

Draft Appendix 1 2016-17 Corporate Risk Assessment

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Links to all priority themes	<p><b>Making the cultural change necessary to deliver the Medium Term Financial Strategy:</b></p> <p>Whilst better than anticipated, the draft settlement for 2016-17 from Welsh Government (WG) of a reduction in AEF of 1.2% provides significant challenges.</p> <p>The updated MTFS and draft budget report to Cabinet is based on an assumption that AEF will reduce by 3.2% per annum to 2019-20 plus an increase in Council Tax of 3.9% in 2016-17 rising to 4.5% in 2019-20. The revised savings targets are:</p> <p>2016-17: £7.495m 2017-18: £10.190m 2018-19: £9.697m 2019-20: £9.167m</p> <p>Budget reduction proposals over the term of the MTFS have been formulated but currently £19.177m have not yet been developed or given consideration.</p> <p>The successful delivery of the MTFS is increasingly at risk as it becomes ever harder to make savings from more efficient services and substantial savings are relying on single projects that may not deliver.</p> <p>The budget reductions required will mean that deep transformational change is needed impacting the culture of the entire Council. There is a risk that the Council will not achieve the degree of change required due to increasingly difficult choices having to be made, the length of time it takes to make</p>	<p>The Council's budget for 2016-17 to 2019-20 forecasts a £36.549m budget reduction requirement.</p> <p>More obvious savings have already been made and increasingly difficult spending decisions will have to be made including those which have difficult political implications that may have previously been rejected.</p> <p>In the future the Council will look very different as it becomes a different sort of Local Authority that will do less but be better. The cost of redundancy payments will be a significant item given that around two thirds of expenditure is staff, as will funding a pension deficit that will increase as fewer people contribute and outgoings increase.</p> <p>If there is a shortfall in savings the Council might fail to deliver the MTFS. This could necessitate the unplanned use of reserves to bridge the funding gap or unplanned cuts to services which could put vulnerable people at risk.</p> <p>Citizens may become increasingly dissatisfied with the council, damaging its reputation, as Council Tax bills increase year on year whilst discretionary and preventative services are cut and statutory services come under increasing pressure.</p>	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 24</p>	<p>There will be an ever increasing focus on the main aims of the Council. The Council has consulted on a revised set of three Corporate Improvement Priorities to replace the previous six.</p> <p>The Improvement Priorities will inform the allocation of resources in the MTFS period 2016-20. Prioritisation may be afforded to specific budget areas which deliver against the new priorities.</p> <p>The Council will continue to manage its resources very carefully and make difficult spending decisions. This will have to carry on for some years as the outlook for the public finances continues to look difficult.</p> <p>An MTFS budget reduction contingency reserve will be created to enable the Council to manage delays or unforeseen obstacles to the delivery of significant budget reduction proposals.</p> <p>The workforce will reduce over the life of the MTFS. The reduction will be managed through a continuation of the employment freeze, redeployment, early retirements, voluntary redundancies and some compulsory redundancies.</p> <p>The way that staff work will change. Raven's Court will be leased out and staff transferred to Civic Offices and Sunnyside House. There will be an increase in agile working as we move to a ratio of three staff to every two desks, which in turn will require more staff to work remotely. The increase in agile working can only be achieved through capital investment in IT infrastructure.</p> <p>Delivery of the MTFS will be supported as the Council finds the best management arrangements for property assets including Community Asset Transfer. Priority 1 proposals include public toilets, parks pavilions, bus shelters and Community Centres. Playgrounds, playing fields and bowling greens may follow. Up to £200,000 will be set aside in the Change Management ear marked reserve to fund a fixed term dedicated Community Asset Transfer post and to meet additional legal and property requirements.</p> <p>A corporate approach to income generation is being developed which will bring greater consistency.</p>	Corporate Director Resources	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 24</p>

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	change or because the Council does not have the necessary skills and experience needed.					
Links to all priority themes	<p><b>Local Government Reorganisation:</b></p> <p>Geographically Bridgend County Borough straddles both East and West Wales. The Williams Commission recommended a merger with Neath Port Talbot and perhaps Swansea, but because of economic and other benefits BCBC made an expression of interest for a merger with Vale of Glamorgan but this was rejected.</p> <p>In June 2015 WG announced its preference for the future. This included a reduction in the number of Councils in Wales to eight or nine with Bridgend merging with Rhondda Cynon Taff (RCT) and Merthyr Tydfil. In November 2015 WG published the Local Government (Wales) Bill and this is now in a consultation phase.</p> <p>The costs of Local Government Reorganisation are unknown, but will be high. These costs have not been factored into the MTFS which already requires savings of £36.549m.</p> <p>Any merged authority is likely to receive an overall reduction in WG funding, as the expectation will be for merger efficiencies. There is the risk that expected efficiencies may be based on out of date information and therefore be difficult or impossible to implement.</p>	<p>Delivering the transformative change required to make MTFS budget reductions, at a time when demand for some services is up, is already challenging.</p> <p>Without specific funding Local Government Reorganisation will add to these cost pressures and mean that larger savings will be required to balance the budget. This will make it harder to provide good quality public services.</p> <p>There is uncertainty about the eventual outcome. If senior management are focussed on reorganisation whether it is to the north, west or east they may fail to deliver the required services to the public in conjunction with the budget reductions needed for the MTFS. There is also a danger of inertia as managers feel unable to make decisions required now because of a merger that is due to take place in the future.</p> <p>The precise mechanism for harmonisation of Council Tax and pay and conditions between authorities is unknown. However, this may increase costs which would make it harder to realise benefits from reorganisation.</p>	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 24</p>	<p>WG has considered the findings of the Williams Commission report and has now indicated its preferred option for a merger with RCT and Merthyr Tydfil.</p> <p>The Local Government (Wales) Bill has been agreed by the Assembly. This enables the next Welsh Government to proceed with voluntary mergers of authorities after the Assembly election. The Bill does not allow for compulsory mergers and a further Bill has been proposed for these.</p> <p>As part of the Comprehensive Spending Review the UK Government announced “an in principle commitment to contribute to an infrastructure fund for the Cardiff region”. The proposed merger would have the benefit of the County Borough being part of the Cardiff Capital Regional City Deal which, if additional funds are spent on the correct projects, will grow the economy and bring benefit to citizens. If monies are spent unwisely then central government tax take will not increase and some funds would need to be paid back by the Council.</p> <p>Whilst uncertainty remains the Council will continue to collaborate with a range of partners on a pragmatic basis but will not take any action which would make merger more difficult.</p>	Chief Executive	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 24</p>

