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Changing council services in Newport

Every day, Newport City Council aims to deliver the best possible service to its residents. We have a clear mission, "Improving People's Lives – providing the best affordable services", which guides our activity to deliver the ambition set out in the corporate plan – to make Newport a better place to live, work and visit.

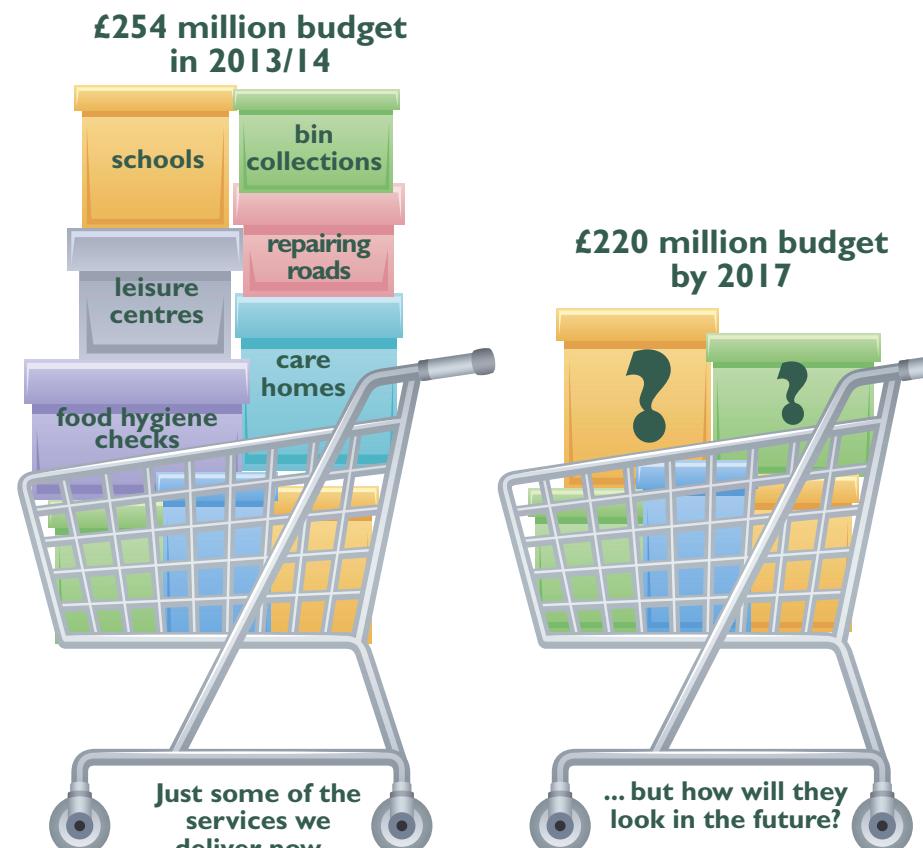
However, the council is facing an unprecedented challenge – a significantly reduced budget combined with an increasing demand for, and expectations of, council services.

In simple terms, the council can't afford to carry on doing all of the things it does currently and we want your views on this challenge.

That's why the council launched its Prospectus for Change this summer. This is an ambitious scheme of work to ensure that the council can continue to improve people's lives by providing the best affordable services. It's also the start of an open and honest conversation with the people of Newport on which services the council provides in future years.

We want to start by explaining how we get our money to deliver your services. For every £100 we spend, £80 comes from Welsh Government grant, £12 comes from your council tax and the remaining £8 comes from charges we make for services or other grants. This shows how dependent we are on the Welsh Government grant. So any cut in this grant means we have to totally rethink the type of services currently provided.

Everyone knows that money for public services is being cut. So far local government in Wales hasn't been affected as badly as councils in England who have already faced the brunt of the UK/Westminster public services austerity programme. However, this is about to change and



we need to plan properly for the future. In this financial year (April 2013 - March 2014) we have £254m to spend on public services across the city. By 2017 this will reduce to £220m – a 13 per cent cut from this year.

Newport City Council has a legal requirement to deliver a balanced budget every year; we just cannot set a budget that we cannot pay for. Therefore with less money from Welsh Government the council is being forced to make even more cuts.

Imagine if your income was reduced in a similar manner. You wouldn't be able to spend as much

money as you do today and this would have an impact on what you would be able to do. This is exactly the position Newport City Council faces.

To meet this reality we must think carefully about what we have to do, what we have to stop doing, how we do things and who we do them for; and we want to share this serious challenge with you.

A budget reduced by £34m means that the council has to have a clear view of what services it can provide to continue improving people's lives. And for those services we continue to provide, they must be the best but

affordable.

The council knows a reduced budget of this scale will inevitably result in fewer services being provided, fewer staff being employed and fewer buildings being occupied.

There are some things that the council is required to provide by law. These are called statutory services and we will have to find a way to deliver these. Everything else is a choice, a choice that we want to be informed by listening to the people of Newport.

So, imagine facing a cut of 13 per cent to your household income. Where would you decide to save money?

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Cut back on leisure activities, put off decorating your house, stop buying books or sell the car? That is the reality facing Newport City Council over the next five years as it faces significant reductions to its budget, and has to make some very hard decisions about where to spend its money.

The economic conditions facing all local authorities across the UK has been well publicised, and Newport City Council has already made £50 million of cuts. It is estimated that a further £12 million of cuts needs to be made in the next financial year alone, quite literally every penny counts and every option must be considered.

These are the most severe cuts that the council has ever had to make, and deciding where we will have to reduce spending is an extremely difficult decision. This is why we are sharing this information with you, so that the voices, ideas and suggestions of our residents and recipients of our services can inform this process.

The council is working hard to meet the financial challenges it faces, using the Prospectus for Change to deliver a new way of working, but we want to listen to your opinions as well.

To share our thinking with you, the council is approaching this challenge with these four key themes at the heart of the Prospectus for Change:

- Achieve savings by being more efficient in the way we work
- Redesign the ways in which we provide services, collaborate with other organisations and look at new ways of working to make services more cost effective
- Prioritise our statutory services such as education and social services
- Where possible, protect vulnerable groups in our communities from the wider impact of budget cuts and the welfare reform programmes introduced by central government.

We can't guarantee that we will be able to act on all of the suggestions we receive but we can promise that they

will be heard, read and considered as part of the process.

On 12 December Newport City Council's cabinet will consider proposals on how to achieve the required savings, which will include residents' feedback. This meeting will inform a report to a full council meeting in February 2014 when decisions will be voted on, and future budgets set.

Your responses are appreciated by the council as they will help to give an insight into the views and wishes of local residents. Send your suggestions to changing.services@newport.gov.uk

There will be further detailed information on the proposed changes to the budget and which services will be affected later in the year. There will also be other opportunities for you to have your say on these proposals. Information will be in future editions of Newport Matters and also on the council's website www.newport.gov.uk/changingservices

Leader's message

In the first year of this administration we were faced with making extremely difficult decisions in the face of tough financial challenges.

