

## **Annex 4:   Caerphilly County Borough Council Budget Consultation 2019/20**

### **Digest of comments**

***NOTE:   Comments that are considered to be offensive or compromise anonymity have been edited or removed.***

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## Council Tax Preferences

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	I support the proposed increase in council tax (6.95%)	219	32.8
	I support a lower increase in Council Tax	145	21.7
	I support a greater increase in Council Tax	73	10.9
	I do not support an increase in Council Tax and understand that this would mean having to find further savings	231	34.6
	Total	668	100.0
Missing	System	40	
Total		708	

## Views on the savings proposals outlined

### Comment

I do not agree with the cessation of the meals on wheels service. I am reliant on this service and cannot cook for myself. I am unable to get to day centres to have meals there. I have no children to take care of me, only a niece who works full time so is unable to cook meals for me except on weekends. My brothers are elderly like me, I am 79. If you stop this service, I will not be able to have cooked meals throughout the week and would most likely starve.

We need to continue to provide/receive community service. I receive daily meals from meals direct as I suffer from Alzheimer's disease and am unable to cope without such services. If we cut funding to community services, the those people who depend on support will find life even more difficult.

I strongly disagree with meals on wheels stopping. What happens to elderly and disabled people who need help for hot meals? I cannot afford to pay for extra care calls and have no family to support me to collect shopping so it would mean paying for someone to do this, which is again, a cost I cannot afford

I strongly hope meals on wheels continues. How could old people and disabled people cope?

It is disgraceful to cut street cleansing. The whole place (Blackwood, and Pontllanfraith) is overloaded with litter and fly tipping which does not get cleaned up even when reported 3 times. It's a disgrace to cease meals on wheels. Are the elderly and frail supposed to starve to death? How is the high street supposed to flourish when you are closing toilets? Where are people supposed to go? This Council is a shambles. The money you've spent on Anthony O'Sullivan for the past 6 years would keep those services going. Why are you paying Chief Officers 20% more than you were before?

I strongly disagree with the proposal to stop the meals on wheels service for many it is the only hot meal of the day for the disabled or elderly. It is affecting the very people that need it most, some are unable to use a microwave or kettle so the purchase of chilled or frozen meals would not be an option and I think this seriously needs to be reconsidered

I disagree with cutting meals direct service as it risks cutting the meal for the person and also social contact

In response to Community Centres – reduction of 1 hour caretaker support, community centres, - reduction of all caretaker support across all comms – the above proposals will have serious impact on vulnerable people in our community, community as a whole, severe impact on youth and elderly. Increase children on the streets and increase in anti social behaviour. The community is angry and completely opposed to these cuts in our vital services in our community (Penybryn)

I strongly disagree with the proposed cuts within social services re childrens services, Barnardo's contracts, mental health services, vast impact i.e. high not low. Once again goes against well being act 2014. All the proposed cuts within education and libraries. Cuts in meals on wheels, increase in school meals, the charge for rat treatment, introduction charge for large items of household items will increase fly tipping. Closure of the 5 toilets high impact especially as the strategy re public toilets is ongoing, All the above have a great impact on residents.

I strongly disagree with the proposed increase in Car Park charges. Local high streets and county parks are key areas where the local community should be encouraged to attend, the imposition of any car park charge deters those from attending, which impacts on well-being (through fewer residents using parks for recreational purposes) and the economic prosperity of the region more generally (through residents preferring to use out of town shopping centres rather than high streets); - I welcome the introduction of bus station departure charges; - I welcome the Increase price of staff meals by 5%, which will align staff canteen prices with those in other workplaces; - I strongly object to the reduction in playground maintenance budget and consider this risks the Council acting contrary to its statutory obligations given the limited and dated facilities available in parts of the county; - I strongly object to the closure of Penallta Civic Amenity Site on the basis it will create a significant increase in waste dumped in the adjacent area - already an area (i.e. the old Penallta Colliery) where this is a significant issue. Moreover, the Penallta Civic Amenity Site has better facilities than the next nearest facility (in Penmaen) which is limited in size and already heavily congested at peak periods.

(1) Keep libraries open (2) Mail room keep three van's (3) No reduction on road maintenance as it currently is (4) Keep the level of school meals as it is

(1) Waste management cutbacks and charging more = fly tipping! (2) Cutbacks on caring for parks and green areas, will have negative effects on most people. (3) School meals are really, really important for low income families, even a few pence more may well be impossible. (4) Road maintenance, should be of great and important part of safety, for all users and vehicles. (5) Public rights of way, if not kept as they should be, will be taken over and lost to the public.

\* Disagree with the closure of amenity sites. There is a high risk of fly tipping/dumping on common land. This will undoubtedly have an affect on the wildlife and the appearance of the areas. This will result in the council having to remove the rubbish and if applicable the local cost of prosecuting the offenders. Furthermore the risk of fly tipping - back lanes and green spaces increases and will have a detrimental affect on communities. \* The closure of public toilets will have an affect on the wellbeing of our residents. People need to be encouraged to use our town centres, not prevented. This idea is ludicrous!!

\* I use the civic amenity at Gelligaer often \* I pick up what people dump outside my gate, which leads to rat infestation, and transfer to skips!! What about our children who play in our lanes!!! \* There will be fly tipping everywhere\* Then back to fly tipping on common land \* Closing the skip will open the flood gates for people to fly tip again!!

\* Strongly disagree with stopping meals to vulnerable people \* Disagree with reduction in street cleaning, grass cutting could be reduced, highways maintenance needs to continue \* Strongly disagree with reducing spending on youth, adults services and day care, libraries stopped \* Strongly disagree with reduction in schools could be reduced not \* Agree school meals could be increased \* We need comm safety warden \* Disagree with closure of toilets and community centres - Brighton & Hove have agreed an initiative with businesses in the city for toilets \* Agree with increasing council tax by at least 7%

•Reductions in street cleansing, grass cutting and highways maintenance. - Not brilliant considering the current state of some roads but can be dealt with if necessary. •The closure of two Household Waste Recycling Centres. - We are increasingly being encouraged to recycle for the benefit of the planet- will those we are left with be able to deal with the amount of waste we have? •Reduced spending on libraries, youth, adult services and day care provision. - These services are increasingly necessary. Libraries are used by a huge amount of people who need to sort out benefit and job applications, job searches etc. The Job centres and the council itself are moving nearly everything online and this largely affects those who don't have access to private computers and the internet. These people not only use libraries to access these facilities and get help but are actively sent to them to do so. They are also utilised by children doing homework and young families who attend groups and clubs. They are vital to the educational needs of our community. People also go to libraries to save money on heating their own homes and to socialise with people they would otherwise not see. Cuts to this service is a ridiculous idea. As for the others, the way our community is at the moment we need them all to help deal with the deprivation in our local areas. •Reductions in school budgets and school initiatives - The children are the future but it's not looking like a good one. •Increases in school meal prices - Can be dealt with by some but will there then be an increase of those needing help to pay for them and will this counteract any benefit? •The Community Safety Wardens service to cease - Don't know how much help this will be and it will put extra pressure on the Police. •Closure of public toilets and four community centres. -This depends on how much these facilities are used. If they are widely used by community groups where will they then go? •Cease Meals on Wheels service except for clients under section 117 - I think this will create issues for many people who currently get them. Will there be support to help them through the change or will they be left to deal with it alone. There is a reason people are using the service in the first place.

1. Reducing street cleansing will lead to an increase in vermin ie rats and also the gull population. We will soon be living in a tip! 2. Closing 2 household waste amenity centres is so ridiculous that i am lost for words! Anyone with just an ounce of common sense can see what will happen. People sadly will just fly tip! Our beautiful countryside will become littered with household waste!!!! Think again please on this one. 3. One way to get some funds is to START fining motorists HEAVILY for illegally parking on double yellow lines and illegal use of Blue Badge parking bays. Needs sorting out. It's not exactly rocket science is it.

11.5 million invested in Lansbury Park transformation! Unbelievable! Mental health and social services being cut to fund Lansbury Park. Who on earth is making these types of decisions on behalf of Caerphilly residents. I am totally dismayed. There are far worse estates in the borough which deserve more. You wear it as a badge of honour but what a waste of money. Disgraceful.

6.9% ! When did the wages of the ordinary working man or woman last reach these heights? What do we get for our money? We never see any police presence; our roads are a disgrace with potholes unfilled for an unacceptable length of time; some side roads near us have not been swept for months if not longer; public conveniences are closed resulting in problems for many people; leisure centres face closure despite an increase in population; the Anthony O' Sullivan issue drags on, costing millions at the expense of deserving cases. There are other things I could mention but those will do for now! Surely savings could be made by concentrating on the things that most people need rather than spending on politically correct issues. Spend less on Cabinet members

A 7% increase in council tax will have a major impact on my budget. This will hit the poor very hard financially. Way above inflation. Council tax is already the single largest annual outgoing payment I make.

A big saving would be made by not paying the councillors on 'gardening leave' any more after their immoral self pay rise! I would go as far as demanding reclaiming previous monies. There should be NO further cuts to public services! Residents have suffered enough.

A few points I have serious concerns about in your budget review: Reduction in carriageway resurfacing, surface dressing, highways maintenance budget, and drainage budget. The highways are in a poor condition already and any further cuts will lead to more accidents and insurance claims. To bring the highways back to a reasonable standard in the future will require more work at a greater expense. Villages and towns, pavements, streets in poor condition, weeds and litter damaging pavements etc. causing uneven surfaces leading to trip hazards and more insurance claims. These areas should be kept clean and litter free, these areas are a shop window for our country. Waste management, closure of 2 civic amenity sites. Surely the council are not serious on this matter. We have tons of FLY TIPPING on our maintains, just look on the mountain above Nelson, Caerphilly and several other places. This will increase drastically and cost the council even more to remove some of the FLY TIPPING. The council are not able to keep on top of the existing problem. These civic amenity sites are used extremely well and are one of the best public amenities in the county. Maybe close the sites another day in the week, perhaps Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are many other issues, however I appreciate the financial problems the council face, but the above items will cost a lot more to correct in the future.

A further reduction in street cleansing and highway maintenance is laughable given all the weeds and litter in streets and gutters around the Cefn Fforest area along with many poorly surfaced roads. The closure of two local recycling centres in the NP12 area is disgraceful particularly when these are always so busy and will result in people not having a local centre within easy reach. This will lead to increased fly-tipping in the area and therefore increased costs to the council in cleaning it up. I disagree with a council tax rise when we will be getting less council services for our money. What about the extensive reserves the council hold making them one of the wealthiest councils? What is being done with that money? What about reducing the cabinet staff - is there a need for a cabinet when there are so many elected councillors who should be performing this function?

A lot of the proposals I disagree strongly with, and the reason why are as a British citizen and a tax payer for 35 yrs, I am wondering why the finances of this borough has such a shortfall. Why are so many of the services we receive have to be cut. What ever service you choose to cut there will be a loss to someone. The council state most is nil or medium disruption, Why put out these proposals if you don't think it is going to affect us. I believe most of them will,

Absolutely disgraceful proposals. All cuts to frontline services that will affect every resident in one way or another. School meals to rise AGAIN. Less street cleansing and maintenance than is already done?? When you have dangerous highways you may find you have higher legal costs and compensation claims. Closing community centres and leisure centres then you will have a population that relies more on the NHS. No community safety wardens then you will putting people at risk and have higher costs from antisocial behaviour. However the salary of the chief exec is still being paid. 5 years later the saga continues and the new 'interim' chief executive is all spend spend spend but not on CCBC residents. How much did it cost to change all the signs that were bilingual anyway to WELSH first!? That criticism comes from a welsh speaker! All other 8% of welsh speaking residents would probably agree with me. I cannot believe that you wrote those proposals down - looked at them - and decided to put them out in the public domain. As a BAND E council tax resident I support no rise and I am pretty certain I am in the wrong band. Maybe if everyone paid their council tax, those that do wouldn't have to pay more.