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	<p>The MTFS is also at risk because greater demands will be placed on senior management as they plan for Local Government Reorganisation, whilst bringing about the transformative change required to deliver services within reduced budgets.</p> <p>In the longer term there are also other risks as two workforces and sets of financial arrangements are brought together necessitating harmonisation of pay and conditions and Council Tax.</p>					
<p>Helping people to be more self sufficient</p> <p>Smarter use of resources</p>	<p><b>Supporting vulnerable people:</b></p> <p>If the Council in partnership with Western Bay and other partners do not transform how services are delivered, they will not be able to meet the challenges brought about by high public expectations, a significantly worsening budget and a population that is both older and has more complex physical and mental health needs.</p> <p>Transformation is very significant and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responding to the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014 including duties to prisoners</li> <li>• Commencing use of the Community Care Information System (CCIS) which allows professionals across health and social care to share information</li> <li>• Caring for increased numbers of persons with Dementia</li> <li>• Encouraging greater use of direct payments</li> <li>• Managing risks associated with the use of independent providers</li> </ul>	<p>The population is aging. Between 2014 and 2020, the number of people aged 65 and over is estimated to increase by 12.1% whilst the number of people over 85 is projected to increase by 24.4%. This changing demographic means that there will be more people with Dementia, It is estimated that need will double between 2001 and 2030.</p> <p>At the same time there are more young people with complex health needs living into adulthood. Whilst this is good, it means that more citizens are living with long term health problems that lead to an increasing need for support. This increasing demand will place additional cost pressure on the service.</p> <p>Failure to remodel services will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrict the Council's ability to respond to assessed needs as set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014.</li> </ul>	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 24</p>	<p>Transformation is being driven forward as the Council works with a range of partners to deliver a broad range of support and services, across adult social care. The Remodelling Adult Social Care (RASC) Board continues to be the foundation of the transformation journey as the Council continues to change the emphasis from a model of "caring" to a more preventative approach of working with partners such as the NHS and third sector organisations to assist and support adults as they live independently in their own communities. The Council is exploring ways to include service users and communities within aspects of commissioning especially in the development of new service models for the future. There is an earmarked reserve that has been created to support the remodelling of adult social care that the service can draw on as appropriate.</p> <p>The RASC is aligned to corporate priorities and work is also ongoing to develop a corporate approach to Prevention and Wellbeing. Most of the projects under the Board have progressed to implementation stage and require specific focus and monitoring, Eg the tenders for Extracare and Homecare are due in December 2015.</p> <p>The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and CCIS will be implemented in April 2016. A competent and skilled workforce is required in order to deliver this significant change agenda. The Social Care Workforce Development Programme will provide an extensive programme of training for staff to ensure that all are trained to deliver the Act and at the same time operate the new CCIS.</p> <p>The Council has worked with ABMU to develop a joint Dementia Strategy which provides an overarching context in respect of the current service provision, gaps in services, the challenges ahead and priorities. Beneath this is a Dementia Delivery Plan showing</p>	<p>Corporate Director Social Services &amp; Wellbeing</p>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 20</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The transfer of more homecare to the independent sector.</li> </ul> <p>Demand for services is increasing and at the same time resources are decreasing. This makes the MTFS challenging. There is currently a shortfall in the savings identified. It is imperative that the Council continues to identify further savings to meet the MTFS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mean that the Council will be unable to meet its essential obligations and deliver the MTFS.</li> <li>Result in longer lengths of stay in acute hospital services.</li> <li>Result in a greater need for expensive hospital treatment.</li> <li>Mean that vulnerable people lead less fulfilled lives.</li> <li>Mean that the Council does not meet the public's expectations and consequently the reputation of the organisation will suffer.</li> </ul>		<p>milestones, target dates and responsible officers.</p> <p>In appropriate cases the Council is seeking to increase the number of service users receiving direct payments. In the future these may be used to purchase services from the Council as well as external providers.</p> <p>The remodelling homecare implementation plan is ongoing. At this stage, fewer hours have been transferred to the independent sector than was anticipated. The implementation plan is being reviewed and corrective actions have been identified to bring hours back in line with the original target. In addition to this a formal contingency plan is being drawn up with planned actions to take if an external provider goes into administration.</p> <p>The project to change the residential care model will be subject to market conditions. Buildings are old and not future proof. It will become increasingly difficult to keep them at an acceptable standard. The Council is planning to develop two Extracare homes to replace three care homes although the timetable has slipped due to the need to ensure that legal rules are adhered to.</p> <p>Independent residential care providers have been helped by the production of a Regional Quality Framework for their sector. It gives providers knowledge of the level of care expected.</p> <p>Robust monitoring of absence levels continues including scrutiny on a case by case basis.</p>		
Links to all key priority themes	<p><b>Welfare reform:</b></p> <p>The UK Government has introduced a number of significant welfare reforms over the last three years and Universal Credit (UC) was implemented in the County Borough in June 2015. Further reforms were introduced in the July 2015 Budget which will mean that more citizens in the County Borough will be impacted.</p>	Changes being made by the UK Government to benefit entitlements mean that some citizens will be in greater poverty including increased child poverty. Demands on services for vulnerable people are likely to increase at the same time as the Council's resource base reduces. This will be exacerbated by the further changes introduced in the July 2015 UK Government budget. These include a freeze on most benefits for 4 years, a further reduction in the benefit cap, no automatic entitlement to Housing Benefit for 18 to 21 year olds and Tax Credits and UC being restricted to a	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 24</p>	<p>The Council will monitor the impact of welfare reforms on citizens in terms of their needs across the range of Council services including housing and is developing proposals for dealing with changes in demand.</p> <p>The Benefits Service works closely with Housing Associations to support the people affected by the caps by identifying those that are exempt from it, providing debt and money management advice and in qualifying cases awarding Discretionary Housing Benefit payments. The grant for payments in 2015-16 was £252,060.</p> <p>The Council's Housing Section has agreed a protocol with registered social landlords for dealing with existing tenants who fall in arrears specifically due to the application of the bedroom cap. Bridgend Housing Partnership meets quarterly and discusses the impact as an agenda item.</p> <p>When advised by the DWP of a new benefit cap case, the Benefits Service contacts the affected claimants to discuss their options. Appropriate cases are referred to the Council's debt advice service</p>	Corporate Director Resources	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 3</p> <p>Total - 18</p>

