

# Regeneration & Environment Performance Management Scrutiny

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## IO 2 Make CCBC a Safer Place to Live

- Our communities still believe anti-social behaviour is a problem;
- We need to increase the levels of support for victims;
- significant proportion of our residents continue to tell us that they feel unsafe;
- We hope to improve the quality of life for our citizens and increase public confidence in Caerphilly County Borough Council and its partners.



## IO 2 Make CCBC a Safer Place to Live

### Outcomes:

- 1. Improve citizen perception in feeling safer in their community
- 2. Increase public confidence in services we deliver (in partnership)



## IO 2: Make CCBC a Safer Place to Live

- Enhanced Victims Champion service.
- Junior Community Safety Wardens scheme in our primary schools.
- Sheltered housing complexes were established as No Cold Calling Zones bringing the total number of zones in the borough to 33.
- Legislation now restricts the number of underage test purchases for alcohol taking place.
- Targeted multi-agency problem solving initiatives implemented, but not the Neighbourhood Management model originally envisaged.
- Fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling increased to 365 and 73 respectively compared to 136 and 59 last year.



# IO 2: Make CCBC a Safer Place to Live

## Overall Impact:

- The drop off rate between those entering the Anti Social Behaviour process at Strike 1 and those reaching Strike 4 was maintained at 99%.
- Reductions of 31% in Police Recorded ASB.
- An 11% reduction in overall Crime, compared to 11/12.
- From the Household Survey: The % respondents who agreed that CCBC and the police are dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour shows: 53% in 2009, 58% in 2011.



## IO3 Sustain the Range of Employment Opportunities

- Addressing unemployment & economic inactivity remain high on the agenda – addressing poverty.
- Key issues are creating employment opportunities and providing skills & employment support.
- This will continue to be a focus for teams across the Council in the years ahead.



# IO3 Sustain the Range of Employment Opportunities

## Outcomes:

1. **Grow/maintain opportunities for local residents to improve their skills to enable them to gain and maintain employment (particularly with worklessness and education programmes).**
2. **Maintain/protect number of jobs through provision of grants and specialist advice to business.**
3. **SMEs supported and trained so not disadvantaged by competing for Authority business**



# IO3 Sustain the Range of Employment Opportunities

## Performance:

- 13 Communities First Work Clubs
- Apprenticeship Scheme/Passport – 132 people supported in 2012-13
- ESF projects – over 6,000 successful interventions
- Local Investment Fund – 186 grants offered
- New start ups – 77 new businesses supported
- GO2 Project – 7 sites now live
- Payment settlement – target of 13 days met.
- TR&T clauses now included in £1m+ contracts.

## Impact:

- JSA claimants down to 5,667
- 18-24 year old JSA claimants down to 1,740 (May 13)
- ESA down from 12,970 to 11,760 during past year
- Start up survival rate maintained at 87% after one year.
- 139 jobs created and 1130.5 jobs safeguarded by LIF
- Businesses on GO2 sites = 2,000+
- 11 contracts with TR&T clauses agreed in year and 26 employment opportunities created to date

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# IO3 Sustain the Range of Employment Opportunities – The Future

- Tackling unemployment is still a critical issue
- In addition to Passport Programme, CCBC will continue to focus on:
  - Ongoing support for local businesses (LIF, GO2, RDP, WHQS investment)
  - Ongoing employment and skills support (via ESF projects, Communities First, RDP Training Grant and more)

## Opportunities:

- Skills & Labour Force Audit – to provide focus and direction for providers
- Passport Programme - ongoing
- WHQS investment providing opportunities for local businesses and people
- Vibrant & Viable Places
- EU Funding 2014-20



# IO5 Promote benefits of a healthy and active Lifestyle

- Caerphilly County Borough Council has one of the worst health profiles in Wales with the highest rates for levels of obesity.
- Medical evidence proves that being physically active with a balanced diet significantly improves our health and wellbeing.
- There is also evidence that leading active lifestyles can improve educational attendance & attainment and also tackle some of our social issues by transforming the lives of those living in our most deprived communities.



# IO5 Promote benefits of a healthy and active Lifestyle

## Outcomes:

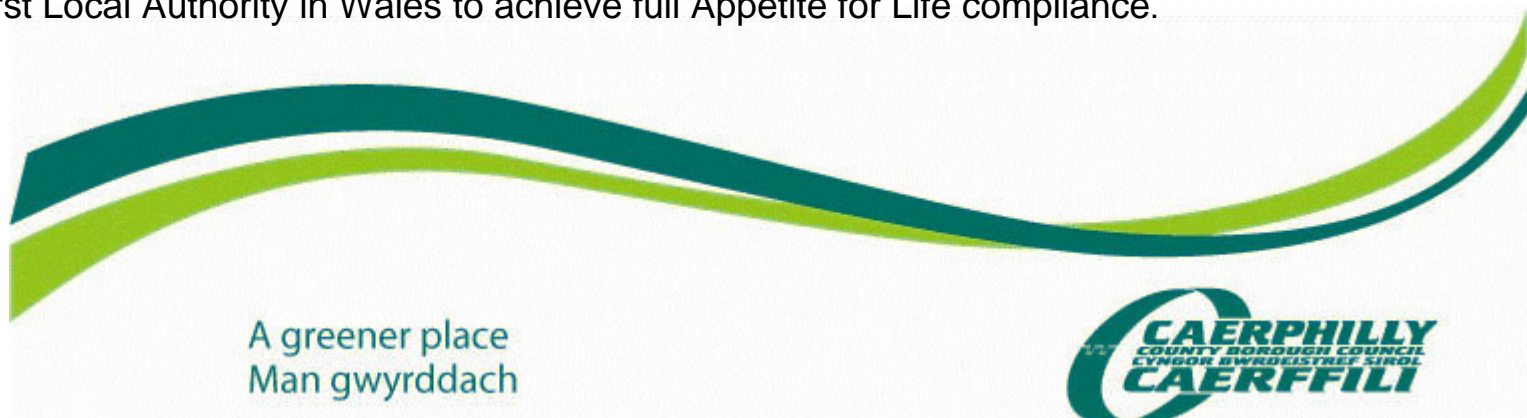
1. Increase the number of all people taking up Leisure activities and participating in all forms of physical activity across our County Borough.
2. Improve health & well being for people in our County Borough over the long term.



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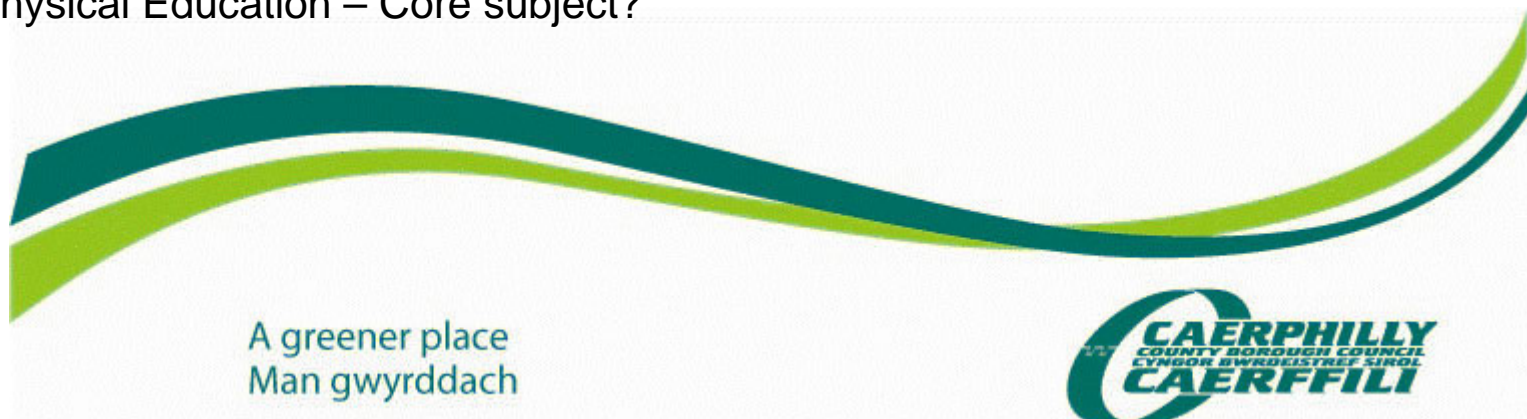
- Good progress made against all actions with 88% above target and 69% better than previous year. (All data based on improvements from 11/12 to 12/13.)
- Leisure Centre visits increased by 11%.
- Membership highest recorded (100,000 members) up by 15%.
- Only Local Authority to increase – 16 free swim year on year since 2009, increase of 7%.
- Regular visits to Sports Development activities, increased by 19%.
- Teachers, Coaches, Volunteers trained increased by 300.
- Gold award for Corporate Health Standard.
- 3 more premises achieve Healthy Options Award.
- Visits to Cwmcarn Forest Drive increased by 15%.
- Health promotion activities doubled.
- First Local Authority in Wales to achieve full Appetite for Life compliance.



# IO5 Promote benefits of a healthy and active Lifestyle

## Opportunities:

- Encourage people to lead active lifestyles as part of everyday life through awareness & promotion.
- Improve quality of delivery through accreditation schemes.
- Improve number and quality of Teachers, Coaches and Volunteers.
- Improved range of affordable, accessible opportunities to increase frequency of participation.
- Ensure every child has the opportunity to learn to swim by age 11.
- Improved development and use of indoor and outdoor facilities by schools and communities.
- Physical Education – Core subject?



# IO8 Reduce our carbon footprint and improve our Sustainability

We need to reduce our energy and resource consumption, particularly of finite resources

A significant percent of our residents are in fuel poverty

We need to raise awareness and understanding of climate change issues with our staff and residents of the county borough

We need to reduce the environmental impact of our travel and transport



# IO8 Reduce our carbon footprint and improve our Sustainability

## Outcomes:

- A. Reducing CO2 emissions from our buildings and street lighting
- B. Reducing the impact of fuel poverty on householders in Caerphilly CBC, taking advantage of successful funding bids to tackle properties in specific areas of the borough
- C. Raising awareness of climate change issues with our staff and residents of the county borough to enable them to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions
- D. Reducing the impact of our travel and transport to reduce carbon emissions



# IO8 Reduce our carbon footprint and improve our Sustainability

## Performance

- Invest to save – Local Authority Energy Fund (LAEF) £800,000 pot. Investment has resulted in 1,588 tonnes/year carbon savings
- Asset Management – Construction of 3 new primary schools with modern construction replacing old inefficient buildings
- CESP & Arbed Programmes
  - 2012/13 Improvement works to 1,500+ properties, Total works value - £7.6m
- 62% of our schools (56 of 91) have achieved the Eco Schools Green Flag award
- CCBC continues to hold the All Wales Travel Plan Award at Gold Level





# IO8 Reduce our carbon footprint and improve our Sustainability

## Impacts

- Our buildings are more energy efficient and sustainable, with a reduction in our energy costs of £4.6m over the lifetime of the LAEF scheme
- All our schools are operating more sustainable and the staff and pupils have an increased understanding of Sustainable Development & Global Citizenship
- There have been significant improvements in the energy efficiency of over 1,500 homes, resulting in some residents no longer being in fuel poverty
- The environmental impact of our fleet vehicles has been reduced despite increasing demands on our services, with reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> and other exhaust emissions