After reading the draft savings proposal 2019/20 I do not strongly disagree with any of the proposals except for the large increase in council tax. Yes the reductions in services will have an impacts on varying people across the county, but the council tax rise effects all! I strongly disagree with Caerphilly County Councils approach of reducing services whilst also raising council tax, ultimately charging more for a lesser service. I full understand and support a modest increase in council tax in line with inflation; however to carry out a reduction in service and charge more for that reduced service is not acceptable.

Against the proposed closure of Penallta recycling centre - a valuable and well run resource for all local communities nearby. Closure will be detrimental to local people and lead to more fly tipping.

Although appreciative that there is the need for financial savings, the cost to the already stretched public households is becoming greater and greater whilst there does not appear to be much difference to the management structure where the wage bill must be significant. Walking around the community, I have seen improvements being made to social housing where the reclaim benefits to materials replaced were present but good usable materials such as house tiles and wood were thrown into skips and disregarded. Perhaps some solutions are not about cutting but looking at the worth of the community and environment around us.

Although some of the cuts, and the large increase in Council Tax, will be welcomed by few - including myself - I think most people will accept the necessity for these changes/cuts. On that basis, it is hard to disagree strongly with any of the proposals.

always remember the poorest people who cannot afford to pay a big increase in council tax

Amenity sites :- Any closures or reduced openings will result in more "fly tipping" and consequent costs in cleaning up such dumped rubbish. Road maintenance :- Any reduction in maintenance could well result in increased costs in the longer term.

Appalling, the money should be used for providing services for the people in the area, not paying for suspended. Private companies would of had that debacle wrapped up, and the money wasted could go to the service your considering axing.

Aren't these the only options? What about payouts for higher management and directors? What about the director you've been paying for years while he's under investigation and he 2 others? Can't this be stopped? I live in Caerphilly and have literally NEVER seen a community safety warden(didn't know we even had any) so maybe this service can go. Highway maintenance need to be increased not decreased as potholes are damaging on cars. School meals could increase slightly, people on low income would still be entitled to free meals and others still have the option to bring packed lunches. I didn't realise meals on wheels was still around, there are so many easy ready meals these days

As a business in Caerphilly town centre I would much rather see the community wardens roaming the town than the town centre manager ..... those pointless lamp post flags. You need to take a long look at the posts and departments that offer little or no value to residents and businesses before cutting things like meals on wheels. Get rid of all the deadwood and the money they spend and I think you'd be amazed at how much money you save!

As a council resident and employee I understand and can see both points of view. From a residents perspective, I believe our council tax should have been raised slightly every year, instead of 'freezing' or only increasing by 1% due to politics. Increasing by nearly 7% in one go is going to have a massive impact on families who are already struggling to make ends meet. However, I know how much pressure the council is facing, and if this means no further cuts are made to front line services, especially education, social services and many other services we receive, then as a resident I agree with the 6.95% increase. I DO NOT agree to the 6.95% tax increase if this Antony O'Sullivan debacle continues further than April 2019! From a resident AND employee's perspective, this whole Antony O'Sullivan debacle is embarrassing. Having faced budget cuts within our department with members of my team losing jobs as a result, seeing this fiasco continue year upon year is a disgrace and I'm not sure CCBC's reputation can recover. More information on why this investigation is still continuing should be circulated to staff and members of the public. Is the Independent Investigator working on the case just 1 hour per week? This needs to be wrapped up ASAP! All counsellors should refuse to continue putting budget to one side to fund this. I DO NOT agree with the increase in school meals. If I am to pay more council tax, why am I then paying more for school meals? There is a pupil within my sons school who requires additional help in order for him to receive his statutory education every week. However, this funding has been cut where he will now only receive 15 hours a week (approx.) How is this fair? Every child has a right to education! I agree with the increase in parking fees within the borough's car parks. Introduce parking fees for after 6pm in Blackwood as the cinema proves very popular after 6pm and could generate quite a bit of income! I agree with the reduction in the little town events like the Spring Fair and St David's Day, however I visit the Big Cheese, Food Festival and Christmas Markets every year and my children love these events. Deletion of these local events will mean I will travel outside of the borough and spend my money elsewhere....surely CCBC doesn't want that? Surely tourism has a huge economic impact on the borough. Tourism brings employment, increased spending in the communities as well as puts Caerphilly on the map as a major tourist destination. With a castle on our doorstep, it would be a very sad day if events were to be cut further.

As a resident it is difficult to fully appreciate what the impact of the proposed cuts will have on residents. Not all residents use or have knowledge of different services. What is important to one person may be different to another yet some cuts may have bigger impacts on certain individuals. There is not enough detail to understand the full impact. Although you have graded the public impact in the consultation papers how do we know what the cumulative impact of some of these cuts might be? On their own they may have no or low impact but with another they might have a considerable impact. Can we trust the council to make these decisions when it has been responsible for the pay scandal? Would council tax need to rise by so much if this pay scandal hadn't been allowed to happen and continue? How much more will we need to pay for the council's failings? Therefore I can't answer the question below. The council needs to protect vulnerable and future generations. Do the proposals offer that protection? Do any of the proposals conflict with council or Welsh Government strategies? Such as future generations act, disability act, sport and recreation strategy, toilet strategy? Is the proposal to increase car park charges counterintuitive to 'saving the high street? Especially on Sundays when public transport is reduced. Will any of the proposals lead to other costs for the council? Such as the proposal for bulky waste collections, will this lead to more fly tipping and therefore costs to deal with this? Will residents pay twice end up paying twice as a result of proposals? Council tax rise and for example introduction of bus station charges. This particular proposal seems to go against the desire to move people from cars to public transport. Another pay twice example is the reduction of road maintenance - council tax rise and more vehicle repair costs. How do we know if council backroom procedures are cost-efficient? Are there savings to be made? I appreciate that not all service provision is a statutory requirement, perhaps this should be indicated.



As a resident of Caerphilly County Borough Council I am deeply concerned that CCBC are proposing a council tax increase far and above any potential increase in family income. I am also concerned that the outrageous ongoing costs (in excess of £4m) of the suspended Chief Executive does NOT appear anywhere on the budget proposals. Where is this money coming from? It suggests to me that the Council must have other funds to draw upon which could be better utilised to fund the services to its residents. The specific budget proposal which I strongly object to are - Introduction of charges for rat treatments. The proposal is to charge residents for a problem for which they are not responsible eg rats in one property caused by a problem in a neighbouring property. This is an unfair charge. I cannot see how this could be in line with CCBCs Wellbeing initiative, as it is possible that residents would do nothing (because they cannot afford it?) to treat a problem which could have a direct impact on their and neighbouring health and wellbeing. Although the potential savings are small, there is no indication of the additional administrative costs in the collection of the fees, nor any indication of the Council's liability if the treatment is ineffective. In my opinion this is a poorly thought out proposal with little or no merit - Waste Management Closure. My objection is in respect of the closure of the Penallta centre. This would have a direct impact on the Trehir centre. This is currently a small and well used centre, but queues common. Any additional users from the Penallta centre would could even longer queues and an increase in fly tipping (the latter being a problem experienced in Cardiff when the Wedal road centre was closed). It is unclear what the rationale is in the selection of the closure of the centre. Were demographics, usage etc part of the consideration. Without this basic information how can Caerphilly residents make any reasonable decision. - Senior management salaries. All the 'staffing' savings appear to be at real worker level. Would it not be reasonable to review the multi- levels of management and salaries of the senior level of management. Are they all actually productive (what value do they actually add to the running of the Council). Are the high salaries really justified? Is it reasonable to compare the work of a council worker with someone in private industry?

As a worker within Social Services, I fail to see how some of the proposals listed will have a low impact. I acknowledge the need for savings and the absolute nature of the exercise, though find it incredibly frustrating to see low impact assessments as they stand. The day centre in Tyncarn will essentially be the 'last' to close down in the East of Caerphilly and thus people will have to move to day centres a fair way away. People often spend a long time on the transport waiting to get to the centres as it is. Without Outcomes being a major focus of the day, people often assume that there are many community facilities for older people to access. Sadly this is not the case. Rather than close these centres, we need them to become the hub of the communities. It is also really sad to see that Respite/ carers support be party to cuts. We pride ourselves in providing respite to carers yet we are closing down most of the different options carers have available. Day centres aren't just for the people who attend, they often give a respite options too for the carer. I also totally disagree with the war memorials maintenance budget being cut.

Being a single mum who works part time 16 hours with 2 kids. I think it's absolutely disgusting putting school meal prices up. Hard enough as it is struggling to pay for school dinners and under the councils rules even though I qualify for help earning under 16 grand I don't yet help as I get tax credits to top up my earnings. Even with those top ups I am still under the threshold for help. But I'm not allowed to claim. Now you wanna put prices up which will make it increasingly harder for us minority parents to provide for our children as it is more expensive to give packed lunches these days

Broadly speaking, whilst reductions in services are undesirable, the proposals seem to be a balanced response to the need to reduce costs, spread out to reduce impact in any single area. In some cases, for example the near withdrawal of meals on wheels, I don't have the knowledge to know what alternatives are in place or could be signposted for those currently using (and presumably feeling dependent on) the current service. In such cases, the manner of withdrawing the service/advice to persons affected would be crucial.

By closing recycling centers will create more fly tipping. KEEP them OPEN

By closing recycling centres you can expect more fly tipping on our countryside's! Who is going to clean this up? Closing community centres will effect those who use them on a weekly basis. For some people this could be the only time they get out of their homes and socialise with others! Some older people rely on meals on wheels if they are struggling to get out themselves or feel they cannot leave for personal reasons. All your cuts seem to effect the vulnerable, young and elderly the most! You want to cut the wages of some of your highest paid staff! That will create thousands of extra pounds for you!!

Cannot understand why you plan to close two recycling centres. Firstly there will be an increase in fly tipping in the borough also the council will fail in it's targets for recycling in general. I do not trust this Council in regards to the budget you only have to see the amount of money wasted. Case in point having a number of councillors on paid "Gardening Leave" then paying all but one of them off. The road improvements at the cedar tree roundabout was a complete waste of money ( and was over budget) and could be better spent. A better road scheme would be trying to sort out the chaos on the A472 getting into Maesycwmmer the road is not fit for propose I understand the need for savings also the need for an increase in the forthcoming Council Tax But I have no confidence whatsoever in CBBC. It seems that you are reactive not proactive organisation. You only listened about the road improvement when you were forced to and I just think this is a paper exercise and you have already made decisions about the budget.

Civic amenity sites must remain.

Closing a very busy Penallta tip. Will only increase fly tipping. And will increase costs trying to rectify this. Shocking proposal

Closing Penallta and Aberbargoed civic amenity sires is utterly outrageous and would cause me and my vulnerable neighbours extreme difficulty. The staff are great and the handiness of the sites means people use them, regularly. If they close people will just fly tip. I've seen it happen in other places before when tips close and I'm certain it'll happen as the chances of people being caught are almost nil.