The situation this year has not improved – in fact, it is worse and that is going to continue for the foreseeable future.

I'm not going to sugar coat this with words such as "efficiencies" or "savings". Over the next four years, it is predicted that Newport City Council will have to make cuts of around £34 million. In 2013/14 alone we will probably have to spend £12m less than this year.

Figures such as these are difficult to imagine so in this edition of Newport Matters we will try to explain what that means in real terms.

We will do all we can to protect frontline services but we should not be in any doubt that all councils in the UK, and Newport is no exception, will have to undergo seismic change



Councillor Bob Bright, leader of Newport City Council

over the coming years. We will not be able to deliver all the services we have traditionally delivered and we will also have to look at innovative ways of providing others.

For Newport, this will not just be about saving money – although that has to be an important part of our deliberations – but about ensuring that residents receive the best possible services that we can provide.

We would like to invite you to help us with this process by letting us know which services are important to you and if you have any ideas about potential savings.

Local government leaders warn of harsh times ahead

Councils across Wales, and the rest of the UK, are all having to deal with a new financial reality.

In June, the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), which represents all 22 councils in Wales, said local government was braced for "a harsh financial future" in the wake of the UK government's comprehensive spending review.

It was announced that a further £11.5 billion of cuts will be made to UK public spending confirming that austerity measures will continue into the next parliament.

With the Welsh Government having to make around £110 million of savings in 2013 and 2014, and further cuts for 2015, the financial forecasts for how much money will be available for public services in Wales will be revised

significantly downwards.

Unprotected service areas like transport, leisure, highways and culture, are all likely to experience significant and increased financial pressure in the future.

Councillor Aaron Shotton (Flintshire), WLGA deputy leader and spokesperson for finance, said: "This latest round of cuts to public spending will have a huge impact on the delivery of public services in Wales.

"Local councils have already experienced an 8.4 per cent real terms reduction in spending power since the onset of the recession but with UK austerity measures set to continue for many years into the future, even our pessimistic financial forecasts are beginning to become a very real, and painful financial reality."

Cultural strategy

Newport City Council is looking for your views on a cultural strategy.

Newport is a city with a proud sporting and cultural tradition and heritage. Such activities improve and enrich the lives of people enabling them to have fun, learn and gain qualifications, enjoy physical health and mental wellbeing, or be employed in the cultural sector.

The excellence of the city's sporting and cultural facilities also attracts visitors to the city which supports the local economy, creates jobs and promotes a positive image.

The council is also proposing to establish a cultural partnership which brings together organisations and individuals, who through working together can maximise the opportunities on offer in this sector.

For more information and to have your say visit www.newport.gov.uk

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Your council tax – a small contribution

Council tax is collected to help pay for services.

However, it contributes just 12 per cent towards the council's total income.

Council tax rises are effectively "capped" by five per cent each year. Unlike England, the Welsh Government has not recommended a council tax freeze.

This year, council tax in Newport rose by 3.5 per cent

– this still left Newport residents paying substantially less than most people in Wales and the UK.

Most homes are subject to council tax based on valuations from 1 April 2005 set by the Valuation Office Agency.

Final council tax bills include the Gwent Police precept and, where relevant, a community council precept.

Pressures on council budget

Newport City Council has to deal with a number of pressures on its budget each year. These include:

- A potential reduction in real terms in the Welsh Government revenue support grant – this makes up nearly half the council's total income
- An ageing population putting increased demand on care services for older people
- Rising numbers of primary school pupils – it is expected that there will be an average increase of around 300 over the next few years
- A reduction in the amount given in specific grants by the Welsh Government which is also facing a squeeze in funding from central government
- New legislation requiring additional council resources such as the changes to the food hygiene regulations which mean businesses are now compelled to display their ratings

Statutory and non-statutory services

Councils provide a range of vital front line services and the Local Government Association estimates that they provide more than 700 separate services to the public, including some that are often unseen or taken for granted.

Councils have statutory responsibilities for many things that affect people's lives, including, planning and transport, social services and promoting equality and sustainable development.

Local government also provides a range of non-statutory services, such as leisure and culture and the regeneration of local areas.

What does the council spend its money on?

Understanding how a council's multi-million pound budget is broken down can be hard to picture. Here we show you just how much it costs to run some of our key services each year.

£300k to keep our roads clear in winter



£1.2m to deliver free school meals

£260k to monitor food hygiene standards



More than £1m to run Newport International Sports Village



£2.3m to run Newport's four council care homes



£700k to run Newport's parks



More than £2m to collect refuse

£85k to run the Register service

Busting the myths about what the council does

- **The council does not set business rates – we only collect them on behalf of Welsh Government**
- **The majority of city centre shops including empty ones are owned by private landlords and not the council**
- **Council tax does not pay for all council services – it makes up only 12 per cent of the council's budget**
- **National chains and private businesses make the decision whether to have a shop in Newport – not the council.**



Improved city play areas with great new facilities

Three fantastic new play areas in Newport were officially opened recently by the city's Mayor, Councillor Cliff Suller.

Local children assisted Newport City Council with the designs for the upgraded playgrounds in Tredegar Park, Jubilee Gardens and Bettws Lane.

Basket swings, spinning bowls and climbing frames are among the new fun equipment that has been installed.

Councillor Suller was joined by the cabinet member for leisure and culture, Councillor Debbie Wilcox, ward members and local children.

Three other play areas were also part of the improvement programme – Marshfield Dairy, Thompson Avenue and another site in Bettws – thanks to an investment of £220,000.

Councillor Wilcox said: "Most of the new play areas will be used by the local community but Tredegar



Mayor of Newport, Councillor Cliff Suller opens new play areas

Park, as one of our major parks, attracts visitors from across the city. The playground adds to the park's wonderful facilities including the skatepark and the sports fields.

"It is pleasing that we have been able to undertake the revamping of six play areas in this financial year, despite the difficult economic climate, using a combination of funding sources including

contributions towards community facilities from major developers.

"I hope in future we will be able to carry out more work but this will depend on finance becoming available."

Youngsters enjoy the outdoors

More than 200 youngsters from across Newport enjoyed a memorable summer that saw them camping, canoeing and climbing over the holiday.

Organised by the council's youth service the summer camps were open to young people aged 11-25 who attend youth clubs across the city as well as members of the youth council and those taking part in projects with youth workers in schools.

As well as youngsters having an outdoor experience for a night, those completing their bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh's award expeditions also camped and took part in various activities. Those doing their gold Duke of Edinburgh's award acted as volunteers and assisted with the running of the camps including helping with the cooking and looking after groups on activities.



New gyms coming soon

Visitors to the gyms in Newport Centre and Newport International Sports Village velodrome will soon be able to use the very latest equipment.

The gym at Newport Centre, as well as having Technogym fitness and audio visual equipment, will be increased in size by 40 per cent.