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		<p>maximum of two children.</p> <p>Since 15 July 2013 there has been a limit on the total benefit a working age person can receive. This currently affects 82 households in Bridgend. This number will increase when the benefit cap reduces from £23,000 to £20,000.</p> <p>From April 2013, maximum rent has been reduced in the social rented sector depending on the number of bedrooms required. 1,241 households are affected which represents 29% of the total working age Housing Association benefit claimants. The total number of households in Bridgend is about 59,000.</p> <p>The Council will need to manage the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme within its budget. WG has renewed the regulations and the scheme will be based on 100% liability. Provision has been made in the Council's annual revenue budget for 2015-16 to fund the projected additional budget requirement of £1m.</p> <p>UC commenced in October 2013 and was implemented in Bridgend for certain claim categories in June 2015. The potential number of persons who may claim UC is estimated at 180 per month, with around 40 of these receiving support with housing costs.</p> <p>The UC caseload will build from 2016 onwards until the benefit is established for all claimants by the end of 2019.</p> <p>It is too early to say what the</p>		<p>or Housing Options. The Benefits Service works closely with these families to ensure that they are adequately equipped to deal with the reduction in their income, or, in conjunction with DWP, assist the family where possible with the transition into employment.</p> <p>Officers are fully apprised of UK Government and WG plans to ensure that the Council understands and can deal with the staff implications of moving from Housing Benefit (etc) to UC.</p> <p>During the rollout of UC the Council is required to provide support services to claimants and DWP UC staff as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping to prepare landlords for the change</li> <li>• Supporting claimants with online administration</li> <li>• Supporting claimants with complex needs and those that require personal budgeting</li> <li>• Provide expertise to UC service centre staff on housing issues</li> <li>• Process CTR for UC claimants</li> </ul> <p>The Benefits Service has been discussing UC changes with landlords since its announcement and has procured budgeting support and advice via Caer Las.</p> <p>The Council has developed other support services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an on-line resource (the moodle) which provides links to a wide range of support, including job search sessions, financial inclusion advice, credit unions, fuel poverty advice, foodbanks and DWP information sheets</li> <li>• Secured funding to provide support in libraries and community venues with digital applications, eg Universal Jobmatch and UC</li> <li>• Developed a draft directory of training, employment and other support</li> </ul> <p>As part of the MTFs, the Council has an earmarked reserve specifically for welfare reform.</p> <p>As part of the July 2015 budget it is proposed that the compulsory living wage will increase from £7.20 to £9.00 by 2020.</p>		

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		impact will be on the number of households affected by the latest welfare reform proposals.				
<p>Helping people to be more self sufficient</p> <p>Smarter use of resources</p>	<p><b>Supporting vulnerable children, young people and their families:</b></p> <p>If the Council in conjunction with partner organisations does not transform services it will not be able to meet the challenges of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>providing high quality care to vulnerable children and their families,</li> <li>the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act</li> <li>the implementation of CCIS</li> </ul> <p>at a time when budgets are stretched.</p>	<p>Between 2007-08 and 2012-13 the number of Looked After Children increased by 40%, from 292 to 412. As at December 2015 the number has now safely reduced to 370 and is on a downward trend. Likewise the number of Children In Need is also reducing.</p> <p>If services are not transformed the wellbeing and safety of children might be compromised. They may be unable to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thrive and make the best use of their talents</li> <li>Live healthy and safe lives</li> <li>Be confident and caring throughout their lives</li> <li>Know and receive their rights</li> </ul> <p>Patterns of behaviour, such as poor parenting will be repeated in subsequent generations.</p> <p>A potential increase in the proportion of young people identified as not in education, employment or training (NEET).</p> <p>A less skilled and flexible workforce.</p> <p>Increased social and economic costs.</p> <p>A loss of reputation to the Council.</p> <p>An increase in the need to commission expensive placements with independent</p>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 20</p>	<p>Part 6 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act concerns children who are looked after by the Council. The Act will be implemented on 6 April 2016 and stipulates that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child should have a care and support plan</li> <li>The Council should make it easy for the child to stay in touch with parents, family and friends where it is safe to do so</li> <li>Each child should have an independent reviewing officer</li> <li>The Council should provide support and advice for young people coming out of care</li> </ul> <p>Significant training is being put in place to ensure that the Council meets its duties under the Act.</p> <p>The Council is taking a lead role in the development of a national approach to statutory advocacy for Looked After Children and Children In Need.</p> <p>There is an earmarked reserve for Looked After Children that will support the service area and help cushion any sudden increases in Looked After Children numbers,</p> <p>The CCIS will allow professionals across different organisations to access and share information. Training is being undertaken to ensure that staff are able to use this system.</p> <p>Childrens Safeguarding and Early Help and Prevention teams will work closely together to deliver both the Early Help and Intervention Strategy and the Placement and Permanency Strategy to vulnerable groups. The re-structure of Family Intervention Services which was completed in March 2015 is working well. Three Early Help locality hubs (North, East and West) have been created to work with families in a more joined-up way. Family Support Workers, Education Welfare Officers, Family Engagement Officers, Counsellors and Youth Workers have been co-located in each of the hubs as well as Safeguarding Social Work Teams to support a whole system approach to ensuring that the needs of all our children and young people will be met at the earliest opportunity. In addition, the Council has created a central hub of specialist Family Support Services (e.g. Connecting Families) who provide a range of services across the whole County Borough.</p> <p>These initiatives will help the Council to continue to safely reduce both the numbers of Looked After Children and children on the Child Protection Register.</p>	<p>Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing</p> <p>Corporate Director of Education and Transformation</p>	<p>Likelihood - 4</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 16</p>

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		<p>fostering and adoption providers.</p> <p>Increased demands on social work teams, reviewing officers and support teams.</p>		<p>The Council will strive for stability and permanence for Looked After Children. This will include using increased numbers of adoptions, special guardianship orders, residence orders and other long term arrangements with Foster Carers or extended family. The Western Bay Regional Adoption Service has been established and will help make the best use of resources so that improvements can be made to ensure that children requiring adoptive placements are speedily and appropriately matched with adopters who can meet their needs for their entire childhood. The development of a new local parent and child fostering service will also improve use of resources.</p> <p>The Council is ensuring that robust mechanisms are in place to identify and provide appropriate services to children at risk from child sexual exploitation (CSE). Practitioners have either received CSE training or are part of an ongoing programme to enhance their knowledge. The Council is part of a focused multi-agency "CSE Task Force" including Police and ABMU Health.</p> <p>The current respite arrangements for disabled children will be reviewed. An options appraisal is being undertaken.</p>		
Supporting a successful economy	<p><b>The economic climate and austerity:</b></p> <p>If the economy continues to perform badly the quality of life for residents will suffer. There will be no positive long lasting economic, environmental and social change as our towns, local businesses and deprived areas suffer decline.</p> <p>Individuals, particularly young people, may be unable to secure employment because they lack the basic skills and confidence necessary and suitable jobs are not available in the economy.</p> <p>Severe cuts in Welsh Local Government spending will happen over the MTFS period 2016-17 to 2019-20. These cuts will impact on the local economy disproportionately because the Council is one of the key local employers.</p>	<p>There will be cuts in the public sector and these will disproportionately affect regeneration activities as spending on other services are protected.</p> <p>Reductions in regeneration funding have a disproportionate affect because each £1 of Council funding leverages between £8 and £13 from other sources.</p> <p>There could be further job losses and business failures in the local economy if the UK and European economies don't get stronger. The quality of life within the County Borough may decline.</p> <p>Pressure will be placed on diminishing Council services which support local businesses and employment.</p> <p>Town centres continue to suffer, predominantly the retail</p>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 20</p>	<p>Three Communities First teams are in place until at least April 2016. It is expected that these will continue after the Assembly election. Communities for Work will operate as a separate but complementary programme providing intensive employment skills support and mentoring to those furthest from the labour market.</p> <p>The Council supports the business community via the Business Forum, Bridgend Tourism Association, the Destination Management Partnership, Coastal Partnership, and town centres, through the Town Centre Manager, BID Partnership (Bridgend) and THI Programmes. Targeted investments have been made and successes achieved in key sectors such as tourism and the encouragement of micro business centres.</p> <p>The Council has an apprenticeship programme in operation.</p> <p>Increasing footfall via a greater number of residents living in town centres and by running high quality events.</p> <p>The Bridgend local development strategy under the Rural Development Plan for Wales has been approved with a funding allocation of £1.886m.</p> <p>Implement the Youth Engagement And Progression Framework.</p> <p>Strategic Regeneration Fund (SRF) allocations are committed to projects up to 2016-17. However, following the announcement of</p>	Corporate Director Communities	<p>Likelihood - 4</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 16</p>

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		<p>sector. Without regeneration they will not be attractive places to visit or able to compete with retail developments in neighbouring centres such as Talbot Green and Neath. Even with regeneration, competition and resilience will be difficult, as the nature of town centres is changing.</p> <p>The proposed regeneration programme assumes £2.6m of capital receipts. This includes an anticipated receipt from Porthcawl Regeneration Phase 1.</p> <p>Existing capital schemes will be affected if there are cost over-runs on regeneration projects. There is no provision to fund unforeseen works.</p> <p>At a time when regeneration is being asked for more solutions and more input, budgets are being reduced.</p>		<p>the WG's Structural Funding Programme 2014-20, and the additional funding that can be secured using the SRF as matched funding, it has been agreed that the period of matched funding in the capital programme up to and including the 2020-21 financial year has been extended.</p> <p>A cross directorate working group will continue to co-ordinate the development and delivery of European funded projects. A package of employment support projects are being taken forward for European Social Fund grant aid. Bridges into Work 2 having been approved and Inspire 2 Achieve and Inspire 2 Work projects being close to approval.</p> <p><b>Bridgend</b> The Rhiw is being regenerated in partnership with Coastal Housing to bring footfall and vitality to the town centre. There will be a combination of residential development and car parking. The project, funded by WG via a Vibrant and Viable Places grant, is on track.</p> <p><b>Maesteg/Llynfi Valley</b> The first stage of desktop feasibility work on the Llynfi Valley sites has been completed. The town centre action plan is being implemented and is funding a range of activities in partnership with local stakeholders. The final evaluation of Maesteg THI has been issued, and confirms the success of the scheme in bringing historic buildings back into economic use in the town. A project submission has been made for Maesteg Town Hall under WG's Building for the Future programme.</p> <p><b>Porthcawl</b> Considerable progress has been made on regeneration in Porthcawl, including the sale of the Jennings building, completion of refurbishment of key buildings in the harbour quarter through THI and further development of the Maritime Centre project. The Partnership Action Plan for the town centre is being implemented.</p> <p>The Council has been successful in its bid for £4.5m of Attractor Wales money. This will fund a maritime and water sports centre and an extension of the coastal pathway. A bid is also being made to the Coastal Community fund.</p> <p>WG funding for a new town centre partnership is now delivering projects.</p> <p>The council with others is at an early stage of negotiating a Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. A £1.28bn City Deal submission has</p>		



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				been made to the UK Government, which indicated support during the Autumn Statement. The proposal outlines that economic growth will be generated through increased connectivity, digital technology, innovation, a skilled workforce and support to business.		
Supporting a successful economy  Smarter use of resources	<p><b>Disposing of waste:</b></p> <p>The EU Waste Framework Directive promotes waste prevention and increased recycling.</p> <p>WG's waste strategy 'Towards Zero Waste' sets challenging targets. Since 2012-13 there has been an obligation to recycle / compost 52% of waste and this will rise to 70% by 2025. A new service will commence in two years time. This will deliver improved performance, but in the meantime maintaining momentum behind the existing scheme and hitting the target is a challenge.</p>	<p>Failure to achieve recycling/composting targets could result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inefficient use of resources as waste goes to landfill sites</li> <li>Penalties of £200 per tonne if the Council fails to achieve landfill allowance targets</li> </ul> <p>Increased recycling has a knock on effect to the contract requirements of MREC.</p>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 20</p>	<p>The Kier contract has delivered a stable recycling performance and this is likely to continue until the end of the current contract term in March 2017.</p> <p>Any extension to the Kier contract or alternative delivery model will need to build in the requirement to meet the targets set by WG in their policy document "Towards Zero Waste". WRAP Cymru have assisted the Council to consider the future by modelling various options. Those being assessed include working with neighbouring authorities, pursuing a procurement strategy and also a negotiated extension to the existing contract which would take into account revised recycling targets.</p> <p>BCBC and Swansea CBC, under the South West Wales hub have procured an Anaerobic Digestion facility provided by Biogen. An interim contract of two years has been let which commenced on 1 August 2015. A business case for a longer term contract is being prepared for WG.</p> <p>A tender was let to allow an operator to provide residual waste handling facilities at MREC. The results and their implications are being considered.</p> <p>In the short term, maintaining recycling rates can only be achieved by educating citizens so that they maintain their participation with the existing scheme.</p>	Corporate Director Communities	<p>Likelihood - 4</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 16</p>
Corporate Governance	<p><b>Equal Pay Claims:</b></p> <p>The result of the Abdulla Group case involving former employees of Birmingham City Council means that there is a risk of further equal pay claims against the Council.</p> <p>The courts are reviewing rulings on male dominated claims which have been listed. To date the Council has refused to settle these as they are outside the scope of the Memorandum of Understanding. The court decision remains outstanding.</p>	<p>The ruling has created the possibility that employees who left the Council up to six years ago might claim under equal pay legislation. Previously, to make a claim, the person had to be either employed by the Council or have left its employment within the last six months.</p> <p>Claims for compensation can now be made through the Civil Courts rather than via an Employment Tribunal. This will increase Legal Costs.</p>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 20</p>	<p>The Council is aware of the issues and is monitoring developments.</p> <p>Following the equal pay exercise, the Council is in a good position to be able to respond to any further claims in an appropriate manner.</p>	Corporate Director Resources	<p>Likelihood - 4</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 16</p>