Closing re cycling centres that are well used will result in an unprecedented increase in fly tipping which already is a problem in the borough- also increasing council tax when cutting services is alienating the people against the council and seems extremely unfair for many who are struggling to pay their council tax

Closing/ reducing day service opportunitinties: 1) more people are likely to need residential care thus putting more strain on the council unless they have savings to pay for care 2) a minor relief to CCBC is a major hinder to our NHS. More people will suffer depression, loneliness and go undetected causing an increase in bed blocking within our hospitals. 3) people are more likely to be able to be discharged from hospital with a package of care in place (i.e the help of meals on wheels and day care). 4) there's a demand for dementia care with an increase in diagnoses of dementia. Lunch clubs have been cut, clubs are limited without transport available. There's no option but for anyone living with dementia to find residential settings as there's no support at home or in community

Closure of Civic amenity sites, particularly one as busy as Penallta will only serve to increase the cases of illegal fly tipping that are already blighting our beautiful country.

Closure of recycling and waste sites is a massive pain. We should be encouraging use of these and the fact that every single one i visit is queuing with cars tells you they are an essential service. It will simply increase flytipping and strains in other parts of the budget. Given my feeling is that completing this survey has very little impact in the result, i do at least hope that the closure of the centres may mean you leave the rubbish collections alone. I am a massive fan of caerphilly's refuse system (mixed recycling is a dream) - and with a family a four recycling all i can, i never have a problem week on week wih overflowing bins, however going to 3 weeks/smaller bins would be difficult. Maybe review those people paying the 25% reduction for single living and apply a reduction to what they need bin wise too before targeting everyone together? As a parent goes without saying i oppose any reduction in school budgets. They are the future of this country and the ones that will need to fix the utter brexit mess, their education should be top priority. Living in a primary school area with close to 250 new houses built in the upcoming 6 months, it is truly scary that they will be most likely underfunded. I'm happy to pay in my bit with a rate rise , practically a given these days but please take a serious look internally, i'd be very surprised if a single resident doesn't make mention of the millions spent on ... over the last few years. Truly disgusting, this has to end after this last extension, pay .....off and be done with it, unless there's any chance of recouping the losses from them?

Closure of the tip will be terrible for those people without transport and disabilities and will draw the rates in around the place. Stop fly tipping on mountains. Also we haven't got enough public toilets in Caerphilly Borough and the disabled people have to go in café to use their toilets. Disgraceful.

Community safety wardens need to be removed as money can be used elsewhere to aid the community.

Concerned about cuts to library services

Council tax increase of 6.95% would be double that of inflation which I think is totally unfair. STOP paying your ex-chief executive his salary which has been happening for years. Stop contacting out various services such as grass cutting and bring them in house which would make it much cheaper. If you close two of your recycling centers it would encourage more fly tipping and cost the council a lot more to clean up.

Council tax increase is a DISGRACE especially when cutting services and public have already paid for the disgraceful stories from management with hidden pay increases and was this a once off. Talking about a decrease in road maintenance - is there any at the moment as Caerphilly has probably more pot holes than any other county. New Council offices but where has this funding come from ? Would it have been better to stay in old offices to SAVE money. Average council pay rise is 2% so how can the council ask for 6.95% increase, perhaps Chief Officers should take a reduction in pay especially after the debacle and on-going legal costs and suspended pay for the officers involved.

Council tax increase should be no more than inflation. Most residents are not wealthy and many have not had significant pay rises if any at all. A 6.95% increase is enormous and is not reasonable.

Council Tax increase- this a phenomenal increase. An increase which is NOT reflected in my salary increments, quite frankly I already find it disgusting that I pay more for the area I live in, when if anything I receive less. Balance council rates more fairly.

Council Tax is the biggest issue for me. I live in a Band F property, therefore the proposed increase would mean that I would be paying approximately £2000 per year (200 per month), which is the largest monthly bill - by far - I will be paying. I am surrounded by Band A properties, who do not get any less services than me, therefore the system is completely unfair. This is a very personal view.

Council tax, is already too high. Just because other councils increase theirs doesn't mean you have to!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Like Lemmings they follow each other!!

cut the wages of the chief execs. also stop paying the other non enterty who tried to give himself and the other two thieves substantial increases in salary without anyone knowing.

Cut the wages of the top earners, and the amount of managers employed before you cut our services that the tax is collected for... If there has been a shortfall its the people at the top who have failed, so why cut the services before first cutting back on the people who earn the most while producing the least... The management structure throughout the council is disgusting, no private company could operate like this or they would go bankrupt...
Cuts to services can be unavoidable at times but is no excuse for poor finance management by CCBC. What have all previous cuts to services been for if its still in a sorry state? What is actually left in this council area to cut when it is residents who are left with nothing
Cutting school funding cannot be an option, we must invest in our children . They are already in old buildings with out of date equipment. Children need the opportunity to be the best version of themselves they can possibly be. Why reduce council tax for pole living alone they still use the same services I.e bin collections, street lights, policing. Libraries don't need closing they need to be made enticing for people. Caerphilly council need to think outside the box because at the moment they are just cutting services and really they need to manage them.
Cutting services that affect public health, eg Street cleansing, grass cutting, public toilets, maybe meals on wheels, recycling is a false economy. These services won't be replaced, and if recycling is made more difficult, fly-tipping will increase, and the council will end up spending the money to clean this up. Better to increase council tax more, school meal costs more.
Daeth fy ngwraig a finnau i'r noson ymgynghori gan ddysgu llawer iawn am gyllideb y cyngor a'r anawsterau y mae'r cyngor yn ei wynebu yn bennaf oherwydd toriadau gan lywodraeth San Steffan. Wrth gwblhau'r ffurflen ar y noson dywedom ei bod yn anodd i ni fynegi barn ar y toriadau gan nad oedd unrhyw awgrymiadau amgen i ni eu hystyried. Mae'n rhaid bod y cynghorwyr wedi derbyn rhyw fath o ddewisiadau a hwyrach fod cynghorwyr nad ydynt yn aelodau o'r blaid sy'n rheoli hefyd wedi gosod syniadau gerbron. Teimlwn mai'r unig ffordd i ni fynegi barn ddeallus yw drwy i ni gael gwybod pa ddewisiadau oedd ar gael. Wedi'r cyfan, dydyn ni fel aelodau'r cyhoedd ddim yn meddu ar wybodaeth i gynnig syniadau amgen. Heb allu fod wedi cael cyfle i ystyried dewisiadau dydyn ni ddim mewn sefyllfa i gymeradwyo nac i feirniadu'r cynigion a osodwyd ger ein bron. Mae'n hwyr yn y dydd i ni newid pethau ar gyfer cyllideb 2019-20 ond tybed a ellid, yn y dyfodol, gynnig dewisiadau i ni yn y panel ymgynghori fel ein bod yn gallu cyfrannu'n fwy adeiladol at y trafodaethau. Diolch am ddarllen yr ychydig sylwadau hyn / My wife and I came to the consultation night and learned a lot about the council and the budget difficulties, which the council is facing mainly due to cuts by the Westminster government. When completing the form on the night we said it was difficult for us to express an opinion on the cuts as there were no suggestions to consider. The councillors must have received some sort of options and perhaps councillors who are not members of the governing party have also put forward ideas. We feel that the only way we can express an informed opinion is by finding out what options were available. After all, we as members of the public do not have the information to offer other suggestions. Without having been given an opportunity to consider options we are not in a position to approve or criticize the proposals set before us. It's late in the day for us to change things for the 2019-20 budget but I wonder if, in the future, options could be offered in the consultation panel so that we can contribute more constructively to the discussions. Thank you for reading these few comments..
Difficult decisions to be made. Not sure some services should be cut
Disagree as the council has become too big and costly and ....
disagree strongly with closing the civic amenities centres. this will just lead to more fly tipping and discourage people from recycling their waste. decrease opening times if this will lead to savings but don't close completely.
Disagree strongly with proposed reduction to Torfaen CBC re funding of the visually impaired service. Strongly disagree with reductions in library funding. I am visually impaired and use their talking book service.
Disagree with closure of pontllanfraith leisure centre. Why not privatise it instead as it is obviously needed in the community. It is always busy and well used
Disagree with cuts to schools and meals on wheels Why not higher level salaries be cut instead

Disagree with the closure penallta and aberbargoed civic amenity centres would i believe cause an increase in fly tipping resulting in the council paying more in clean up charges and security to try and find culprits strongly disagree with reduction of money to schools resulting in yet fewer teachers and staff in schools . The council is letting down the education of it`s community . It is no wonder young people today leave school with no prospects . This puts youngsters in a no future predicament where they have no chance of ever buying their own house owning thier own car going on pleasurable holidays ect. All the things you at the council enjoy . Do not underestimate the need for education it is your future suggestion to balance the budget if councillors cut down their expenses and savings made in council departments as the wages are frankly obscene stop bashing the public with increases in parking fines increases in registrar fees cemetry fees ect. Ect.

#### Disgraceful robbery

Don't agree on closing of Aberbargoed and Penallta. Wold make more sense to close Penalta and Blackwood to as Aberbargoed in the middle of both. As it stands now someone in Gelligaer/Nelson will need to travel to Blackwood. This will no doubt end up with rubbish being dumped on Gelligaer common.

Don't agree with any of the cuts e.g. meals on wheels direct

#### Don't close penallta tip

Due to increase in our country of vermin and fly tipping we strongly oppose the reduction of cleaning the highways and closing two waste recycling depots .the closure of public toilets is unacceptable there have already been closures in pontymister and risca .Regarding closing our libraries it is essential for social gatherings and education of our population. We have already limited opportunity for our young and elderly to socialise and feel included in our community.With regard to staffing maintenance for local parks and cleaning why are there not more young offenders programmes available.The community garden in waunfawr park is relying on volunteers who are doing a wonderful job for our community but would benefit from more assistance from the prison service.With regards to lack of funds,surely the council would have more support if they stopped paying obscene and ludicrous amounts of money to the suspended council employees under investigation for the last few years.

Education and Lifelong Learning (1) Reduction in music services - disagree. Over 500 young musicians from CCB performed at St David's Hall, it would be unthinkable to reduce staffing so that fewer pupils would get an opportunity. (2) Libraries - disagree with cuts. Libraries are no longer just a means of borrowing books, they provide confidential help and support and residents centred advice on a wide range of health and wellbeing related issues and give excellent signposting links to local services. (3) Disagree with removal of funding to GAVO - voluntary organisations are expected to pick up where LA have made cuts but they are even more at risk by cutting their budgets and I am yet to be convinced that Y. Service can be provided by CCBC. Communities (1) Reduction in community regeneration fund will impact on voluntary organisations and their staffing levels. (2) Worrying that carriageway resurfacing are taking such a big hit as this may be counteractive with insurance claims. (3) Deletion of community response team budget I cannot agree with as keeping our communities in general good state of repairs will save money in the long run so that deterioration of benches, railings, will have such a negative effect on the wellbeing of our residents and perhaps lead to more costly replacements in the future. (4) Residential parking - can I suggest where there is limited room for parking that each household will be issued with just ONE permit, so that it can be fair. (5) The way this has printed out shows on the bottom of the page as "Cessation of the community £355k removal of service!. The next page shows as "safety warden service". I feel this gives the wrong impression to the person or resident looking at this. The removal of the safety warden service should not go ahead with less and less police visibility on our streets and the increase of ASB we need them more than ever. (I know that some or all will be put into a pool for traffic warden jobs but this is about deletion of this service!) (6) Introduction of charges for rat treatments is appalling, this may lead to significant rat problems not being reported. It is a small scale saving that may have a hugely negative impact on our communities. (7) Funding caretakers salaries from community centre committees may lead to those community centres who do not have sufficient funds being closed, this is because the liability not only of wages but NI contributions and pensions will need to be take into account. (8) Cannot agree with closing Penallta civic amenity site, there is a great need for this site, please look at tonnage and this is far easier to access than Llanbradach/Caerphilly.

end the chief ex saga that will save some money. cut down on councillor meetings and expenses dis continue the mayor ship remove Chauffeur and car. How about a cut in councillor wages?, There does not appear to be any reduction in the costs of the councillors money.