At the velodrome, significant improvements have been made to the gym and free weights provision.

A new strength and conditioning gym is being developed on the ground floor and the main gym on the first floor will increase in size and have new equipment.

The two new gyms will open in October. More information including directions, travel, prices and facilities can be found at www.newport.gov.uk/activenewport on the Active Newport Facebook page, or call 01633 656757.

Bouncing for medals – and fun

Usk Valley Trampoline Club, which runs sessions at Newport Centre on Mondays and the Velodrome on Wednesdays, won many trophies and medals over the last competitive season with individual and team successes.

You can join the club to compete or follow the British Gymnastics (BG) trampoline awards scheme and the club welcomes beginners as well as bouncing for fun and fitness.

Parties and one-off events can also be arranged.

With a disability trained BG qualified advanced coach, GCSE and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme are invigilated.

For more information call 07952584240.

Bus stops on the move

A number of changes will take place in the city centre as demolition work begins this autumn in preparation for the exciting Friars Walk scheme.

The main bus station will have to close at the end of October which means Newport Bus, Stagecoach, National Express and other operators will be allocated alternative stops.

These will include the new terminus in Upper Dock Street, near Newport Market; High Street and Queensway (see map).

Full details of the stops being used by particular services will be signposted in the city centre and can be viewed on www.newport.gov.uk/redevelopment. They will also be available from individual operators.

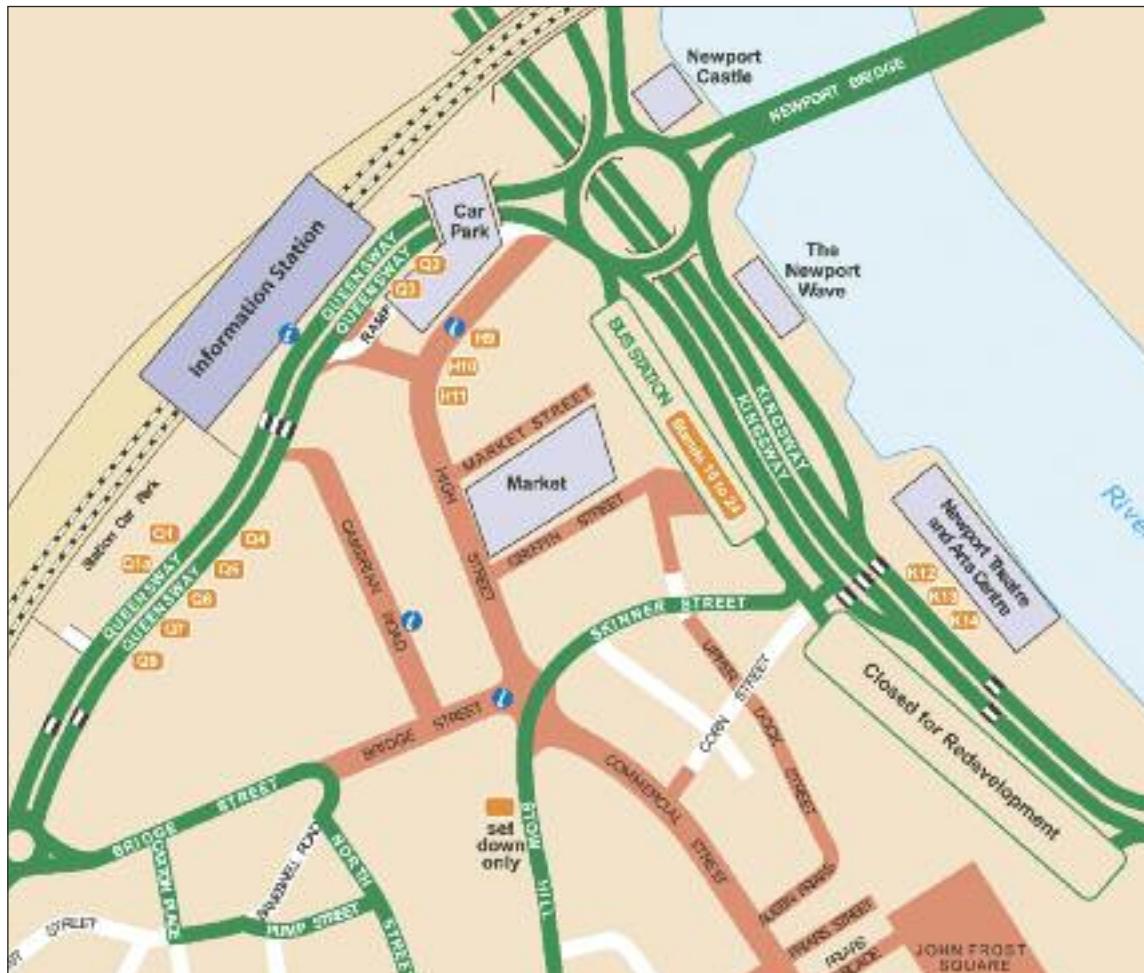
A new bus station will be created as part of the Friars Walk development.

The city council does not have to find alternative stands for the taxis using the bus station but it is allocating some provision for the benefit of taxi users.

Queensberry Real Estate, the development company behind Friars Walk, expects construction work to begin in spring 2014.

Debenhams, Next, Top Shop and Cineworld are among those already signed up for the new scheme.

It was necessary to close off part of John Frost Square and Upper Dock Street in the summer for



safety reasons after the council was alerted that the disused Capitol car park was in urgent need of repair.

This area will remain closed off for the first phase of the demolition, which is funded by the Welsh Government and will involve the taking down of the car park and some shops in the area, as well as during the construction period.

It is believed that the long-term benefits of the Friars Walk scheme, which is set to revitalise the city centre, will outweigh any short term inconvenience and disruption.

A number of new city centre bus stops and a new terminal will be in operation while the city centre redevelopment takes place

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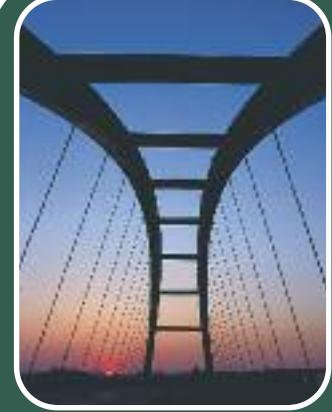
Changing city

New look market

Visitors to the market will have noticed that the High Street façade has undergone a transformation.

With a new entrance and shop fronts, the major refurbishment project is finally nearing completion after some unavoidable delays.

Market traders are beginning to move into the new units and an official opening is being planned to mark the end of the project and the start of the Christmas shopping season. Look out for details on the council website but in the meantime pop along to see what the market has to offer and support your local, independent traders.



Support for businesses

Grants for new businesses

Grants of up to £500 are available from Newport City Council and UK Steel Enterprise to pre start ups and businesses up to 12 months old. Companies/partnerships/sole traders/social enterprises are all eligible.