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Helping people to be more self-reliant	<p><b>Healthy Life Styles:</b></p> <p>There are significant health inequalities within the County Borough and national statistics show that some parts are amongst the least healthy in Wales. Many people in the County Borough live unhealthy lifestyles and this might deteriorate as welfare reform continues and some people become poorer.</p> <p>The Council must continue to find innovative ways of working to maximise the impact of reduced resources. This includes Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of assets including parks pavilions, playgrounds and playing fields. If the Council does not find ways to promote healthy living the emotional and physical wellbeing of citizens will suffer.</p>	<p>Unhealthy lifestyles have many affects. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortened life expectancy. Life expectancy in the County Borough is below the Welsh average.</li> <li>• Shortened healthy life expectancy. Some areas of the County Borough have a healthy life expectancy which is 20 years longer than others.</li> <li>• Higher rates of obesity. Over half the County Borough population is overweight or obese. This results in significant costs to the economy and health and social services.</li> <li>• Worse emotional health.</li> <li>• Less fulfilled lives as people lose their independence due to ill health.</li> </ul> <p>These result in greater demand on expensive medical and care services provided by ABMU and the Council.</p>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 20</p>	<p>The Council aims to support a wide range of people, at all stages of life, to achieve health gains by encouraging them to be more active, more often.</p> <p>The Welsh NHS confederation identifies that the all-cause mortality risk is reduced by 30% amongst those who are physically active and that physically active people will spend on average 38% fewer days in hospital. The Sport, Play and Active Wellbeing service targets collaborative working to increase physical activity rates. In addition the service has responded to the challenge of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act by focussing on prevention and wellbeing based interventions that can reduce the need for higher cost provision or support in the future.</p> <p>The Council develops services and opportunities that encourage and promote life-long physical activity particularly amongst underrepresented groups by working in partnership with HALO Leisure and a range of community partners. This includes delivering the National Exercise Referral Programme in partnership with HALO Leisure to help reduce obesity levels and encourage better weight management across the County Borough.</p> <p>The number of physical activity visits to Council operated leisure facilities have increased by 92,508 over a two year period. Visits to HALO facilities have also increased. The total for 2014-15 of 1,148,616 is 5.6% higher than in 2011-12.</p> <p>Children and young people are encouraged to be physically active. The Sport, Play and Active Wellbeing Service have formal partnerships with many schools. In addition the National School Sport programme is being implemented as is the "Every Child a Swimmer" initiative. The wellbeing of Looked After Children is promoted because they receive additional support through free access to local facilities.</p> <p>The secondary schools programme achieved 71,352 participants and supported 5,448 physical activity sessions.</p> <p>Other examples of how the community is being encouraged to exercise are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing community based sporting opportunities with Disability Sport Wales for children and adults with disabilities. There are 923 junior and 623 senior participants.</li> <li>• Increasing the activity levels of women and girls through initiatives such as "Us Girls".</li> </ul>	Corporate Director Social Services & Wellbeing	<p>Likelihood - 4</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 16</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The "Move More Often" programme is being developed to support users of day care and residential services.</li> <li>The Love to Walk programme.</li> </ul> <p>The Council is pursuing CAT with priority given to assets that are linked to proposals within the MTFS. Up to £200k had been set aside in the Change Management earmarked reserve to fund a fixed term dedicated CAT Officer post for 3 years and to meet additional legal and property requirements. Priority 1 proposals include parks pavilions and priority 2 playgrounds and playing fields. The success of the proposals depends on the proactive participation of Town and Community Councils and community organisations, together with their ability to manage the asset. Different assets will generate different levels of interest. There is a £100,000 per annum ring fenced for capital investment as well as potentially £1m prudential borrowing for pavilions to ensure that they are in a good condition, to encourage take up of assets.</p> <p>The Council works with LSB partners and other parties to further develop targeted projects that tackle health issues such as weight management, harmful drinking and smoking.</p> <p>There are ongoing Responsible Authority meetings to review any emerging issues around the licence trade and the sale of alcohol.</p> <p>There is support for initiatives via Neighbourhood Networks and local partnership working that target evidence of alcohol related anti-social behaviour, with a review of data and evidence.</p> <p>The Council is seeking to reduce levels of tobacco consumption within the County Borough. The multi-agency Tobacco Control Steering Group developed an action plan for partnership working across the County Borough. There are various awareness raising initiatives across the County Borough and Trading Standards, as part of the newly formed regulatory service, inspects premises and enforces legislation concerning sales to those who are underage.</p>	Corporate Director Communities	
Supporting a successful economy	<p><b>Maintaining infrastructure:</b></p> <p>If there is further harsh weather there may be an increase in the number of roads in poor condition, more repairs being required in the future and the Council might fail to meet its statutory obligations. The risk is exacerbated because the Local Government Borrowing Initiative (LGBI) has ended and</p>	<p>Failure to maintain infrastructure will result in the Council not meeting its statutory obligations and the % of roads that are in overall poor condition increasing.</p> <p>A poor quality highway network leads to increased third party liability claims, a loss of reputation, a possible adverse</p>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 20</p>	<p>Additional maintenance has been undertaken in the past 5 years as a result of increased revenue budget and grants from WG. Funds have been targeted at Principal (A) roads. The Highways maintenance budget has increased by £800,000 since 2009 and further growth of £100,000 in 2013-14 resulted in investment in street furniture (lighting, traffic signals etc).</p> <p>The LGBI provided funding of around £6.8m over the period 2012-15 for highway infrastructure improvements. The principal adopted for the programme of works was to provide good quality resurfacing which will be sustainable in the long term rather than quick overlay</p>	Corporate Director Communities	<p>Likelihood - 4</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 16</p>