Find the money in more imaginative ways .....Think creatively, think outside the box. I pay a fortune in council tax and yet my car is smashed to bits on a daily basis just driving too and from work with all the pot holes amd broken road sections. The fly tipping it reaching epidemic levels and it is all your fault. Stop blaming everyone and everything else and just do your damn jobs. How about encouraging people to have less children for starters.

From a Passenger Transport perspective, introducing new costs such as departure charges will impact upon passengers with higher fares and a risk of service reductions. Reviewing subsidized services may be sensible given the Council has a minimum passenger criteria per journey, to justify the use of public monies. Subsidised services are lightly used most evenings Sunday to Thursday. There is no reason why these services may not be rationalized and retain the service on busier days. Where car parking charges do not exist, such as Caerphilly Interchange introduce a £3.00 a day charge, why should it bus users that are targeted, and not car drivers who congest and pollute the environment especially in the town center which is an air quality zone. The Council full-fills its obligations with regard under 16 free school travel by in part hiring school buses, up to 20 years old. A more cost effective model will be to buy seats on local service buses (under 8 years old on average) that local bus operators will be able to provide, helping to sustain bus services and provide revenue helping to sustain departure charges. Investment in bus priority measures will help bus operators run faster more efficient and productive services. Generating new custom and the potential to save costs, both of which help to sustain new costs such as departure charges without adversely affecting customers. By forming a Joint Transport Authority with other Local Authorities, sharing the cost, expertise and resource this will avoid the high costs of forming Tfw, which was only ever envisaged as delivering the new rail franchise by former Minister Edwina Hart. A new layer of bureaucracy has to be paid for, is this new Tfw layer adding to the demand for budget cuts locally? Car parking charges increasing by 20p is not bold enough. The car damages the environment, even full electric cars still cause congestion and a loss of productivity. A higher increase in car parking charges are required. **Nigel Winter, Managing Director, Stagecoach South Wales**

Furious. I know we are in difficult times but we all have to budget. I have not had a pay rise in 6 years yet you expect me to pay more council tax for reduced services. Closing the civic amenities sites will only cause fly tipping! You need to look closer to home and reduce the number of managers you have. Cut wages for the top 10% in ccbc

Generally speaking, there is only so much cutting and saving that can be done, without adversely affecting services (and ultimately, by proxy, public value for money). Whilst the range of proposals outlined all have some merit and rationale, there currently appears to be far less of an emphasis upon investigating municipal entrepreneurship as there is upon finding savings. As generating additional income is the 'flip side' of the same economic coin to spending less money, my comment is therefore not aiming to either agree or disagree with what is listed, but is instead to suggest that resources and focus should now perhaps be provided to support a strategic exploration into what potential business opportunities might exist for Caerphilly CBC.

Getting rid of 2 civic sites is only going to cause more fly tipping which not only ruins the environment but also will cost the council more in the long run as sadly you can't be everywhere at once to catch these fly tippers.

Great news that the council are FINALLY taking responsibility for traffic offence enforcement (double yellow line parking etc.) Let us hope the council will be better than the police, who have generally been pathetic in this area.

have seen the proposals regarding the MTFP and would like to express my concerns as a resident of CCBC. I am deeply saddened by the proposals to cease the meals on wheels service I personally think that the service is a valued service used by some of the most vulnerable people that live in our communities and a proposal to cut this service would be detrimental to the most vulnerable residents who rely on the fantastic service meals on wheels provide. I think that without the service the vulnerable would go hungry, I would imagine the customers that use the service are without family, or family that have work commitments. I worry that without this vital service our most vulnerable residents would be effected drastically. Some of the elderly are most often alone and sometimes the only people they see are the staff that deliver the meals they are like the 4th emergency service. I would also like to express my concerns to the consultation times I for one work full time and my areas consultation finishes at 1pm. I wonder how the meals on wheels clients are being consulted? If I find the consultation process challenging I wonder how they are having their say? hope that one day if any member of my family, myself or yourself ever found yourself in these circumstances were 1 meal and a 5 minute chat to a familiar face was still available, as I feel this service is vital and without the 1 meal there will be a lot of people suffering. People are entitled to the human right to food and if you are incapable of helping yourself you are entitled to a little help from the government I believe if you take this human right away from the vulnerable this could potentially result in death. CCBC have a general fund with millions in it use that! Shocking and shame on you!

Having read the proposals, I see that some will have no impact or low impact, while others will have a medium or high impact. I suggest you implement those proposals with the LEAST impact.

Hello, my main concern is that I rely on 'meals on wheels' to provide me with my only hot meals all week. Without this service I really do not know what I would do. I eat half at lunchtime and the remainder later in the evening. The service this provides is essential for my health and wellbeing. The ladies delivering this service to me are also lovely and is one of only a few outside contacts I have. My mind would be put at rest if I could continue to use this essential service. Thank you.

How about you stop giving councillors and Chief Execs/directors massive pay rises every year, when under their "guidance" we will be paying more money for less services.

How can you have the audacity to ask for cuts when Caerphilly Council is still paying for its own pay scandal - get rid of O'Sullivan.

How can you suggest savings when you are still paying a CEO to sit at home

How is the council in this mess. This will hit the village badly.

I acknowledge the need for economic savings however some of the proposals seem short sighted eg closing the recycling centre in Aberbargoed. The location of this facility is central to hundreds of houses in Cefn Fforest, Pengam, Fleur de lys, Britannia, Aberbargoed, Bargoed and New Tredegar, asking people to take their recycling to Penallta or Blackwood will no doubt result in considerable fly tipping throughout the area. It also appears that the Members of Caerphilly Council are not averse to increasing the Council tax in addition to curtailing or terminating local services yet their allowances are never affected, perhaps those allowances should also be reviewed and cut by 1 - 2 thousand pounds each - 150 - 300 hundred thousand pounds could help support ailing services throughout the area

I agree mostly with the savings but you could have saved yourself 6 million pounds if it wasn't for the pay scandal, also we, the council tax payers, are still paying Mr Sullivan his pay and his pension, this has got to (stop) because council tax payers said enough is enough. Also stop the surveillance of your workers, its costing a lot of money which could have been saved.

I agree that menial things (e.g. grass cuttings, Christmas lights etc. ) can be reduced. Any service that directly impacts individuals I strongly disagree with. I cannot explain how strongly I disagree with the proposed closing of Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith leisure centres, I feel this is an absolute disgrace and will have a massive negative impact on our children in both the short term but also the long term. These closures need to be stopped.



I agree with a reduction in refuse collection. I think that this will rely on further awareness raising and education for users but could work. Some of savings appear short term in their thinking. I strongly believe that cuts in the area of leisure/ libraries etc will have a knock on effect of a far greater cost on social services, education and health and would like to know what has been done to consider where savings in the short term will result in greater costs long term. I have concerns about reducing Meals on Wheels for example. I think that vulnerability should be a consideration in your proposals.

I agree with the closure of two household waste recycling centres but strongly disagree with any of the other proposed cuts particularly cuts to school budgets.

I agree with the need to close leisure centres.

i already struggle financially and an increase in council tax is another knock.

I am objecting to the proposal to close the Channel View hall (Ty Sign) 1.The hall is the only community facility available to all groups in the Risca/Pontymister/Cross Keys area 2.To my knowledge it is used regularly on 6 days of the week and hired out for ad hoc events eg. recent community Fayre . 3.The hall finances are now in the control of the Management Committee of the hall, and there is enough money in the account for the hall to function . 6.I recognise the existing hall is in poor condition hence the reason for pursuing funding for a replacement community hall. To remove this community facility now will be a loss to the community.i

I am 94 years old, disabled and rely heavily on the meals on wheels service. You are meant to support people like me to live independently in our own homes, so why even consider such an essential service. One way you could have avoided such drastic budget cuts would have been to handle the executive salary fiasco more competently. This has cost over £4 million pounds and is a disgraceful waste of public money.

I am against the closure of the Penallta Recyling Centre - I am a regular user of this facility and frequently have to queue to use the facility. It would madness to close this facility in my opinion it would increase fly tipping in the area - so what you would save in closure will surely cost the Authority more to clear up the possible fly tipping this closure probable would cause in the area.

I am aware of the difficult financial settlement that the councils face but to make cuts to our most vulnerable residents should be considered very carefully. Very often the meals on wheels staff are the only contact some residents see. In my own personal experience they have called the ambulance for my mum. If they had not called and stayed with her the outcome could have been very different.

I am concerned about further cuts and potential price increases to the bus services. This affects the poorest in the community and can make some areas extremely difficult to live in without access to a car.

I am concerned about the impact on schools if staffing is cut further. Our schools are already stretched to their limits as far as staffing and resources are concerned. Fewer staff may mean larger class sizes and less enhanced provision for pupils who present further challenges in the classroom. Many excellent teaching professionals are leaving the profession due to stress and feeling overworked. I am sure that these cuts will exacerbate this problem. Our schools are the pillars upon which are communities grow and flourish. If we ensure that the best possible provision is in place we can strive to combat the increasing anti-social behaviour. I understand why most of the other proposals have been submitted but I strongly disagree with further staffing cuts in our schools.

I am disappointed that there is a proposal to close both the civic amenity sites (gelligaer & aberbargoed) which are in the centre of the rhymney valley. Surely it would be more logical to close a site which covers a smaller population (rhymney) and leave one in the centre of the valley. I can foresee a great increase in fly-tipping in this section of the county borough and therefore a greater expense in cleaning it all up. This would outweigh the savings made by closing the ca sites.

I am filling in this form on behalf of ..... registered blind ..... This gentleman cannot manage without meals on wheels, it is the main stay of his life, could you please keep this in mind when you cut the meals on wheels.

I am greatly concerned by the cutting of the meals on wheels service, I believe this will affect some of the most vulnerable members of our community and is a low-level intervention that no doubt saves costs in other areas. Proper nutrition is fundamental for physical and mental health. If vulnerable adults are not eating properly, their health and well-being will suffer leading to additional reliance on services. Perhaps the majority of these costs will fall on health budgets but Social Services will also have an increased workload - which could not be managed due to the 'one-off' savings proposed and the failure to budget for inflation and changes in the demographic. In the Social Services and Housing section, I do not understand why there would be a charge for day opportunities provided by the 3rd sector or independent parties? Why should the council profit from work completed by others? I am also concerned by the reduced budgets for minor repairs on roads, town centres and parks. Surely unintended minor damages will lead to bigger problems in the long run as equipment deteriorates? I also believe that unkempt communal areas attracts vandalism and anti-social behaviour as it communicates a message of apathy and disinterest. Why would people respect what is not being taken care of?

I am horrified at the proposed closure of the household recycling centres. Caerphilly Borough already has a bigger fly tipping and litter problem than anywhere else in the UK I have lived previously, closing the recycling centres would make this worse. Since moving here last year we have used the Penallta recycling site regularly and each time we have visited it has been busy. It is clearly well used.