The grants are available towards first year's rent on first commercial premises, plant and equipment, ICT equipment, software, websites and related training. Up to 40 per cent of costs can be awarded with a minimum grant of £250 and maximum of £500.

Newport City Council business loans

(pre start-up and businesses under 12 months old)

Loans of between £500 and £1,000 are available and can be used towards plant and equipment, ICT equipment, software, websites and related training, new marketing projects, external and internal building works and alterations, capital expenditure related to obtaining ISO accreditations.

Loans for established businesses

Loans of up to £10,000 are available to existing SMEs (under 250 employees) that have been established in the city for more than 12 months.

The loan is available towards plant and equipment, ICT equipment, software, websites and related training, new marketing projects, external and internal building works and alterations, capital expenditure related to obtaining ISO accreditations.

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/business

To discuss your project's eligibility or request an application form, contact the council's economic development team on 01633 656656 or email business.services@newport.gov.uk

Superfast broadband

Newport City Council is to receive up to £6 million to help deliver a local superfast broadband scheme.

It will help transform the city into a 'super-connected city' by offering access to a superfast network infrastructure.

The development of superfast broadband in Newport will also support the work of the Newport city centre regeneration taskforce which was established by the Welsh Government earlier this year.

In Newport, the super connected cities project is aiming to make sure that businesses have the chance to connect to a superfast network, making their broadband speeds superfast, or ultrafast where possible, by 2015.

Under the scheme, businesses will be able to apply for a voucher that will contribute to the cost of the initial connection.

The next step will be to work with local companies to make them aware of the benefits of superfast broadband and help them explore ways in which they can use it.

Under the scheme there are also plans to improve public wi-fi in the city which will benefit residents and visitors.

For further information on the super connected project visit www.newportsmartandconnectedcity.co.uk/superfast or email super.connected@newport.gov.uk

Tribute to Councillor Ron Jones



Councillor Ron Jones, Newport's longest serving councillor sadly passed away last month.

Councillor Jones had represented the Pill ward for nearly 50 years and was the current chair of planning.

Leader of Newport City Council, Councillor Bob Bright said: "I am deeply saddened to hear of the death of one of our most committed councillors. Ron always put the community of Pill first, supporting and fighting for them at every step."

"It is a great loss which will be felt within the community, across the city and within the council. Ron was well-respected and an excellent example of a hard-working local councillor.

"I am pleased that he was taking part in community events until the very end – it is exactly what he would have wanted."

The former chair of Gwent County Council was also governor of Pillgwenlly Primary School and St Michael's RC Primary School and was a carer's champion, older person's champion and member of Newport Housing Trust.

Veterans football

Dust off your boots and head to Bettws to join the Newport Veterans league.

Players aged 50 and over meet every Friday at the Active Living Centre 6-9pm.

There are also opportunities to play non-league veterans and mixed-age football on Mondays at Newport International Sports Village (NISV) and Wednesdays at Llanwern High School. At the end of the league season veterans play unstructured games at NISV 5-6pm.

For more information email martin.lippiatt@newport.gov.uk

Newport County AFC awarded freedom of the city

Newport County AFC was presented with the freedom of the City of Newport last month in recognition of the club's return to the football league.

Mayor Councillor Cliff Suller presented the club with a scroll marking the honour just before the game against Bristol Rovers at Rodney Parade on August 17.

"I was delighted to formally present the scroll awarding the freedom of the City to Newport County AFC.

"They join a special club of 16 individuals and organisations who have

received the freedom of Newport since 1909."

Councillor Bob Bright, leader of Newport City Council, proposed the freedom of the city was awarded to the club, as well as the surviving members of the 1963 Newport RFC team who beat the powerful New Zealand All Blacks, and this was unanimously supported by the full council.

The former Black and Ambers will be presented with the freedom at a special dinner being organised by the club in their honour on October 30 – the anniversary of their famous victory.

Rats? Call in the city's pest controllers

Put a full stop to problem pests such as rodents, insects or birds by calling in the city council's pest controllers.

As a non-profit making organisation, it provides a quality, comprehensive and cost effective service that handles or offers advice on pest infestations that have the potential to spread disease or seriously affect your health and wellbeing.

Our flexible pest control teams have expert knowledge of particular problems in the locality.

All the officers are fully qualified and have many years of experience in dealing with all pests in domestic, public and business premises.

For more information or to report a pest problem contact 01633 851668 or email pest.control@newport.gov.uk

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Hywel is executive chef for The Park Michelin-starred restaurant and The Brasserie at Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa. Since his appointment in 2004, Hywel has successfully raised the standards of cuisine to a level that has resulted in numerous accolades including a Michelin star. Hywel is the new Food Festival patron.

LARKIN CEN



Masterchef finalist, Hokkei

Born in Cardiff, Larkin who is a qualified solicitor, was a finalist in the 2013 BBC MasterChef series. Since the filming of the programme Larkin has handed in his notice and is pursuing a career in food.

JAMES SOMMERIN



Restaurant James Sommerin

James Sommerin, from Caerleon, was until very recently executive head chef at the Crown at Whitebrook restaurant, where he held a Michelin star for seven years. He will open his new fine dining establishment in November on the seafront in Penarth, near Cardiff.

MARK SARGEANT



Chef director at Rocksalt Restaurant

Mark is a presenter on Saturday Cookbook, ITV's flagship Saturday morning cookery show and head chef at Rocksalt and The Smokehouse, both in Folkestone. In 2013 Mark will be opening Plum and Spilt Milk, GNH Bar and Kiosk at the Great Northern Hotel in Kings Cross. Mark will be working as chef director overseeing all menus.

DALE WILLIAMS



Masterchef finalist, Hokkei

Dale, a successful Cardiff businessman, was a finalist in the 2013 BBC MasterChef series. Growing up his mum was the inspiration behind home-cooked family food and this has transpired into his love of food. Dale is kick-starting some exciting food related projects watch this space!



COMPETITION TIME

We have a very special food hamper up for grabs.

Newport Market stall holders have very kindly donated a range of prizes which make up this food hamper and all you need to do to win is answer the following question:

Who is the new patron of Newport Food Festival?

Send the answer along with your name, address and contact telephone number by 3rd October to citycentre.events@newport.gov.uk

STALLS

ENJOY A TASTY TREAT

The streets around Newport Market will host a wide range of stalls showcasing produce from local and regional producers.

Here is just a taster of what will be on offer:

- Curry kits, spice packs, Indian pickles and hot Indian food
- Handmade preserves
 - Artisan cheese
 - Loose leaf tea
 - Rare breed meat



- Welsh cakes
- Hampers
- Cupcakes
- Welsh border honey and beeswax
- Gifts and home accessories
 - Olives and nuts
 - Ale, mead and whiskey
 - Wood fired pizza
 - Gourmet burgers

EAT ME!



There is something for the whole family to enjoy!