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	reductions must be found in the Highways budget.	<p>impact on economic activity and reduced quality of life for citizens.</p> <p>Further budgetary pressures could occur due to unpredictable weather patterns and the worsening condition of the infrastructure. This will lead to an increased requirement for emergency repairs.</p>		<p>which requires higher maintenance in future years. 2014-15 was the last year of the LGBI and there will now be reductions in maintenance budgets. Consideration is being given to how much would have to be spent to maintain the highway network in its existing condition. A business case for additional investment will be made. Unless there is further investment there will now inevitably be deterioration in the proportion of roads that are in a satisfactory condition.</p> <p>The Council's Highways Asset Management Plan provides information to assist the Council in considering the highway asset risk and apportion funding from the Council's budget strategy.</p> <p>The risk around the condition of the highway will be managed by a proactive system of highway inspections and by responding positively to highways complaints.</p>		
Helping people to be more self-reliant	<p><b>The impact of homelessness:</b></p> <p>Homelessness may increase because of the current economic climate and ongoing austerity measures and welfare reform. This may result in a greater dependence on the Council to provide temporary accommodation for residents.</p> <p>The Housing (Wales) Act 2014 has been enacted and places a duty on the Council to 'take all reasonable steps' for a period of 56 days to prevent homelessness. There will be uncertainty about what this means until WG Guidance is issued and cases come before the courts.</p> <p>In addition the duty to 'take all reasonable steps' for any former prisoner who is potentially homeless from Parc Prison, regardless of local connection, may increase the use of temporary accommodation until a solution is found or a homeless investigation is instigated.</p>	<p>Homelessness is often a culmination of several problems, such as debt, relationship difficulties, mental health issues and substance misuse. For many, homelessness leads to increased stress, depression, and isolation. It can lead to a need for other costly service interventions.</p> <p>The impact is greater on some groups e.g. 16/17 year olds and people with a chaotic housing history.</p> <p>The use of bed and breakfast accommodation results in high costs both in terms of finance for the Council and the wellbeing of individuals.</p> <p>Properties are standing empty and deteriorating because they cannot be sold.</p> <p>Changes to Housing Benefits might result in increased rent arrears and evictions leading to</p>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 3</p> <p>Total - 15</p>	<p>The Housing (Wales) Act gives the Council a strategic role in the functioning of the local housing market. The Council is consulting on a draft strategy for the period 2016-18. It contains five proposed priorities. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take reasonable steps to prevent homelessness</li> <li>• Make the best use of existing homes</li> <li>• Work with partners to deliver the right type of new housing</li> <li>• Help vulnerable people to stay independent, safe and secure in accommodation that best meets their needs</li> <li>• Create sustainable town centres through housing led regeneration</li> </ul> <p>WG advise that grants will be available to support the implementation of the Housing (Wales) Act. However, the money is only guaranteed for one year. This means that it is difficult to find staff of the correct calibre to manage the project because there is no security of employment.</p> <p>The Council is taking a proactive prevention approach to the issue of homelessness by helping residents find solutions to their housing needs and getting to the root cause of why people become homeless.</p> <p>The Kerrigan Project aims to develop good practice in assisting those who are homeless or vulnerably housed and have co-occurring mental health and substance misuse issues.</p> <p>The Council, in conjunction with Registered Social Landlords, have implemented a Common Housing Register and Social Housing</p>	Corporate Director Communities	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 3</p> <p>Total - 15</p>

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		<p>an increase in the number of homelessness cases. This would impact on the welfare of citizens, the Council's Housing Options Team, the homelessness budget and other welfare services.</p> <p>Unless resources can be reallocated within the Supporting People Programme there might be increased repeat homelessness.</p> <p>Fewer properties are being improved because the Housing Renewal Area programme is reducing. There will be no WG grant in 2016-17; however, the 2015-16 allocation of £417,000 can be extended and used up to September 2016. The result will be fewer properties being improved.</p>		<p>Allocations Policy. This is working well and is helping ensure the best use of available social rented property.</p> <p>A Supporting People review is currently underway and work has commenced on commissioning the provision of structured, professional floating support to vulnerable groups which will help support tenancies and prevent homelessness and repeat homelessness.</p> <p>Following the national review of the Supporting People Programme, Regional Collaborative Committees have been set up to support greater collaborative working.</p> <p>The impact of welfare reform has been reduced as far as possible. Three Communities First teams are delivering advice on financial inclusion.</p> <p>Working with partners to improve private sector housing conditions and bring empty homes back into use. This will be done via the Houses into Homes Scheme, Empty Homes Grants and the implementation of Phase 7 of the Caerau Housing Renewal Area.</p> <p>The location of Parc Prison means that there is an increased risk of homeless presentations with their associated costs. Additional resources have been made available by WG to facilitate the operational changes required by the Housing Act.</p> <p>The Council will continue to apply the "intentionality test" to all groups of homeless households.</p> <p>A one stop shop for domestic abuse has been set up in Civic Offices. The aim is to provide a holistic service to victims of domestic abuse and prevent unnecessary homelessness.</p>		
Smarter use of resources	<p><b>Collaboration with partners:</b></p> <p>If the Council does not undertake collaboration projects where they offer enhanced service quality, increased resilience or significant cost savings, it will not maximise cost effective, tangible, improvements to services.</p> <p>Budget reductions have the potential to affect collaboration where they result in restrictions of spend to single-agency priorities.</p>	<p>In a period of reducing budgets, successful collaborative working is even more essential for the efficient and effective delivery of quality public services. If the Council fails to collaborate successfully some of the most vulnerable people in the community will not have their needs met. This would lead to a loss of reputation with the public and WG and the potential for a drop in performance as measured against established KPI's.</p>	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 24</p>	<p>The Council works in partnership with other councils, public sector and third sector bodies based upon different geographical and service footprints. There is evidence that partnership working and good collaborative arrangements permeate all the main risk areas. Corporate Directors understand the challenges of collaborative working and the importance of recognising different organisational cultures and approaches (e.g. towards data sharing).</p> <p>The Bridgend Local Service Board (LSB) is led by the Council and has a strong and positive record of facilitating collaborative working.</p> <p>The LSB "Bridgend County Together" partnership plan was published in April 2013 and sets out the priorities aimed at improving the lives of people in the County Borough focussing on issues such as health, education, employment, the local economy, tourism, crime and the environment. Those priorities are being</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Executive, Legal &amp; Regulatory Service</p>	<p>Likelihood - 3</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 12</p>