I am not happy about an increase in Council Tax payments especially as the Council have wasted a lot of money paying for chief Executive to stay at home. The new roundabout in Caerphilly not only went over the time scale of completion cost taxpayers 8 million pounds you went well over the original budget allocated for this scheme. I strongly object to the closure of the amenity site at Penallta which is the most successful site in Caerphilly. What is worse refuse collection will be reduced. The Council Tax payers will definitely be getting far less services for an almost 7% increase in council Tax.

I am not surprised to see that the taxpayer is having to pay more, and receive less from the Council. It'll be no surprise to see the Councillors and those in higher administrative positions getting pay increases as usual, while everyone else is being told to tighten their belts, put up with fewer services from the Council and fork out more in taxes of all kinds.

I am opposed to the council's proposed closure of the amenity sites at Aberbargoed and Penallta. Closing these sites would lead to fly tipping on a massive scale and would lead to the council having to foot the bill for the clean up after the fly tipping. I say keep these sites open. Please keep the meals on wheels for those people who need them.

I am particularly strongly against the proposal to stop the meals on wheels service. This is a lifeline for so many elderly and infirm people which allows them to remain in their own homes. I am 78, have dementia, the use of only my left hand and am unable to use the oven, the hob or the microwave, without the meals on wheels service I would not be having a hot meal every weekday as there isn't anyone nearby to support me every day. So many people rely on this service it is unbelievable that the council would consider stopping it.

I am reluctant to pay the increase in council tax, however if it meant that services would be sustained I would pay it. Some services such as libraries are under strain currently and if more funding was pulled would that lower the standard of service beyond its means. I also believe the roads are in need of a lot of repair and if reductions are made it will result in many claims against the council, but more importantly the danger that comes with not repairing them. If someone was to seriously hurt themselves would that be worth the risk? Personally the pay scandal has been widely publicised and a lot of these savings could have avoided if they weren't paid for such a length of time. I would like to keep music services in the area, it's not specific what music service will be reduced but if it's music teachers who goes into school, I think that would be a big mistake. It gives children an opportunity to take part and learn new skills that otherwise may only be available to pupils who's parent have a lot of disposable income. Can schools really reduce the amount of staff in the schools? Pupils will suffer the consequence of this which could impact on our children's future. Mental health of children have become so complex that teachers are dealing with not only teaching a subject, marking work, planning lessons but also supporting pupils wellbeing. Would this be a step too far? You put plans in place to offer early retirement but surely you could be losing a lot of knowledge from these people who could be very experienced in what they do.

I am strongly opposed to my council administering the Tory austerity policy on behalf of the UK. Conservative government. This is not, and should not be, the role of a Welsh Labour council. Instead you should be organising members and supporters to oppose austerity by any and all means.

I am writing as .....Management Committee of the Channel View Community Centre. The Committee have directed me to write on their behalf to object strongly to the proposed closure of the centre. While we recognise the scale of the financial problem facing the Council, we believe the proposal to close this centre is misguided; firstly because the savings that will be achieved (some £7,500 pa, on your officer's estimation) is tiny compared to the amount of money the Council is trying to save, and because the closure will have a major impact on the wide range of groups (some 150 people per week) that currently use the centre. Our second basis for objection is that the inclusion of the centre in this 'closure' category is, we understand, based on the report of your 'task and finish' group which reported in 2016. At that time the centre was used by two groups, and was very poorly managed; now there are at least 6 groups using the building and your colleagues and members will tell you that it is being properly managed and marketed to the community for events, with a steadily increasing amount of usage.

I am writing for community centres caretaker salary, this will have a big impact on the village as this centre is the only thing that is in the village, impact on elderly, disability, the children, the clubs that use the centre every week.

I am writing on behalf of ..... he was registered blind, he lives on his own with support of his family, to stop meals on wheels for him would be wrong as he depends on them to have his dinner 5 days a week, he is already worrying about this so please think when you cut back services what it can do to old age pensioners, he is 85 years old and at his time of life with his disability he should not have to worry about anything.

I am writing this on behalf of ..... as otherwise you would not have this form returned, and this I think is a great worry to me as how many more older people would know what to do, and this WILL NOT give you a true response. I can't believe you can target the vulnerable. Where is 'Care in the Community', This is a lifeline for my brother who we know gets a warm meal everyday, and if DAVID POOLE went out on this round, I can't understand its even on the list!! We vote for you hoping you do the right thing for my brother and all older persons that have paid their way in life, BUT WHAT DO YOU REALLY CARE.

I appreciate fully that repeat austerity budgets handed down from Westminster is the root of the problem, along with the Welsh Assembly priority's such as Health and Education. However, Caerphilly is negligent might I remind you commenting from The BBC "A long-running dispute over pay rises for senior officers at Caerphilly council is due to cost nearly £50 for every household in the county. Councillors will be asked to set aside an extra £193,000 for legal costs and pay for chief executive Anthony O'Sullivan, who is on special leave. Plaid Cymru said residents would be "dismayed" at the total bill of £3.6m. Caerphilly council said it was "working hard to bring this matter to a conclusion as quickly as possible". Look forward to hearing from you.

I appreciate that cuts have to be made in order to achieve savings for 2019/2020. However, these should not be to the detriment of the health and wellbeing of all in the borough, particularly the elderly; A) Cutting of "meals on wheels" and "care and repair" will have an effect on those who are vulnerable and need the services the most. Elderly residents without close family will miss the hot meal and personal contact from those who deliver it. B) The "care and repair" service enables senior citizens to have equipment fitted such as handrails and be able to move around inside and outside. This helps them have a sense of independence in their lives.

I appreciate that savings need to be made and we are all keen to cut our costs individually and severally. However, the astronomical cost of the suspension of the council employees on full pay has had and still having an enormous impact on council funds with attendant huge legal costs and is a shameful indictment of the personnel.

I appreciate this is a difficult time for public authorities. In general I support the reduction where there is minimal impact, however I do feel strongly that your proposal to reduce cost could include the Welsh Language. You should not have to produce everything twice or double when the cost saving efforts are paramount. I wish the political environment and the Welsh Language Act would have provisions to stop this madness in times of austerity. Caerphilly Borough is an English speaking borough. I have no objection that Welsh is cultural, but when the staff in the borough are faced with hard choices to make and the elderly and most vulnerable suffer because of this, it seems absolute madness to me that this viewpoint (the Welsh Language) cannot be argued against. It is only the politics in Caerphilly (and beyond) who want this. No one else objects to savings and I'm sure doubling all your efforts to make Welsh a priority leads to waste in resource, money and valuable time.

I believe closing the 2 household recycling centres will lead to an increase in fly tipping which will be more costly to clean up in the long term, and a huge deterioration to the environment for residents. It is most likely the increase in fly tipping will lead to an increase in pests and rodents. Again in the long term, more costly to clean up and will have a direct effect on the health of residents leading to an increase in demand on the already stressed health services. I find it incomprehensible that the cabinet can approve further resources and money to the investigation of the suspended councillors and then try and justify these cuts to services. Appalling.

I believe local authorities have been put into an impossible situation by continuing cuts in government funding.

I believe that the council has wasted millions of tax payers money in bad decisions over suspended employees, I think it's diabolical that we are in this position where you are proposing to rape CCBC of its facilities for; schools, disabled people, youth services I could go on but you get the idea. Depletion of the infrastructure will affect the growth of CCBC for years to come by the loss of jobs and with a poor infrastructure it will be very difficult to attract investment and firms into the area. These proposals will be detrimental to the future of the area for decades to come. To top it all off this will not be the end of it, I have heard you want to save 60m over the next 5 years.

I believe the meals on wheels services to be a vital part of community services in our area, discontinuing an excellent service like this, will effect the independence of the elderly, disabled and infirm especially those who are housebound and have been for many years. It will have a devastating effect on families who rely on their disabled and elderly relatives receiving a hot meal every day when they are in work.

I believe you are making harsh demands of the poorest and least able. I believe for the services we get, council tax is already extortionate, especially in multi-floor flats and in single-person small households. Schools are already under unimaginable pressure and teachers are already leaving the profession in droves - you will make it worse and I don't see how you propose to soften the blow.

I believe you should firstly stop wasting money i.e. the High Street Banners you put on lamp posts. You should reorganise your budgeting systems. I know from when I worked in finance at CCBC that each department has a set budget and if it looked as though a budget would not be completely spent by years end, they would desperately think of something to spend it on in case they lose some of their following years budget, so please stop wastage. Many people work for the council and go sick but do other work and carry on as fit abled people. Tighten up on this.

I can see that the council has fixed costs which it has to fund and also that all the proposed cuts carry risk/social deterioration. I no longer use the libraries but am anxious that they are protected for those that do use them.

I cannot comprehend that meals direct is running at a loss of £141k/year and council staff food is braking even when the cost of meals direct is greater. I challenge the council to publish detailed accounts for both sectors and any explanation they have for their decisions. The need for a meals on wheels service is greater than the staff needs of having convenient food.

I cannot see how closing 4 leisure centres will help as I believe we will have a large amount of feral teenagers/young people with time and no money. This may lead to unsocial behaviour and vandalism increasing. Libraries give old people somewhere warm to visit and much needed contact with other people and help youngsters with educational means encouraging a learning culture. Waste centre closure will add to litter and fly tipping. These are necessary for the well-being and cultural development of our Community. I urge the Council to look again at the necessities and re assess

I cannot understand the closure of the toilets near the main interchange bus/train station in Caerphilly. Where will all the taxi drivers who are crucial to the interchange go to use the toilet? They can't queue to use the ones at the Twyn, can't use the car parks as there is a charge to use the car park. Why close Penallta CA site? Better to close Penmaen as Penallta and Aberbargoed are close to each other.

I disagree on the school meals increasing due to the expense if parents have more than 1 child. Council tax increase is unacceptable because people like myself always end up in arrears due to it being too high as it is at the moment, working people budget a lot and can just about afford to live! People that work should also be able to claim housing benefit if under a certain wage.

I disagree strongly in ANY reduction in children's services admin support (I am a retired children's services manager). This will put more pressure on social workers and this WILL lead to mistakes and risks to children. Social workers required MORE admin not less. Please don't.

I disagree strongly with the reduction of many of the proposals especially those within the communities section. Whilst some are indeed sensible, increased parking charges for example, they are worthless unless there is enforcement and prevention of illegal parking. Equally reduction in maintenance of town centres maintenance and events will lead to a reduction of footfall, a decrease in revenue caused by less people using the car parks. On a similar line I disagree with closure of any recycling sites unless they are replaced with larger more efficient units. Penallta recycling for example is always busy, but closure will lead to a vast increase in fly tipping, unsightly mess and a decrease in the level of recycling that the authority is targetted to achieve. Surely the cost impacts of this are greater than the potential saving. I would like to know how much consideration is giving to sharing of resources in particular management and administration with nearby authorities so that there is efficiency of scale and cost savings attributed. Even going the whole hog of, for example outsourcing waste management in total to (or from) a neighbouring authority.

I disagree what do council think what they doing that is only hot meal some people have

I disagree with a 7% increase due to my own already stretched household finances. I've received no pay rise for the last 2 yrs, so such a large increase would impact me further. I already review my energy costs. This will impact my mortgage.