70 stalls right in the heart of the city centre. Sample from a huge range of food and drink producers serving up artisan cheeses, hot gourmet burgers, beers, cakes and other deli delights.

Chefs taking part in the festival include ITV's Saturday Cookbook chef Mark Sargeant, two Welsh BBC Masterchef finalists Dale Williams and Larkin Cen plus Michelin star chef Hywel Jones. Local chef Tim McDougall from Celtic Manor Resort and local restaurateurs give the event a real 'Made in Newport' feel.

Strolling entertainment and activities throughout the day

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Drop in arts and crafts
at The Riverfront

STREET THEATRE
and entertainment



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Preparation



The Finalists

Teen
chef

2PM
Riverfront Theatre

Teams from Newport youth clubs battle it out on the final day of a competition that started back in May!

Come along and show your support

Newport's young aspiring chefs compete to be crowned Newport's Teenchef champion. Three teams will battle it out at 2pm in the Riverfront Theatre, with their final dishes judged by Newport Food Festival patron Hywel Jones.

MASTERCLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Get up close to some of our chefs at Newport Food Festival.
The following events can be booked in advance. Call 01633 656 757

Bill King	11am, 4pm	Newport Market	*Talk on bread making
Pumpkin Patch	12pm	Newport Market	*Young peoples workshop
Barry Chantler	1pm	Newport Market	*Talk on tea
Faisal Rahman	2pm	Newport Market	*Talk on Indian snacks
Pumpkin Patch	3pm	Newport Market	*Pasta making

*Tickets are free but limited and must be pre-booked

Hywel Jones

11.45am Riverfront *Masterclass

James Sommerin

1pm Riverfront *Masterclass

Anand George

3.30pm Riverfront *Masterclass

Stuart Spicer

2.30pm Riverfront *Masterclass

Final of Teenchef

2pm Riverfront

*Masterclasses £5 including a glass of wine

There will be a host of free demonstrations and classes. For the full programme please visit the Food Festival website
www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk

MADE IN NEWPORT

Some of Newport's finest restaurants and cafés are running a number of **special offers** throughout the festival.

Bacaro Restaurant 2 Retail Parade, Coedkarnew, NP10 8BB

Bacaro's will be running a special menu leading up to the festival. Either dine in the restaurant or take the dishes away. Recreate the dishes at home with special menu cards

www.bacaro.co.uk  [mybacaro](#)

Brew Station Road

Daily food and drink specials will be on offer. Bring along this voucher or a fringe flyer for 20 per cent discount on 5 October.

 [brewnewport](#)

Dylans Coffee Shop Upper Dock Street

Get 10 per cent off your bill with this voucher or a festival fringe flyer on 5 October.

Boswells Café Kingsway Centre

Offering 20 per cent discount on all orders for both eat in and takeaway customers on 5 October. To claim this offer take along this voucher or pick up a flyer located by the till.

The Secret Garden Café Charles Street

Check out its Facebook account for details of discounts - including wonderful hand made burgers and Welsh rarebit.

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Coffee #1 Commercial Street

The coffee shop will be putting on coffee demonstrations on the day of the food festival and showing different brewing methods. Enjoy tasters of some of the gourmet coffees. www.coffee1co.uk

Taste of Sweden Lower Dock Street

Will be serving its Swedish style menu including traditional Swedish meatballs, delicious spare ribs and baguettes. Baguettes will be only £2 on the day of the Food Festival.  [TasteOfSweden](#)

The Riverfront Café

Enjoy a slice of cake from the award winning Handmade Cake Company. Any coffee and cake for £3 on 5 October, valid with this voucher.

The Lamb Bridge Street

It's pie and mash every night in the run up to the festival from Monday 30 September with a Newport Food Festival special every day. Each dish will be accompanied by a locally produced real ale.  [@thelambnewport](#)

You can claim these offers by bringing along the vouchers above, please note photocopies will not be accepted

New community takes shape



Work at the former Llanwern steelworks site development is progressing well.

The £1bn Glan Llyn project is helping to transform the 600 acre site into an exciting new sustainable community for Newport.

Ben Cook, South Wales' new residential land director for regeneration specialist, St. Modwen said: "Since acquiring the site, we've been focussed on an extensive programme of remediation to enable the delivery of the first phase of homes and a new gateway into the community. The first phase of housing, launched to market last

year, is already proving successful, with 91 properties sold and majority occupied. The properties delivered by joint venture partner Persimmon include a range of two, three and four bedroom homes and town houses. St. Modwen has also made a multi-million pound commitment to develop and improve local infrastructure, with new access roads planned to and from the site.

"Over the next 20 years, St. Modwen will deliver around 4,000 new homes and a range of facilities including a new local centre offering leisure and retail space supported by new education facilities all surrounded by 80 acres of extensive open parkland. This

new sustainable community will also feature its own 100 acre business area, Celtic Business Park, making it a major provider of new office, industrial and warehouse space.

"St. Modwen is committed to working with Newport City Council and partners to realise significant new opportunities to regenerate Newport. Predicted to bring £1bn of investment to the local economy through creation of job opportunities and facilities, we believe Glan Llyn will become the place for people to live and work in south Wales for generations to come."

For more information visit www.glanlyn-newport.co.uk

LDP alternative sites consultation

As part of the recent consultation on the revised deposit Local Development Plan (LDP), there was an opportunity for people to submit proposals for alternative sites for development or protection.

Newport City Council is required to produce an alternative sites register which details those consultation responses.

The register includes suggestions for new sites and amendments or deletions of allocations. It is important to note that these suggestions are not council proposals.

A six-week consultation on this register began on 6 September. It is available on the council website www.newport.gov.uk/planningpolicy together with representation forms which can be filled in online or printed.

The documents are also available at the Information Station, Queensway, in all Newport libraries or on request.

Comments need to be made on the forms and must be submitted to the council no later than 5pm on Friday 18 October by post, online or emailed to ldp.consultation@newport.gov.uk

The revised plan took on board additional evidence on housing

need, population growth and employment land plus the outcome of work by a scrutiny committee to identify Gypsy and Traveller sites to meet legal requirements.

It went out to consultation for six weeks in June and July.

Following the completion of the statutory consultations and consideration of the public consultation responses, the final version of the LDP will go before the full council later this year. It will then be submitted to the Welsh Government for its examination.

The LDP will then help to shape future development in Newport until 2026.

Royal legacy benefits city's green spaces

Belle Vue Park and Ringland Top are now both Queen Elizabeth II Fields which will protect them for generations to come.

Fields in Trust operate the scheme which was designed to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces across the country to celebrate HM The Queen's diamond jubilee.

The official signing of the deeds of dedication means that both the west and the east of the city have their own Queen Elizabeth II Field.

Councillor Bob Bright, leader of Newport City Council, said: "I'm delighted that the city boasts not one but two green spaces which will be protected for the enjoyment of residents in the future.