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	There are potential risks associated with collaborative projects such as the Regulatory Services initiative, the Western Bay Adoption Service, Youth Offending Service and other areas such as the roll out of Universal Credit for new single claimants commencing in June 2015, the closure of 20+ work club and the end of funding to "Get Bridgend On Line".	<p>As the Council moves towards multi-agency working, there is potential for service instability whilst transformation takes place.</p> <p>Reduction in other public sector partners' budgets may have an impact on their capacity for partnership working.</p> <p>If the collaborative Regulatory Services project is not supported the Service may not be as effective as the proposals would suggest.</p> <p>There needs to be a period of change where performance may dip or will be affected as the Council moves towards the new operating model and the staff and model start to function.</p> <p>Regulatory Services staff have now all transferred to the Vale of Glamorgan as host employers with the new structure having been populated during November and December 2015.</p>		<p>reviewed, along with the implications of the Well-being and Future Generations Act, which will move Local Service Boards to Public Service Boards (PSB's)</p> <p>The LSB also reviewed its structure, reducing the number of its delivering boards from 11 to 5. A refreshed Neighbourhood Network steering group was established to take forward citizen engagement and to plan and deliver 'place' based projects.</p> <p>The review resulted in a renewed focus for LSB, clearer priorities and the development of flagship projects which clearly demonstrate how they contribute to achieving the outcomes. Outcome of the review and new priorities have also been taken to scrutiny committee.</p> <p>BCBC partners with ABMU, Swansea and NPT Councils to deliver a model of integrated care across a range of services including care for older people, adults with disabilities and mental health provision.</p> <p>The Memorandum of Understanding with Vale of Glamorgan Council facilitates collaboration in many areas. There is also the joint working agreement with the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff in relation to Regulatory Services.</p> <p>The Central South Consortium will drive school improvement.</p> <p>The Data Centre collaboration project with RCT increases the resilience of service provision.</p> <p>Collaboration in the provision of Leisure Services reduces cost and has improved quality.</p> <p>The motor fleet maintenance depot, jointly run with South Wales Police, will increase efficiency.</p> <p>There are partnership agreements to support the management of these collaborative projects.</p>		
Links to all priority themes	<p><b>Educational provision</b></p> <p>If the Council does not adopt a strategic approach for sustainable educational provision in Bridgend then there is a risk that it may not be able to offer sufficient educational provision or of the right type in the right locations in the County Borough and with partners.</p>	<p>An inability to offer a broad range of educational opportunities will ultimately result in poorer outcomes for children and young people.</p> <p>Outcomes for groups of vulnerable learners may not improve quick enough or not at all.</p> <p>Continued falling school rolls</p>	<p>Likelihood - 4</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 16</p>	<p>A strategic review into the development and rationalisation of the curriculum and estate provision of Primary, Secondary and Post 16 Education will be undertaken. This will provide an evidence based rationale for change and will help the council reach informed conclusions about the nature of future provision.</p> <p>The work of the school task group has provided a useful foundation to build on and will support the development of a specification for the strategic review.</p> <p>An increase in the pace of school improvement.</p>	Corporate Director Education & Transformation	<p>Likelihood - 3</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 12</p>

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	Neither will the Council be providing 'fit for purpose schools' capable of delivering high quality educational experiences for all pupils.	<p>and a large number of surplus places.</p> <p>Challenges in the replacement of a number of Headteachers reaching retirement age in the near future.</p> <p>Financial constraints leading to a growing number of schools in a deficit budget situation.</p> <p>School improvement schemes continue to be reactionary rather than strategic.</p> <p>Insufficient Welsh medium provision to meet demand, especially in the centre of Bridgend.</p> <p>The strategic future of whole life learning across the County Borough will not be fully integrated into our strategy e.g., Bridgend College.</p> <p>The organisation of school places in Bridgend County Bough will not be supported by a clear strategy.</p>		<p>Succession planning for Headteachers.</p> <p>Band B of the school modernisation programme will provide the mechanism to deliver the developed strategy.</p> <p>Promotion of the Welsh language in particular through the Welsh in Education strategic plan.</p> <p>Growth in the provision of Welsh medium education in Bridgend.</p> <p>Strong collaboration with communities and strategic partners, in particular Bridgend College.</p> <p>Monitoring of the impact of the agreed changes to the Council's Learner Travel Policy from September 2016.</p> <p>Greater join up at both a strategic and operational level via the Safe Dry and Warm project.</p> <p>Close monitoring of surplus places and the development of opportunities to utilise surplus places with secondary schools in particular.</p>		
<p>Supporting a successful economy</p> <p>Helping people to be more self-reliant</p>	<p><b>Educational attainment:</b></p> <p>If school standards and pupil attainment do not continue to improve, including a narrowing of the gap between vulnerable pupils and others, there are significant risks to the emotional wellbeing of young people and their future employment prospects, the local economy and a range of Council services as young people leave education ill-equipped for</p>	<p>A possible increase in the number of young people not in education, employment and training (NEET).</p> <p>Greater deprivation as young people are unable to sustain a livelihood in the future.</p> <p>More young people with worse emotional health.</p> <p>More schools identified as</p>	<p>Likelihood - 4</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 16</p>	<p>There has been a significant narrowing of the gap, with an improvement in the average point score for Looked After Children from 247 to 274 during 2014-15.</p> <p>The Central South Consortium (CSC) is recruiting Consultant Governors to help governing bodies which are in need of support.</p> <p>"Team Around The School" continues to support schools which are under performing. BCBC has recently appointed an Interim Headteacher at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen and is working with the consortium to develop a strong senior management team and Governing body.</p>	<p>Corporate Director Education &amp; Transformation</p>	<p>Likelihood - 3</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 12</p>