I disagree with all proposals that have been listed. Why don't you just let the elderly die. Perhaps you may have no conscience but I have. My mam is 88, suffers with dementia, lives alone, no help from anyone and now you suggest taking away services such as meals direct. You should be ashamed.
I disagree with any savings because simply put the council budget has been cut every year for probably the last decade you can not continually cut budgets year after year without it impacting on somebody some where and exactly when is the government going to stop cutting councils budgets a stand should be made and say no more before it is too late . any monies the council needs should be supported by the government and not put on ever increasing charges / taxes
I disagree with cancelling the meals direct service as I am 89 years old and enjoy a hot cooked meal and also to see someone as I don't go out very much. I think they do a job and don't forget the old people, we deserve it.
I disagree with closing any recycling centres. Ther flytipping issue is bad enough now. If it is inevitable then they should be open 7 days a week.
I disagree with increasing the price of school meals. Council tax rise will affect those already paying correctly, maybe a greater inspection of 'single person properties' is also needed.
I disagree with most of the savings purely because they are necessary services, without them the borough will suffer. Closing amenity sites will increase fly tipping which will cost CCBC more to tackle. Community centres - why can't these be handed over to community/town councils or run them as social enterprises? Everything is black and white, cut services, close facilities and amenities rather than looking at alternatives. There should be innovative and alternative ways of tackling the savings required. Reduction in street cleansing, grass cutting and highways maintenance - this will result in low morale and no respect for the environment and community resulting in more littering, vandalism and respect. Residents council tax is increasing but services are decreasing, it's wrong. What about sponsorship from local businesses? Get them to partner CCBC and have advertising on roundabouts etc. Reduced spend on youth services, highways maintenance and then cutting the community safety wardens? It's a recipe for disaster. Increased youths on the street and no wardens? More vandalism - yet no wardens and no cleaning! Closure of public toilets - these should be taken over by town councils. If CCBC had dismissed Anthony O'Sullican in 2013 and let him take CCBC to a tribunal, they would've saved millions. Even if they'd lost and had to at award him compensation. Now reside s are paying for his salary and Christina's. CCBC cannot keep cutting services and paying 2 Chief Executives and expect residents to accept this. There is no faith in or respect for CCBC's decisions. Internally CCBC can save so much money, there is duplication of services and many services should be contracted out such as graphic design, print services, etc. The council is not fit for purpose as it is.
I disagree with most the options put forward. I think it would be far more helpful if instead of trying to save money at ground level you started at the top and worked down. How many people just working in Penallta alone earn more than £40,00 a year? How many of them are actually value for money? How many of them are on the gravy train i.e. retired from teaching and then taken back on to work in education?
I disagree with penallta tip closing
I disagree with reduced spending for libraries. Libraries are vital to community wellbeing, and to counteract loneliness, improve skills for people and to get those not online access to digital services. I disagree with the principle of paying more council tax for less services (such as reduced highway maintenance, for example), but do not want to see more cuts, so I support the increase reluctantly. I strongly disagree with the cutting of meals on wheels services.
I disagree with reductions to be made in street cleansing etc as an unkempt area looks very untidy and depressing and many residents losing pride in their area which is low enough in many people already!!! Closure of household waste recycling centres will lead to even more fly tipping than there is already!
I disagree with the closure of the penallta tip and the lack of maintenance of the child welfare areas. The tip is used by 99% of the community amd will cause more fly tipping. Especially when bins are being stolen at a higher rate than you can replace

<p>I disagree with the cease of Meals Direct Service. My father who lives alone and is not capable of cooking for himself have meals delivered to him. This would have a severe impact on his life. If this means that an increase in Council Tax, then so be it to keep this service going. I am sure that people who receive these meals would be quite happy to have an increase for the meals. How could you reduce school budgets. Education is important to everyone. I feel if you make too many cuts our education will suffer for our children now and in the future.</p>
<p>I disagree with the cuts I understand that 80% of funds is from Welsh government and this is being cut, but if they looked at their own spending expenses etc these cuts would not be so severe and thus having a knock in effect to the councils budgets.</p>
<p>I disagree with the savings listed for the next financial year</p>
<p>I disagree with the savings proposed in the document. Meals on wheels are an essential service for our vulnerable population and I believe it is discriminatory to allow people with section 117 status to have free meals via this service when someone with higher level need and engagement with services - no service. Private commissioning would resolve this however the council would still be obligated to fund the 117 service users. Social care for our vulnerable and unwell population is not a compromise and will only translate into increased NHS costs due to unmet social care needs. There are car parking charges which could increase and council tax charges which can be agreed to however our vulnerable and disabled population should be protected. This will however poorly stimulate the economy and create a reduction in local spending, decreased lifestyle hence a poorer community. Shouldn't the council be advising the government bout the effect of not spending on social care increasing the costs elsewhere? I cannot see why we would reduce our ability to recycle or provide adjusted access to towns by provision of public toilets. We could reduce the size of council, remove the mayor and reduce cost of executive pay packages as a contribution to the austerity measures.</p>
<p>I disagree with the stopping of the meals direct service. I am 97 years old, live on my own, I am independent, have no assistance in the way of care packages etc. at the moment. If this service is withdrawn, it will mean I would have to reconsider my position and maybe look at having to move into OAP sheltered accommodation, which would put an extra strain on Caerphilly CBC and I fear there are a lot more people in the same position.</p>
<p>I disagree with your proposals, as they affect the usual section of the community. They are the people who have no way to prevent your plans. I am sure that the council could save more money by cutting in other sections. The millions being spent on legal cases that are not concluded. The millions wasted on a dead language. Millions could be saved on not printing every document twice. Millions wasted on having road signs manufactured twice. Which is a dangerous practice. By the time a motorist has reached the language that he can understand he has past the information. Instead of cutting meals, why not cut Councillors expenses. Why not cut the number of councillors. I'm sure that that they multiply every election. I don't say that the Council does not do good work, it does. But so much is wasted on the unnecessary. It must have cost a fortune to pay a company to cut down trees that were perfectly good. How much is contracted out to private companies?.</p>
<p>I disagree with your saving plan listed. If you close our recycling depot you will create even more fly tipping. Stop wasting money on moving to other properties e.g. Bargoed social club for 80k cost. Money wasted on past senior management issues (Anthony O'Sullivan, Nigel Barnett &amp; co), Iceland money lost. The list is endless. You could raise significant amount of money if you had traffic wardens in Bargoed and all other town. All streets have people parking on double yellow lines, the town parking is a disgrace.</p>
<p>I do not agree with any of the savings proposed. if 5 million pounds of our money was not wasted on the 3 ..... people we would not need to do 3/4 of these cuts. you seem to think that people in the valleys can work out how incompetent you lot are</p>
<p>I do not agree with charging for rat treatments as this is likely to lead to an increase in rats when people can not afford to pay/do not want to pay for rat treatments - I feel this service ought to be free. I also do not agree with the closure of Penallta Civic Amenity Site as this is likely to lead to an increase in fly tipping in the area - I would prefer a reduction in opening hours.</p>

I do not agree with putting up the charge for buses at bus stations, people need to get to work and fares are costing enough already. Bus services should not be cut, transport within Wales is not good and people need to get to work etc! If you close civic amenity and cut opening hours there will be more fly tipping - costs to clean up.

I do not agree with such a large council tax increase and cuts seem drastic.

I do not agree with the planned savings. Everything listed is to do with public and things which are desperately needed. You will really need to look at the bigger picture on everything. A couple of examples of your proposed cuts - closure of 2 recycling centres isn't economical for the future. Closing these may help in the short term to achieve budget however long term this will be disastrous as there will be an increase in fly tipping in areas where there are already problems. Leading to the council paying more for recovery anyways let's look at this logically! - closure of public toilets - there aren't enough public toilets as it is already and closing these will lead to a member of public having to relieve themselves in public areas! Which again will lead to higher clean up costs. Perhaps you need to arrange a freeze on all pay and no rises to take place for the foreseeable future this is for the employees on a higher than minimum wage within the council and shouldn't apply to the minimum wages employees. This is just some thoughts on the planned reductions in services. I hope you consider a different outcome better for society as a whole. Why should we pay more council tax to cover the money saved? It's unjustifiable.

I do not agree with the proposals of ceasing the meals on wheels service, closure of public toilets nor a reduction in funding to libraries all of which are invaluable to the elderly and wider community. These services provide a life line and greatly increases the enrichment of quality of life.

I do NOT agree with the proposed closure of Penallta civic amenity site. If the council goes ahead with this change, it will affect the environment in which I live. There will be a big increase in fly tipping. Our area will look like a dumping ground, especially Gelligaer mountain area.

I do not agree with the proposed increase as outlined. In order to find the further £496k I would suggest, as I imagine the majority of the boroughs residents would, that you don't dish out ridiculous severance payments to ex disgraced members and provide them with full pensions.

I do not agree with what you are doing it's ludicrous you have wasted money left right and centre paying money ..... while we suffer

I do not support an increase in Council Tax. The salary that I receive in the bank is about £8.43 per month more than in the year 2008. That's 10 years ago!!! If only my salary went up by the same percentage points as Council Tax. It's substantially the highest of all my bills. And is easily for example, the equivalent of my Gas, Electricity, TV Licence, House insurance. Shall I consider no house insurance to offset the continually increases which only equate to 19.52% of your income!

I do not support increases in Council tax due to the current and continuing fiasco over senior council executives and the pay levels of the same which for a small council are not comparable to the private sector and are not open to criticism by the electorate.

I do not support the increase in council tax at all. We pay enough as it is, and all to give the councillors a bigger pay packet. The recycling centre in Penallta must stay, the amount of fly tipping will be horrific if that is taken away.

I do not support the proposed council tax increase as my OAP does not go up in line with the increase.

I do not support a rise in council tax, the only thing you do for us is empty the bins every week, we had a pot hole in our road for 6 months last year before it was filled in, about 3 weeks later another one appeared, 4 months later and it still hasn't been repaired.

I do not think that the council should charge (1) For "Rat treatment" as this is a serious public health issue (2) Civic amenity sites are solely needed and should not be closed, as this is also a public health and cleanliness issue (3) The citizens advice bureau as the poorest people in our land would have no help (4) I object to closing public toilets.

I do not think you should close the Channel View community centre. The amount of money you will save is very small compared to the loss of somewhere where local groups can meet: there really is no other facility like this in the Risca area.



I don't agree to charging for bulk items to be collected as this is why people are fly tipping. Which costs the council more to clear up & which the council is proposing to stop this street cleaning services, Caerphilly has come so far in making it a pleasant area to live, work, also attracting visitors, don't let it go back smelly, rat infestation, filthy area . Agree road sweeping service reduce, as they are not efficient anymore. Agree reduce grass cutting . Flood risk is a worry to all & to see people who's lives affected by this is very upsetting, so we need to keep flood risk management. Schools & children's services need money & better management for our kids who are our future, build strong children in our community, it's easier than trying to fix adults. Mental health should have no reductions as there's not enough service as it is . I cannot comment on a lot of proposals as I do not know much about, eg, how much efficient are they ,delivering a good well ,used service or not hardly used . Fireworks shows should stop, Caerphilly 10k stop all this would save money as these events don't bring business money . They cost the council tax payers .

I don't agree with the closing of the rubbish sites in Penallta or Aberbargoed I don't know if commercial vehicles are charged to dump but I have witnessed on numerous occasions large white vans full of builders rubbish being emptied they should be charged. Don't agree with Blackwood Miners Institute reduction. CCTV reduces crime and should not be cut. Don't agree with cemetery cuts or war memorial sites or parks and playing fields budget. Highways budget should not be cut by such a large amount. Gully cleansing is essential. Don't agree with lunch time school crossing as this affects children's safety. Don't agree with cuts in meals on wheels. Health officers are important don't agree with reduction. Mental health support is vital with more people having mental health problems to protect general public and the client. Business grants help to create wealth and employment. Savings:- reduce number of Parish counsellors with their wages and also the extra they get for attending committees The wages that have been paid over last 5 years and settlements which are still continuing to staff who have been removed from office for irregularities i.e. Electing huge wage increases when other staff had their wages capped. This has made the Caerphilly Borough Council a laughing stock throughout Wales. Counsellors increase in wages, they should only be paid 1 wage and not for attending meetings for committees surely that is part of their role to attend and they are paid a wage. Do we really need so many counsellors? Daily fees for co opted persons are excessive Overnight stay allowances are too high

I don't agree with the maintenance budget for the parks and open spaces as the parks need to be maintained for the public for recreation

i don't believe we should have increase for poorer services provided to residents in the borough, however acknowledge the need to raise funds

I don't live in Caerphilly but I work in Caerphilly as a Family Liaison Officer with the NHS. I'm concerned with the proposed savings listed relating to Barnardo's and Action for Children Shared Care Respite. I know from my experience of working with families in the borough that both of these services are highly valued and vital. A decrease/cessation of funding for either of these could have severe and direct impacts on the health and wellbeing of children and their families in Caerphilly.

I don't think Penallta amenity site should be closed because it is used by all in the Gelligaer area as well as all local residents, it is used because you cannot take rubbish to Caerphilly as every time we go there the containers are overflowing and there is no one to ask.

I don't mind a small raise in Council tax but think its disgusting to consider cutting already strained services. meals on wheels and schools need more funding not less as well as keeping public grounds clean and safe. public toilets are a necessity unless you don't mind dealing with cleaning up mess when children are busting for the toilet suddenly. honestly do not cut services. cut wasteful spends on road layouts that seem as bad as before the work or payouts to bigwigs in the council.

i dont normally write to you on your budget proposals, but this time, i find i must complain about the proposed closure of public conveniences, i understand, if correct that you don't have to by law, provide public conveniences. I feel very strongly if this proposal goes ahead, it will affect my way of life, and no doubt many other people, when needing to use the toilets, if they are closed, i will have to plan my journeys to these areas, as to where i can find a toilet. I realise this is not an easy task to do on this budget, but i hope there is some way that these toilets can be kept open.

I feel Aberbargoed has lost everything. No doctor, no hospital, no institute, no police station and 1 bus an hour to Bargoed, what a service. We have to wait an hour to get back from an empty town. I'm 88 years old.

I feel our area Risca has noticeably already become victim to the cuts that have been made over the last couple of years, you no longer see community officers, no police station actively open therefore petty crime is up which we have been victim of, street cleaning, drains, pavements etc not being looked after. I feel the proposed cuts will affect the everyday people that work and strive to keep the area what it is, you are denying them the basics of street cleaning, toilet closures right next to the park which our children our future use. There are departments which could be cut before this and other areas which have definately had more Input financial wise which is not fair when people are paying their taxes

I feel that it is disgusting that the Council has targeted service areas that will primarily impact children, the elderly and the disabled, while there is NO MENTION at all of doing away with chauffeur driven vehicles for council officials or the possibility of closing the MANY council buildings (many of which are sited in Penallta) in order to cut costs and/or raise income. Once again the Council are proposing savings that will effect every citizen APART from Councillors and Council staff. For example, could you please tell me WHY there is no proposed reduction in Senior Council Officer's salaries? Also, could you explain why Councillors - who receive substantial benefits - are not accepting a reduction in their cost? Furthermore, why have 'Luxuries' like the Big Cheese event (which ONLY benefits a small section of the Borough anyway), NOT been terminated? In summary I am more concerned about the things which the Council has decided NOT to include in it's proposals than what it HAS ACTUALLY proposed. I STRONGLY disagree with these proposals.

I feel that many of the cuts are harsh and unrealistic. We now have a high aging population and many of the cuts will trap elderly people in their homes through lack of toilets and leisure centres closing

I feel that the Meals Direct Service should not be subsidised from the social services budget but could pay for itself if the full cost of production and delivery were charged to the customer. I believe this to be about £5.60. This is a reasonable price to pay for a two- course meal and a visit. One would assume that people needing the service would be in receipt of attendance allowance ( £ 57.30 lower rate) per week and would get at least the minimum income guarantee ( £163.00).per week. . A person living in council accommodation would have their full rent paid and would not pay council tax. Attendance allowance should be used to pay for extra costs of disability and would certainly cover £5.60 per day for a hot meal and a visit

I feel that the plan is a very well thought out, strategic way of saving money but the reality is a very depressing one. At the every time we need to be improving our communities which are very quickly losing any type of community feeling we will be destroying them. I can picture messy, dirty scruffy town centres with a reduction in sweeping and any kind of maintenance. People won't want to go to our towns. I feel it is a tragedy that posts such as fair-trading officer are just deleted. Just like that. As for education, the expectation on schools will have to be lowered as we lose so many all of our services and money for initiatives. With social problems so high, a reduction in a service like llamau when children cannot get the services they need now is a travesty.

I feel you are being unrealistic, when you close main toilets, based at main thoroughfares, people young and old need toilets to be kept open until reasonable times. You are going to derive people of movement. Many elderly will be trapped in their homes because they will fear for their daily health. I earnestly hope you will reconsider this devastating decision.

I find it appalling that the most vulnerable members of our society would have to suffer in order for the council to balance the budget when so much money is being thrown at the disgraced employee that we have been funding to stay at home for all these years. Totally unacceptable. The fact that he won't agree terms with the council while the elderly and children of the borough will suffer is nauseating and says it all really!

I find it hard to agree wholeheartedly to any of the proposals put forward. Had the council not, in a blatant attempt to curry favour with the electorate several years ago, kept council tax rises artificially low and instead made affordable and realistic rises year on year, perhaps we wouldn't be in the position we find ourselves in today. I use the term 'we' to demonstrate how this is now everyone's problem, both the council and the long-suffering council tax payers. The example of the long-running shambles regarding the former chief executive - Anthony O'Sullivan and his cohorts, demonstrate the council's inability to manage effectively and responsibly, taxpayers' money. It's time that the council looked at providing a reliable and value-for-money service to all its residents, not just those who contribute little or nothing to the system. I am fortunate in that I can afford what will undoubtedly be a large increase in council tax going forward. Many people will not be so fortunate. The council has let everyone down.

I fully realise that we are in difficult times that affect both the private and public sector and that difficult decisions have to be taken to provide the best possible service for the rate payers. That said in a private sector environment you construct a rational EBIT or EBITDA financial forecast plus a very precise outgoings plan for the coming year and for the next five. It's a lot easier for the public sector who have a fairly fixed income from their locality and obviously the government provision (that has tended to be reduced but we know by how much) As a resident of Caerphilly I also understand the approach of giving the community the opportunity to comment on the proposed reductions that you have decided are in our best interests. Without the total data it is impossible to give a financial analysis and it can only be . I agree with that or disagree with this when looked at with a personal input. I'm sure that you don't need to be reminded of the amount paid to some of your executives in the ongoing case (obviously an incompetent HR department and poor management) It would also be useful to see a list with targets and responsibility for an efficiency programme. It surprises us the General public that council care homes have closed over the years and private sector ones make considerable profits. One of the biggest costs all public sector incurs is a final salary indexed linked pension. Great when interest rates were 15 +% in the past. Most private sectors have done away with it because it's unsustainable (I realise also it must be awkward to make the decision to remove such a great benefit) Please take these comments as constructive, overall I and the people I talk to believe you as an authority do a very good job in difficult circumstances the people I talk to in varying departments are always pleasant and helpful a real credit to you Thank you

I have circled areas of main concern, but (2) items need looking at first (1) Meals on wheels. I know people who will not be able to cope and will starve if not provided. (2) Footpaths are often overgrown with hedgerows that contain branches with thorns on them. This is clearly an accident waiting to happen especially on dark, windy nights, PS - Why charge residents with a rat problem - they roam around - seems ??

I have had a 2 percent wage increase this year and have had a salary reduction in the two previous years - a council tax rise of the amount suggested is not tenable. Caerphilly council have for many years been poor stewards of the money raised by: 1 continuing to pay elected officials for years when they are suspended 2. Losing money through poor investment decisions (Iceland Bank) 3 letting road improvement schemes go vastly over budget i.e. Roadworks at the Corbett roundabout which have not actually delivered improvements in traffic flow.

I have never seen a Community Safety Warden in the Caerphilly Borough. It is not a very well publicised service. I think the reduction in road maintenance budget could be made up with the civil enforcement of parking being introduced there is plenty of money to be made from enforcing parking. The council tax increase is nominal in the grand scheme of things. I am not however happy with a reduction in funding for schools. My child attends Ystrad Mynach Primary which receives a lot less in funding than other schools in the area. Children are future taxpayers and I disagree in cutting funding for education strongly.

I have read the full list of proposals on savings here are my view: Firstly I disagree with the 32% reduction in carriageway resurfacing as this is a safety issue road users pay to use the Roads there should be savings found Elsewhere. Waste management site closures you should be looking at the least used site throughout the borough instead of closing sites such as amber argued which is a very busy and well used waste management site I totally agree on reduction and removal of bus Routes in the borough as I'm a bus driver and there are bus routes in Caerphilly which need reduction and withdrawal- Blackwood Locals 9,12,14 should be reduced to every 30 minutes instead of every 20 minutes withdrawing of their evening Services, and a complete withdrawal of service 4/C9 Tredegar To Bargoed Bargoed To Ystrad Mynach as passenger numbers are none existent this would save the council massively on subsidies to bus companies.

I have read the list of possible savings envisaged and I strongly disagree and believe that the list is completely unrealistic and counter to the provision of good public services for the community that you as public servants are charged to provide. The council as I understand it is in possession of a large amount of reserves and it, as yet, has not been provided with final figures from the assembly government for the full settlement for this year it, therefore, is in a position to use some of the reserves that you hold to mitigate some or all of the cuts that you envisage making. I have been a Labour supporter all my life and my wife is a member of the party but we have become completely disillusioned and disappointed with the financial actions and decisions taken by our Labour council, even taking into account the difficulties of the austerity programme forced on us by this Tory government.

I have read the proposed savings for this coming year as a way of saving money. May I suggest some ways of making money which would impact on the amount of money you need to save. Have a daily car parking charge at All railway stations in the Caerphilly Borough as those people driving to the station as these are working people. Even 50p/£1 would bring in a regular income as these carparks are full. Instant fines for people parking on double yellow lines in busy High Streets in Caerphilly Borough Major fines for people dumping rubbish in our lovely countryside. Also if the Welsh Government charged fir prescriptions you would see a drastic drop in people getting medicines which can be readily bought over the counter cheaply in all major supermarkets. This would raise huge amounts of revenue which in turn would not necessitate the cuts to local councils being made. As it is your proposed cuts are going to effect Children vulnerable adults and closure of facilities that currently benefit all e.g libraries

I have serious concerns over the reduction of Carriageway Resurfacing, road surfaces are already incredibly poorly maintained and I believe this will only get worse if funding is reduced. This also applies to winter maintennce reduction & Temporary reduction in Carriageway Resurfacing, especially given the harsher winters we have seen in the last few years and are likely to continue to see. Having been on the receiving end of menatl health services support in the past, i do not agree with the decison to remove funsing in anyway from this sector. As such i do not agree withthe Non renewal of Mental Health Carers Support contract

I like the Environment because I live in it. What I am disappointed at is the obvious impact on the environment, for example, street cleaning, road surfacing and closing 2 recycling centres. It appears there are cuts to over 100 services, with only a medium, low or nil impact. There are several HIGH's Removal of Lunchtime School Crossing patrols. This is not a good idea and puts children's lives at risk. Cease Meals on Wheels Service. Many elderly will be badly effected by this, withdrawal of service. Please think again. Cessation of the Community Warden Service. This is not a good idea and puts the public at further risk. Already, not enough Police, or Police Stations. We need our Community Safety Wardens. Community Centres should be operating under Charity Law. Therefore, I would support this cut but, please keep the Community Warden Service. Closure of all 5 public conveniences. Again, will effect the elderly badly. .