"I am especially pleased about Ringland Top, which is in my own ward, as the idea to put it forward for this honour came from the people who live there.

"It is fantastic that Newport will now have two Queen Elizabeth II Fields as a permanent reminder of a very special year."

Ward meetings

Allt-yr-Yn: 28 October, 10am, Civic Centre

Beechwood: 9 October, 6pm, St Julian's library

Caerleon: 3 October, 2pm, Christchurch Village Hall

Stow Hill: 10 October, 7pm, Baneswell Community Centre

Shaftesbury: 13 November, 6pm, All Saints Church, Brynglas Road

Safeguarding our children

The new south east Wales Safeguarding Children Board (SEWSCB) has launched a new website – www.sewscb.org.uk

The website has advice and information for children and young people, parents, carers and professionals.

SEWSCB has replaced the five former local safeguarding children

boards in Newport, Torfaen, Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly.

Its role is to ensure children and young people in the south east Wales region are protected from abuse, neglect and exploitation and live in an environment that promotes their well-being and life chances.

Rogue landlord hotline

Newport City Council now has a confidential telephone number for the public to report landlords they think may be breaking the law.

Already this year, the council has prosecuted 10 landlords for failing to maintain their properties to legal standards or letting out unlicensed shared houses. Fines and costs

totalling £205,328 have been imposed by the courts.

The confidential 24-hour telephone number is 01633 235233 and callers are asked to leave the address of the property, the landlord's name (if known) and the problem. Calls can be made anonymously but people are asked to leave their details if they would like to be updated.

What's on in Newport



The Riverfront – 01633 656 757 www.newport.gov.uk/riverfront

Workshops (ongoing)

The Riverfront plays host to a vast range of workshops with something to suit all ages, interests and abilities.

Cinema (ongoing)

The Riverfront plays a broad range of films from around the world. We also have a selection of matinee showings and bring baby showings.

Exhibition: Matthew Harris (until 4 Oct)

Matthew Harris's work explores the dynamic and complex relationship we have with the urban landscape.

First Wednesday (2 Oct, 6 Nov)

Regular series of lunchtime recitals, with a mixture of music presented.

Earthfall: Chelsea Hotel (3 Oct)

Earthfall reveal the poetry and tragicomic events from this iconic hotel through dance.

Comedy Port 2013 (7-12 Oct)

Another bumper crop of comedy comes to Newport in the form of Comedy Port 2013! Follow us on Twitter for the very latest Comedy Port news @PortComedyFest

Henning Knows Bestest (7 Oct)

German born Henning Wehn is the self-appointed German Comedy Ambassador to the UK.

Old Trout Puppet Company – Ignorance (10 Oct)

The Old Trout Puppet Company has gone searching for our lost bliss among our ignorant prehistoric ancestors.

Sessions Open Mic Night & Boutique Market Stalls (11 Oct, 8 Nov)

Boutique stalls adorn the foyer from 5pm until 11pm and performance fills the air in the café from 7pm. All types of performers are welcome to come along, from comedians to poets and musicians, and all you need to do is turn up on the night. This event is not aimed at under 16s, acts after 9pm may be unsuitable for children.

Gwerthu Allan (11 Oct)

'Gwerthu Allan' present an evening of Welsh language stand-up.

Comedy Port family fun day (12 Oct)

A day of hands-on funny stuff for families, including free workshops, performances and Comedy Club 4 Kids.

Newport Centre – 01633 656757

Welsh Open Grappling (27 Oct)

Cage fighting (2 Nov)

Alice in Chains (16 Nov)

With special guest Ghost.

UDO Welsh Streetdance Championships (24 Nov)

Events are subject to change – visit www.newport.gov.uk/whatson for updated listings

Sinfonia Cymru (13 Oct)

As part of Sinfonia Cymru's Classic Conversation strand, the orchestra invites its Guest Director and Leader Bartosz Woroć to take centre stage.

Space, Time Machine and Monster Exhibition (14-25 Oct)

Featuring a selection of vintage horror and sci-fi film posters, which have been kindly loaned by The Art Depot, Newport.

Shakespeare schools festival (14-15 Oct)

Each night four schools will perform four different Shakespeare plays.

Oliver Reed: Wild Thing (17 Oct)

Oliver Reed knocks back a few drinks and shares his incredible life story.

Space, Time Machine and Monster Festival (18-19 Oct)

Leaked Government documents have revealed an extra-terrestrial plot to invade the City of Newport this autumn!

Buddy Holly and The Cricketers (23 Oct)

This breathtaking show is guaranteed to have everyone singing along.

Call Me Dusty (24 Oct)

Celebrates the music of Dusty Springfield, the private person and alter ego.

Comedy Shed (25 Oct)

The relaxed cabaret style comedy club offers three professional comedians and the chance to enjoy a drink.

South Wales Argus Young Artist of the Year (26 Oct-23 Nov)

The South Wales Argus is teaming up with the University of South Wales and The Riverfront to search for the Gwent Young Artist of the Year 2013.

Met Opera (26 Oct, 9 Nov)

The Metropolitan Opera's Emmy Award winning series of live performance transmissions are beamed to The Riverfront direct from New York.

Chris Dean's Syd Lawrence Orchestra in Concert (26 Oct)

A spectacular show full of pulsating energy from the Big Band era.

Curious Creatures (30 Oct)

Welcome to the 'Curious Creatures' wildlife park. Suitable for children aged 5+ and their families.

Newport Market – 01633 656656

Newport Food Festival (4-5 Oct)

The market will be playing a big role in this year's food festival. See our special pull out for full details.

Comic Fair (12 Oct)

Get your hands on some classic editions. 9.30am-4.30pm

Stuck in the Mud (12-13 Nov)

See Riverfront listings.

Newport Cathedral 01633 212077

Piano recital (12 Oct)

Piano recital. 12pm.

Big Read (1-5 Oct)
A celebration of reading and writing for all the family

Meet the authors

Tuesday to Friday, Newport Centre, 2.30pm

Meet authors including Lindsey Davis, Lilian Harry, John Harvey and Elizabeth Chadwick.

Tuesday to Friday, Newport Centre Heroes Bar, from 7pm

Meet author Ben Kane, share your own work at an open mic night, enjoy a date with the devil or find out how science can inspire fiction with Jordan Stryker – Bionic Hero.

Saturday, Rivermead Centre

1-2pm: Illustrator of picture books and novels for children, Sarah Warburton, will be reading from some of her books, and helping children and families to draw their own book characters and worlds.

2.30-3.30pm: Animal mad author Anna Wilson will be reading from her latest book and encouraging the children to help her create a wild and wacky story about “animals in crazy places”.

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/libraries

Gold medalist dives in

Paralympic gold medallist Liz Johnson made a splash at Newport International Sports Village recently as she showed her support for Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Liz, from Newport, took to the pool to encourage people to host a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 27 September.

