

# RECOVER, RESET, RENEW

## Corporate Plan 2022-2027



- Set up a 'single front door' to make it easier for people looking for jobs or training to access help and support
- Work with local employers to provide more
- Ensure that money spent by the council buying goods and services supports local businesses and employment as much as possible
- Attract, retain and develop people from our local

- help training providers adapt to changing needs of employers
- support local businesses in their recovery
- Initiate a local employer skills audit to identify the future skills needs and gaps in the local learning provision
- Continue to work regionally and locally to develop new
- Launch the 'Invest in NPT' website to promote business
- them to diversify so that they are more resilient to future

- Target business support in areas with greatest
- Target businesses in the decarbonisation and renewable energy sectors to invest in Neath Port Talbot
   Improve engagement with local businesses and lead on town centre recovery work
- Develop a sites and premises investment programme to support the development and growth of local
- businesses
  Start implementing the actions in our Local Economic
  Development Plan
- Establish a manufacturing/engineering forum to improve networking opportunities within this sector
- Continue to develop plans to provide an Integrated Transport Hub at Neath railway station to improve connections between the places where people live, work, learn and enjoy their time
- Look at introducing electric car community transport schemes in the Afan, Neath, Dulais and Amman Valleys, and a 'Transport for Wales' Fflecsi bus pilot scheme in the Afan Valley
- Work with developers to deliver the Global Centre of Rail Excellence and the Wildfox Resort



#### To deliver on this objective, our actions over the next twelve months include:

- Help pupils reconnect with school and improve attendance rates
- + Ensure children are ready for school
- + Provide effective early intervention, help and support, and ensure families can easily access this help and support
- Establish new service delivery arrangements for children who have additional needs
- Ensure children in need of protection are safeguarded and they can grow up in a loving
- Explore what more we can do to support

- Help young people leaving care to access and maintain appropriate accommodation
- Provide more free/low cost play and leisure opportunities
- Increase access to free school meals and
- Work with partners to reduce youth unemployment
- Increase work experience and apprenticeship opportunities in the county borough
- Strengthen our commitment to the Welsh language and culture

### To deliver on this objective, our actions over the next twelve months include:

- Establish a grants scheme to help community groups recover from the pandemic and introduce a community recognition initiative to help promote and celebrate the important work they are doing to help preserve our local environment, heritage and culture
- Further develop and implement our Welsh Language Promotion Strategy;
- Extend opportunities for residents including children and young people to learn about their local environment, heritage and culture
- Support and encourage volunteering at council owned
- Support our workforce to contribute to the conservation and enjoyment of our local environment, heritage and
- Further develop the NPT Nature Partnership and implement our Biodiversity Plan

- Set a new strategic direction for heritage and culture and for tourism/destination management, involving our communities, local partners, funders and other
- Maximise external funding opportunities to conserve and enhance our local environment, culture and
- + Refresh the council's decarbonisation and renewable energy plan and encourage more people to get involved in the climate change agenda
- Implement the council's decision to bring leisure services back in-house
- Strengthen planning and partnership arrangements so that greater weight is given to conserving and improving the local environment, heritage and culture
- Improve access to local sport and leisure facilities and encourage people to enjoy our culture and heritage assets and activities

#### To deliver on this objective, our actions over the next twelve months include:

- Extend the work in our communities and neighbourhoods to map strengths, vulnerabilities and opportunities to:
  - identify and help set up more informal care and support networks
- help more people connect with them, and identify potential community hubs
- Create a network of neighbourhood forums and encourage people to get involved in decisions that affect them
- Provide seed funding for community and voluntary initiatives that strengthen early intervention and prevention support
- Work alongside Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service to encourage and further develop community and voluntary organisations
- Encourage and support council staff to volunteer

- Introduce a county borough wide programme to catch up, clean up and green up our
- Work with our partners to increase housing options including interim and move-on accommodation
- Further develop our NPTBuvLocal initiative and encourage residents to shop locally
- Implement the Place Making Charter putting quality, sustainability and community at the heart
- Continue to work through our Community Safety Partnership to address the problems posed by alcohol, illegal drugs, domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour