	LOW
Business Support & Funding - Reduction in Business Grants Budget.	£12k	£62k	Business Grants can be used by for small businesses to set up or expand. Underspend of £4k in 2016/17.	LOW
Destinations & Events - Review of events at Llancaiach Fawr.	£10k	£120k	A review of events will be undertaken and some of those which are financially unviable will not be hosted in the future.	LOW
Urban Renewal - Reduction in Publicity & Promotion budget.	£7k	£27k	Reduced frequency of Town Centre banner replacement and change-over and reduced expenditure on "Choose the High Street" campaigns.	LOW
Reduction in Highways Maintenance budget.	£524k	£4,620k	This represents a 11.3% reduction in budget to be achieved through, for example, a reduction in the carriageway surface dressing programme and reduction in the frequency of gully cleansing. A capital investment budget of over £2 million will assist in reducing ongoing maintenance requirement.	MEDIUM
Traffic Management minor works budget reduction.	£6k	£41k	A reduction in the budget available for small scale traffic management e.g. traffic calming, speed signs etc.	LOW
Reduction in Winter Maintenance budget.	£35.5k	£1,140k	This represents a 3.1% reduction in the budget and will be achieved through a review of gritting routes. This saving is weather dependant.	LOW
Street Lighting - non-routine maintenance budget reduction.	£5k	£299k	A new contract will increase efficiency. A capital budget £50k covering column replacement programme also exists. Capital investment can assist in reducing ongoing maintenance requirement.	LOW
Consultancy/road survey budget reduction.	£4k	£22k	Reduce the frequency of road condition reports.	LOW
Reduction in Structures budget.	£20k	£115k	A reduction in the frequency of monitoring and inspection of structures i.e. bridges etc.	LOW
Road Safety salary budget reduction.	£25k	£61k	The road safety team work with schools to run educational programmes. This is a reduction in the team from 3 to 2 full time staff.	LOW
School Crossing Patrol salary budget reduction. Staffing Budgets.	£38k	£315k	There are currently 62 part time employees (18 full time equivalents). This reduction is equivalent to 7 part time posts (2 full time equivalent). Eligibility for school crossing patrol staff is based on ROSPA criteria and current sites will be assessed after current employees leave/retire.	LOW
Accident Studies budget reduction.	£10k	£29k	A new contract with more flexibility to focus on target/risk areas.	LOW
Traffic Signal maintenance budget reduction.	£11k	£69k	Efficiency savings on existing maintenance contract (£4k). Reduction in planned works (£7k) which will reduce ability to replace life expired equipment.	LOW
Increase in Highways recharges to utility companies. Income Budgets.	£15k	£168k	Through increase in fees and/or increase in frequency of charging.	LOW
Bus shelter maintenance budget reduction.	£10k	£64k	Reduced maintenance programme for bus shelters.	MEDIUM
Regional administration of the reimbursement to bus operators for free travel (free bus pass scheme). Income Budgets (Grant).	£10k	£127k	Funded by Welsh Government, regional working will reduce overall administration costs but by providing an admin service to neighbouring authorities, Caerphilly will increase its income.	LOW
Sport & Leisure Services - Closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre.	£81k	£81k	This proposal is currently subject to consultation. The Leisure Centre costs the Council £81k a year to run, even after income from centre users.	MEDIUM
Caerphilly Adventures Service - increase in income. Income Budgets.	£20k	£195k	Charges to be increased, the main clients are education dept, schools and other organisations.	LOW
Introduction of "admin" fee for Commercial Waste Customers. Income Budgets.	£20k	Nil	A new charge. Commercial waste customers are already charged £1million per annum for commercial bin collections.	LOW
Review of charges for bulky waste. Income Budgets.	£50k	£19k	Charge of £16 (currently £15) for 1 to 3 items with additional items charged at £5 per item. This will apply to all items including settees and mattresses.	MEDIUM

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR COMMUNITIES - £2,276k

Additional Whole Authority Costs

This includes other general savings that will be made across the organisation that have no direct impact on the public. These all relate to budget realignment i.e. reducing current budgets to match actual expenditure.

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR WHOLE AUTHORITY £765k



Council Tax

Increase Council Tax by **4.52%** for the **2018/19** financial year.

Your Feedback

Please give us your views on the savings proposals outlined. You may wish to indicate if you strongly agree or disagree with any of the cuts listed, giving reasons for your views.

If you feel that budget cuts in a specific area will affect you as an individual (positively or negatively) because of any of the following (your ethnic origin, gender, 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 dependents) please give details below.

Please tell us of any ideas you may have about how we can limit the impact of any of these proposals or do things differently to achieve further savings.

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 . . .

As a resident of the County Borough Representing a 3rd sector organisation As a business person As an elected member Other (please write in) _____

My Post Code is:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return this form to any of the main council offices, or your nearest library, leisure centre, cash office, housing office or customer service centre.

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