Liz, who won a gold medal for the 100m breaststroke at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic also secured a silver medal at the Athens Paralympics in 2004 and a bronze medal at the London 2012 Paralympics, is encouraging people to host a coffee morning to raise crucial funds for the charity.

“I’m supporting World’s Biggest Coffee Morning as Macmillan was able to help my family at a time when we needed them most,” she said.

“You can learn so much from sharing your experiences and



Liz Johnson supporting Macmillan at the sports village

knowing that you’re not alone and that’s one of the things that Macmillan does.”

Now in its 23rd year, World’s Biggest Coffee Morning raised an amazing £15m for Macmillan last year alone.

The charity is appealing for more people than ever to host their own coffee morning to raise crucial funds to support people affected by cancer.

To sign up to host a coffee morning, call 0300 1000 200 or

visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee.

For information or support relating to cancer, call Macmillan’s Support Line on 0808 808 00 00 (8am to 8pm Monday to Friday) or visit www.macmillan.org.uk.

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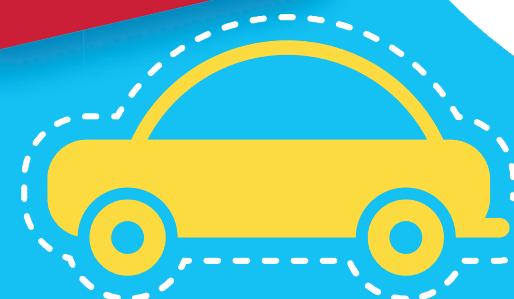
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Help for children and vulnerable families

Two programmes in Newport are making a real difference to the lives of children and families in disadvantaged areas of the city.

Flying Start helps families with children aged up to four while Families First provides support through preventative and early intervention services.

Councillor Bob Poole, Newport City Council's cabinet member for education and young people, said: "We want all families in the city to feel confident, nurtured and safe and make sure children achieve their potential."

"We work closely with a range of other organisations to deliver services to improve the lives of families and both these

programmes are making a real difference in our communities."

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, cabinet member for leisure and culture, said: "I'm sure the children who took part in Flying Start's summer celebration days had great fun but the sessions also have a serious objective – to help them achieve developmental milestones and help their parents to acquire the skills they need to assist their child's learning.

"I'm delighted that the funding from the Welsh Government has enabled us to extend the programme and provide purpose-built facilities. It means even more children in Newport will be to get that vitally important 'Flying Start' to their lives."

Councillor Deborah Davies,



Families in Newport are getting the help they need through two partnership projects

cabinet member for skills and work, added: "An essential strand of our work with families is ensuring adult family members have the right skills and are able to access further learning and employment opportunities.

"Tackling one of the root

causes of disadvantage will not only benefit families and communities but will have an impact on child poverty, one of the most pernicious issues facing us today and one we are determined to stamp out with the help of our partners."

Exam success for Newport pupils

Newport pupils enjoyed A Level and GCSE success in the summer exams.

The proportion of students achieving the highest WJEC A* and A grades at A Levels was 24.7 per cent, remaining above the Welsh average of 22.9 per cent. The percentage of those gaining an A* was equal to the Wales average at 6 per cent.

The proportion of students

achieving a pass grade at WJEC A Level (Grades A* - E) was equal to the UK average at 98.1 per cent and remained above the Welsh average of 97.6 per cent. Passes at WJEC grades A* - C were at 78 per cent in Newport, an increase from 77.9 per cent last year.

An increasing number of young people have stayed in Newport schools to enter WJEC exams. A Level

exam entries were up 9.1 per cent from last year compared with a Wales decrease of 3.9 per cent.

Newport's overall 2013 GCSE results also showed an improvement on last year and remain above the Welsh average.

Figures for the WJEC examinations show that 67.3 per cent of entries achieved grades A* to C compared to 66 per cent last year

and 1.6 per cent higher than the Welsh average for 2013.

The number of pupils achieving A* - A grades was 23 per cent, 3.8 per cent higher than the Welsh average. In 2012, 21.5 per cent of Newport pupils achieved the top grades.

Overall, around 98 per cent of entries in the city were graded between A* and G.

Education Achievement Service a year on

Last September saw the launch of the South East Wales Education Achievement Service which is designed to raise school education standards.

The EAS was created by the five local authorities (Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Newport, Monmouthshire and Torfaen). By working together as part of an integrated service, schools can be supported and challenged more effectively, front line services enhanced and the most made of the available resources.

A review carried out by Welsh Government of the four Regional School Improvement Consortia across Wales was published in

April and stated that, "It is our view that just one consortium (South East) is ahead of the others."

Highlights of the report included:

- There has been high ambition, good communication and strong engagement with school leaders and young people in the development of the EAS
- The new managing director of EAS has done a great job, collective leadership has been strong and support for local authorities in need is positive
- Overall planning has been effective against fast-paced deadlines which was seen as necessary as part of signalling the change

Steve Davies, managing director of EAS, said: "We had a very good first year with lots of support from schools and education colleagues within local authorities. I have visited a number of good and outstanding schools across the region and there is lots of good and excellent practice happening.

"Bringing together strong education professionals to raise education standards in our schools has been key to our progress.

"The unity and commitment of the five councils, its leaders, chief executives and directors of education have been critical to the initial success of the service.

"The Hill report is looking at the impact of decreasing the number of

council education services by a third. The example set by Newport and Blaenau Gwent on how collaborative working can add value to the delivery of services is an example for others across the country. However, with three councils in the region in special measures the task facing the EAS is still considerable.

"While early indications point to all five LAs improving standards in national test and examinations, the EAS recognises that, to meet the needs of the children and young people of south east Wales further strong, collaborative work is required through the strong partnership that exists in the region."

Improvement Plan 2013/14



The council has a new ten point plan for 2013/14 to deliver improved services to the people of Newport.

a caring city

Newport is a Caring City

Our priorities for 2013/14 are:

- To reduce the time taken to deliver a Disabled Facilities Grant
- To increase the numbers of people using Telecare to help them to live as independently as possible

a fairer city

Newport is a Fairer City

Our priorities for 2013/14 are:

- To increase our insight and understanding of what the community needs to help us to delivered more targeted services
- To improve the way that the local authority acts as a corporate parent to looked after children to help them achieve stability and permanency

a learning & working city

Newport is a Learning and Working City

Our priorities for 2013/14 are:

- To improve the educational attainment of children at Key Stage 4
- To regenerate the city and increase the attractiveness of the city centre

a greener & healthier city

Newport is a Greener and Healthier City

Our priorities for 2013/14 are:

- To increase the amount of waste recycled, and reduced the amount of waste sent to landfill
- To enhance cultural opportunities and increase participation in leisure activities

a safer city

Newport is a Safer City

Our priorities for 2013/14 are:

- To make the streets cleaner and safer by monitoring and maintaining the highway network and removing fly tipping
- To further develop early intervention and preventative services through the Integrated Family Support Service.