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	employment.	<p>requiring monitoring and intervention through inspection, with concern and eventual special status.</p> <p>Potential for a decline in Key Stage attainment results, PISA scores and other accreditation.</p> <p>Less capacity for provision for pupils with learning difficulties.</p> <p>Potential for parents to complain and/or take cases to SEN Tribunal.</p> <p>Possible intervention by WG.</p> <p>Continued Estyn monitoring in schools.</p> <p>A gap in achievement between pupils from vulnerable groups such as Free School Meals, Looked After Children, Children In Need and Special Educational Needs and other pupils.</p>		<p>A Consultant Governor has also recently been appointed at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen and will support the interim Headteacher and governing body in responding to necessary change after the recent Estyn inspection.</p> <p>The Council is working with CSC and other partners to ensure that governing bodies are effective in providing challenge to schools. This includes working with the Bridgend Governors Association (BGA) which will relaunch in January 2016 following an election. The focus of the BGA will be to develop a strategy to roll out Governor Improvement Groups (GIGs) for the County Borough, the first of their kind in Wales.</p> <p>Poor attendance leads to a serious loss of learning which is likely to affect achievement and life chances. An attendance strategy is in place and fixed penalty notices are available for Headteachers to use as a sanction. This is supported by the CSC absence management toolkit, Callio. Approximately 17 Fixed Penalty Notices have already been issued for persistent unauthorised absences.</p> <p>To raise standards, the Council continues to implement the concept of self-evaluation across all its services in particular within Education. This includes the development of a self-evaluation action plan. A number of officer events have taken place throughout 2015 with the Children's Directorate's extended senior management team to focus on improving outcome focused self-evaluation.</p> <p>The new School Improvement Strategy will define outcomes for learners.</p> <p>The implementation of the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework is ensuring that an increasing number of 16 year olds remain in education.</p> <p>Implement an improvement plan with Band 4 Comprehensive Schools and the development of a 'good to great' programme as an integral part of the CSC School Improvement Strategy.</p> <p>There is a strong focus on raising standards of literacy and numeracy through structured and strategic programmes including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying underperforming English and Maths Departments and support action to improve</li> <li>• Provide training for staff</li> <li>• Develop a whole school approach to basic skills</li> <li>• CSC literacy and numeracy plans</li> </ul> <p>The new senior management structure for the Access and Inclusion</p>		



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				<p>service has demonstrated positive improvements in how Additional Learning Need (ALN) is supported across the Council's schools. The new Bryncethin Campus bring ALN support together on one site including the Bridge Alternative Provision, Ysgol Bryn Castell (YBC) and ALN support e.g., Educational Psychology, Looked After Children Education, etc.</p> <p>A specification for a strategic review of education in Bridgend is being developed for delivery following on from the work of the School's Task Group to be delivered by a strategic partner in 2016.</p> <p>A number of hard and soft federations are actively being considered with some schools.</p> <p>School Improvement Groups (SIGs) have been set up across the 5 Local Authorities in the CSC so that schools can share best practice and learn from each other.</p> <p>National categorisation of schools helps to identify which schools require support.</p>		
Corporate Governance	<p><b>Health and Safety</b></p> <p>The council has a duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of their employees and other people who might be affected by its activities. Areas for improvement in some health and safety arrangements have been identified.</p>	<p>Failure to manage health and safety could result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injury, ill-health or loss of life to employees or members of the public.</li> <li>• Total or partial loss of services or buildings used to deliver services to vulnerable people.</li> <li>• Criminal prosecution by enforcement bodies such as South Wales Police, the Health and Safety Executive or South Wales Fire and Rescue Service. Sanctions include fines, imprisonment and disqualification from office.</li> <li>• Employers and Public Liability Claims.</li> <li>• Increased insurance premiums.</li> <li>• Reputational damage.</li> </ul>	<p>Likelihood - 5</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 20</p>	<p>The newly developed Directorate Risk Registers will be used to methodically review the hazards on a priority basis to develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business plans and health and safety objectives</li> <li>• Risk assessment planned programmes</li> <li>• Health and safety competencies and training plans</li> </ul> <p>Cascade health and safety objectives within staff appraisals.</p> <p>Monitor health and safety performance through Corporate Performance Assessment and Corporate Management Board.</p> <p>Continue to assess the health and safety impacts of the budget reductions required by the MTFS and relevant change programme projects.</p> <p>Establish an awareness raising campaign of regular communications to staff promoting a range of health and safety topics to develop a positive safety culture.</p>	Chief Executive	<p>Likelihood – 3</p> <p>Impact – 4</p> <p>Total - 12</p>

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Links to all key priority themes	<p><b>School modernisation:</b></p> <p>Budget pressures may reduce or delay the 21<sup>st</sup> Century school programme.</p> <p>WG has committed to fund 50% (£22.474m) of the total costs for the Band A programme. To receive this funding the council has to provide match funding of £22.474m. Whilst £5m is from core funding allocations the Council is also relying on raising £4m from S106 agreements and £13.475m from the sale of school and other sites.</p> <p>It continues to be a challenge to release sufficient land for sale to support the programme, If the Council is unable to do so, there may be a delay in new builds which may prejudice the Council's ability to provide for sufficient school places.</p> <p>Demand for disabled adaptations and repairs and maintenance are outstripping the budget. Failure to provide for disabled learners may result in litigation or tribunals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insufficient progress may have a negative impact on pupils' learning and wellbeing.</li> <li>There is a link between attendance, attainment and the school environment.</li> <li>It may affect the range of educational opportunity for pupils.</li> <li>There may be inefficient use of resources, due to a mismatch in the supply and demand for places in different schools.</li> <li>Deterioration in the state of school buildings will result in increased running costs and the need for emergency repairs. This could result in potential health and safety issues. Resources that could be better spent on direct support to children (BCBC schools are relatively poorly funded) will be diverted to less productive use.</li> <li>New schools are designed as community facilities and in the case of Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen is also a multi- agency hub.</li> </ul> <p>Inadequacies in buildings maintenance have been identified, including fire safety within schools.</p>	<p>Likelihood - 6</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 24</p>	<p>The Council continues to implement a phased schools modernisation programme but within a revised timetable.</p> <p>WG has committed to fund 50% (£22.474m) of the total costs for the Band A programme through a combination of Capital Grant and LGBI. To receive this funding the Council needs to submit detailed business cases for each project including how its match funding will be provided.</p> <p>It is essential that the planned capital receipts already committed and ring fenced from the sale of school sites are retained for school modernisation. Any change to this commitment would require Council approval.</p> <p>Maintain strong programme and project management arrangements. There is a track record of delivering projects to time, cost and quality.</p> <p>Procurement through the South East Wales Schools &amp; Capital Programme Contractor Framework will continue via the new framework SEWSCAP2.</p> <p>Maintain good links with Welsh Local Government Association and WG.</p> <p>Review catchment area boundaries to ensure supply meets demand.</p> <p>Provide temporary accommodation.</p> <p>Regular health and safety audits and condition surveys will enable the Council to prioritise improvement works and respond to emerging issues.</p> <p>The Safe, Dry and Warm project has commenced including the development of condition surveys of all school buildings. The Council has appointed a Fire Safety Officer.</p> <p>Demand for Welsh medium education is up and the council is proposing to move YGG Cwm Garw to the Betws school site where it will be more accessible from other areas of the County Borough. In addition, it is proposed that a Welsh medium starter class in the centre of Bridgend be explored, along with other ideas to increase the number of Welsh medium primary places in the centre of the County Borough.</p>	<p>Corporate Director Education &amp; Transformation</p>	<p>Likelihood - 3</p> <p>Impact - 4</p> <p>Total - 12</p>