If you would like to contact us about the plan please call 01633 656656 or email performance.management@newport.gov.uk

Cynllun Gwella 2013/14

Mae'r Cyngor wedi llunio cynllun deg cam ar gyfer 2013/14 â'r nod o ddarparu gwasanaethau gwell i bobl Casnewydd.

ddinas ofaglar

Mae Casnewydd yn Ddinas Ofalgar

Ein Hamcanion ar gyfer 2013/14:

- Lleihau'r amser a gymerir i weinyddu Grantiau Cyfleusterau i'r Anabl
- Cynyddu nifer y bobl sy'n defnyddio gwasanaeth Teleofal i'w helpu i fyw mor annibynnol â phosibl

ddinas decach

Mae Casnewydd yn Ddinas Decach

Ein Hamcanion ar gyfer 2013/14:

- Cynyddu ein Dirnadaeth a dealltwriaeth o anghenion y Gymuned i'n helpu i ddarparu gwasanaethau mwy targedig
- Gwella'r ffordd y mae'r awdurdodau lleol yn gweithredu fel Rhiant Corfforaethol i blant sy'n derbyn gofal i'w helpu i gael sefydlogrwydd a pharhad.

ddinas sy'n dysgu a gweithio

Mae Casnewydd yn Ddinas sy'n Dysgu

a Gweithio

Ein Hamcanion ar gyfer 2013/14:

- Gwella cyflawniad addysgol plant yng Nghyfnod Allweddol 4
- Adfywio'r ddinas a gweud Canol y Ddinas yn fwy deniadol

ddinas wyrddach ac iachach

Mae Casnewydd yn Ddinas Wyrddach

ac Iachach

Ein Hamcanion ar gyfer 2013/14:

- Ailgylchu mwy o wastraff ac anfon llai o wastraff i safleoedd tirlenwi
- Cynyddu Cyfleoedd Diwylliannol a chyfranogiad mewn gweithgareddau hamdden

ddinas ddiogelach

Mae Casnewydd yn Ddinas Ddiogelach

Ein Hamcanion ar gyfer 2013/14:

- Gwneud y strydoedd yn lanach ac yn ddiogelach drwy fonitro a chynnal y rhwydwaith priffydd ac atal tipio anghyfreithlon
- Datblygu ymhellach y gwasanaethau ymyriadau cynnar ac ataliol drwy'r Gwasanaeth Integredig Cymorth i Deuluoedd.

Os hoffech gysylltu â ni ynghylch y cynllun ffoniwch 01633 656656 neu anfonwch e-bost atom yn performance.management@newport.gov.uk.

Changes to your waste and recycling collections

Over the next year, a number of changes to waste and recycling collections in Newport will be introduced. Our aim is to improve the service on offer, increase recycling levels and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Many residents are not making full use of the recycling services and we know that almost 50 per cent of the material going into the rubbish bin is easily recyclable.

There is very little that can't be recycled at the kerbside or at the household waste recycling centre and we are encouraging everyone to make that extra effort.

Recycling is a positive action that not only benefits the environment but can also save you money.

Sending waste to landfill is expensive for the council and, in addition, if we do not meet the targets set by Welsh Government we are likely to be hit with costly fines.

Cardboard collections

Residents will be receiving a new

sack for cardboard as new legislation on composting means the council can no longer collect garden waste and cardboard in the same container.

Your new sack will be delivered with an advice leaflet and details of when the scheme will begin in your area.

If you only use your orange lidded bin for cardboard, we can remove the bin when the new scheme starts.

Food waste

Working with Waste Awareness Wales, we are looking at food recycling and talking to residents who currently do not recycle this type of waste.

On October 5, we will be hosting the Love Food Hate Waste road show at the Newport Food Festival. There will be advice on how to reduce the amount of food waste we produce that could save the average family over £500 a year.

Smaller bins

As part of the increased recycling services we will also be rolling out 180ltr bins in replacement of the

standard 240ltr bins.

The new bins are slightly narrower and do not take up as much room and if using all the recycling schemes, offer ample capacity for a family's worth of residual waste.

Roll-out of the bins will be phased over the coming year, but if you would like to have a new bin sooner please contact the council.

Food and plastic bags – on request

Rolls of food waste liners and recycling bags for plastics will no longer be automatically delivered to households but are still available free of charge.

Wastesavers will issue bags on request to encourage less waste. Call 01633 281 281 or email mail@wastesavers.co.uk

Bags will also be available to collect from the following locations:

- Wastesavers Resource Centre, Esperanto Way, Lliswerry, Newport, NP19 0RD, open Mon-Fri, 8.30am – 4pm
- Community Furniture Shop,

52/53 Commercial Road, Pillgwenlly, NP20 2PE, open Mon-Sat, 9am – 4.30pm
• Information Station, Old Station Building, Queensway, Newport NP20 4AX, open Mon-Fri, 8.30am – 5pm

Household waste recycling centre

At the household waste recycling centre (HWRC) on Docksway, a wide range of new materials can now be recycled – from mattresses and textiles to CDs and batteries.

By keeping the materials separate when loading the car, it will make it far easier to recycle on site. There are very few materials that can't be recycled providing they are kept separate.

The site is open 7.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am -4.30pm Saturday and Sunday. It is closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Bank Holiday Mondays. You need to be on site at least 15 minutes prior to closing time.

There is a limit on site for unsorted waste of five black bags and staff will be actively encouraging you to sort waste before arrival. We will be checking the contents of bags and offering advice on which materials should be kept separate or can be recycled at the kerbside.

The site is only open to residents of Newport and does not accept waste from traders, landlords or business waste. No vans or other commercial vehicles are allowed to use the HWRC and these will be diverted to the weighbridge where you can pay to landfill the waste.



Competition

Make your metals matter

Win one of these great prizes including a digital camera, MP3 player, watch and a kettle.

Did you know that metal packaging, such as aerosols and foil trays, can be recycled endlessly into new products? To celebrate the launch of the 'make your metals matter' recycling campaign, we're giving you the chance to win a great prize which can be made from recycled metal packaging, including a digital camera, MP3 player, watch and a kettle.

Ten runners up will receive an aluminium sports bottle.*



To be in with the chance of winning one of these exciting prizes we're testing your recycling knowledge.

There are many metal items which can be recycled through your green kerbside box, can you name two of them?

Tie breaker** - We'd also love to hear what recycling in Newport means to you, please complete the following sentence in less than 20 words 'Metal recycling matters to me because'

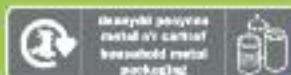
Email your answer to rethink.rubbish@newport.gov.uk or post entries to:

Newport City Council
Recycling and Waste Management team
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

The deadline for entries is the 30th October 2013.

Enter now!

www.recyclefornewport.org.uk



* For full Terms & Conditions please take a look at our website www.newport.gov.uk

** In the event of a tie situation we will award the top prize based upon the tie breaker question

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