I live in a Band D property, this means for me a weekly increase of £ 1.41. Considering that one cannot even get a half a pint of beer for that money, there is no hardship for anybody whatsoever with this minuscule increase. I'd even support a greater weekly increase, say double of £ 1.41, that is still less than the price of a pint of beer. GO FOR IT COUNCILLORS!

I live on cwm Calon pay full council tax however the estate has not been taken on by the council and I'm paying a contracted company nearly £200 a year on top- it's taking the Mick and things need to be sorted for residents - we can't sell our property unless the contracted company says so plus pay again to get out of the contract it's a joke the council need to sort out.

I live on my own and I am unable to cook very well. I know at present I am able to have a hot meal daily and at least I see another person who delivers it to me. What has happened to keeping people in their homes to live independently??? Then if I had to pay for someone to bring me a ready meal and cook it I wouldn't have spare money to pay the increase in council tax. Leave well alone!!!

I must emphasise how unhappy I am, as a resident, to have to pay extra council tax, for much reduced services. however, I do understand the financial pressures faced by the authority, but must point out, that public money is being wasted on the continuing chief executive saga, which quite honestly, isn't good enough. I do not support such a high increase, for someone on a lower income, like myself, it really does mean, having to cut back on something else, and as you can appreciate, I have had to do this year on year, which is unsustainable. you say, it wouldn't impact on vulnerable people, but it really does. it has a massive impact on residents, who don't earn a great deal, but too much to claim anything. I should imagine the people whom put this budget forward, are earning good money.

I nor any other resident should pay 1p council tax increase more when you have a chief executive at home on £100000 plus for 5 years. Its the biggest local government scandal in history.£5m has been wasted on this as Caerphilly council now looks to cut services. Further savings means to me, sort this out, get rid of him and start afresh. What with the Icelandic bank fiasco which resulted in millions going there no wonder budget cuts appear to have to be made

I object strongly to the proposal to close the Channel View Community Centre, on the following grounds: 1. The centre now accommodates a diverse range of activities, and is used by more than 150 people per week 2. Your justification for closure is based on a 2016 report; since then the management of the centre has changed and far more people are using it. 3. It is the only community centre available to all groups in the Risca area. The fact that until now it has not been possible to advertise it properly is not a justification for closing it. 4. The amount of money saved by closing the centre (about £6,500 a year, based on figures supplied by your officers) is miniscule compared to the savings you have to make, compared to the disruption closure will cause to the local community.

I object to the proposal to close the **Risca/Channel View community** hall for the following reasons: 1. That the hall is the only community facility available to all groups in the Risca/Pontymister/Cross Keys area. 2. That the hall now has considerably more use than it used to, with at least 6 different groups now using it. 3. That an alternative is for the Management Committee of the hall to take on the Council's current role; saving the Council about £7,000 per year. 4. That the Council will not save any more money if it closes the hall, as opposed to simply withdrawing its revenue funding. In fact it will be left with a building that it will have to pay to demolish. 5. The hall finances are now in the control of the Management Committee of the hall, and there is enough money in the kitty to be able to pay the above bills for a few years to come, so the impact that the closure of the hall would have on the community can be avoided. 6. We recognise the problems with the existing hall, but are making progress in the funding of a replacement hall. It will be possible to close it when a new hall is built, but it would be a real loss to the community to do it now.

I object to the proposed closure of any Household Waste Recycling Centres - in particular the Centre at Penallta - this serves a very large area and is extremely well used. What about considering closing for one extra day per week - currently all centres now close on one day a week - could this be increased to twice a week to make savings instead of complete closure of any site.

I oppose any impact on individual members of the public. For the rest, I feel that the closure of amenity sites will have an adverse effect on open spaces and the environment in general. There is only oblige reference to staffing and I feel that with careful management facilities could be managed and staff levels humanely cut. However, I feel the philosophy of running the council must change to find ways of generating income i.e. providing contract services to local firms. Also, although outside the brief, the numbers of councillors should be cut to one per ward and the payment for their time possibly stopped.

I realise how hard it must be to work these proposals out. 1) I think closing Amenity sites is a very short-sighted idea as it will lead to an enormous increase in fly-tipping, which is likely to cost the Council more to collect. Fly-tipping is already a problem. I believe that the amenity sites are providing a wonderful service and should be supported not closed. As well as taking rubbish they help with recycling. 2) As a farmer I noticed that the refuse and recycling service to farms will stop. I don't object to that as long as there is a local amenity centre available. For less able people it might be a problem.

I realise that money has to be saved but closing public toilets will only lead to persons finding other places to urinate etc. And cause offence to public and cause unsightly smelly streets. And perhaps more cost in cleaning up. Getting like a third world country..... No wrong analogy they are opening more toilets.

I see no mention of removing the ongoing salary payments to those senior managers who are on gardening leave. The fact that this has gone on so long is unbelievable, and the amounts spent are simply obscene. Sorting that mess out quickly would result in significant reductions which have zero impact on the population. Caerphilly please get your act in gear! What has actually happened since 2015? Addressing the issue above would result in needing a lower increase in council taxes maintain the service.

I still find it hard to accept that continual increase in Council tax but even more closures of services and reduced monies to services, the closing of public toilets is a disgrace and should not be adopted, closing refuge site may be ok, If you have a need to increase council tax why not put a extra 1-2 % on top of the increase and reduce cutting of services - if we are to have an increase an extra 1-2% increase would not bother people. The council continues to have increase funding from the new housing estates which should increase revenue

I strongly believe that there are savings to be made elsewhere rather than going to the public to squeeze them even more. Wages can be looked at, pay freezes- as a civil servant my pay was frozen for more than 5 years and annual flexi day taken away- you could stop paying people who no longer work for you and that's just off the top of my head. You essentially want to cut services while charging more. Would this concept be accepted anywhere else? Even the services that I requested wasn't put into action and a simple yes or no answer to a question about ownership of a wall, apparently needs a surveyor to come out and check?! I am sure -as evident from the public comments on facebook- that there are ways of 'slimming' down the system and making it more cost effective and efficient without havin to put even more financial pressure on households who are already struggling myself included. I know elderly who won't turn on their heating so they can pay their bills, people who are going to food banks to feed their children and had no christmas. They had to explain to their young children why Santa didn't bring anything. My household is lucky, yes we are living week by week, money comes in and is already allocated. We have no savings, cannot afford to move even though there's 4 of us in a 2 bedroom house. We can't afford to send my little girl to playgroup more than 2 days a week and have been told we are not entitled to any help. There are of course people much worse and much better off than us within the borough but you really need to realise the demographic your working for. And I wonder how many of your employees has to think twice about which bill to pay, about turning the heating on, go to a food bank, go without Christmas or not be able to sleep because of their financial and emotional burden? So no I don't agree with any increase, you need to look harder at what your doing and how you can better serve the people of the borough without costing so much. Look closer to home before you choose the easy option of going to the public with your hands open.

I strongly disagree in closing the Penallta recycling site, there are 700 houses that use that tip. People will start fly tipping everywhere.

I strongly disagree on ceasing the meals on wheels service. Elderly people who live in their own homes find shopping and cooking a main meal difficult because of frailty etc would end up on poor diets and ultimately cost the NHS and social services more in long term care and carer supervision. All the proposed cuts will have a detrimental affect on the community e.g. closure or reductions in waste and recycling will encourage more fly tipping and lead to more council expenses in clean up operations.

I strongly disagree that council tax should be increased by 6.95% whilst we are having so many things closed or removed, such as:

- Closure of 2 Civic Amenity Sites - Strongly disagree with this closure. Penallta CAS is used so frequently, closing this service would be a mistake.
- Closure of all 5 Public Toilets - all 5? Why not close 2 or 3 instead? Public toilets are highly important for the town's cleanliness and public.
- Reduction in Town Centre budget (graffiti removal, small scale repair of street furniture) - how much of a reduction? We need to keep our town as clean as possible.
- Reduction in some events in town centres - strongly disagree with this! Town events and markets is what brings money into the economy. Small, independent shops and stalls are what this area needs more of, not less! This would be a huge mistake.
- 100% reduction of Community Response Team budget (Minor maintenance such as repairs to benches, painting of railings, general tidy up of towns and villages will cease) - 100%? This is wrong. We should still strive to maintain our town and upkeep general minor repairs and paint jobs.
- Removal of Lunch time School crossing patrol - And put young children's lives at risk? Surely not.
- Increase in Car Park charges - Car park charges at the moment perfectly reflect what they should be. An increase would cause more drivers to park illegally, causing more accidents.
- Removal of Community Safety Warden Service - Strongly disagree with this removal proposal. Community safety is of the highest importance.
- Community Centres - closure of 4 Centres - Strongly disagree. Lack of community centres would mean that a large number of youths would be out on the streets.

Further savings could be made by not wasting huge amounts of money on unnecessary and unwanted roadworks, such as Caerphilly's infamous roundabout at Pwll-y-Pant. Granted, some roads need improving, but these should be informed, wise and most importantly, necessary decisions.

I strongly disagree with all saving proposals. The council should meet with the community twice a year to gauge opinions prior to announcing a budget crisis and providing council tax options that aren't an option at all. Why should we have another substantial increase when council executives have created a multi million pound deficit by being investigated for years on end? The council should be more innovative in how money is raised. There are several areas within Caerphilly which are tourist hot spots ie Caerphilly castle/Llancaiach Fawr/Cwmcarn Scenic Drive. Tourism will not thrive with youths roaming the streets, dirty streets etc. Why not create more revenue in local areas so that money can be ploughed back in to that area ie why is the Scenic Drive cafe not open longer for campers/cyclists and why is there no shop selling provisions for campers. This would create jobs and encourage more people to stay. Well being in community is vital. Having youths roam the streets instead of having community centres/youth centres will put pressure on police. Not having a place for elderly to meet and feel part of society will impact the nhs. Closing two waste centres will add pressure to infrastructure as cars will be queuing on roads to get in the remaining open centre like in Newport. Why should my husband and I pay more council tax when there are only 2 of us and we pay a huge amount already. I am very disappointed in the council particularly as the council had the same issue 12 months ago. What has the council done to raise money in the last 12 months? It is disgraceful that the council are again looking to joe public

I strongly disagree with any actions that will reduce the Library service. To parents of young children and to older people, the local library is a vital community service and much more than somewhere to borrow a book. I strongly disagree with any action that will reduce the school music service to Primary Schools . The impact will be less on Secondary schools as they have specialist music teachers.

I strongly disagree with any council tax increase. I strongly feel that ALL non statutory services should be cut in total....in order to maintain essential services. I feel strongly that all public events which do not produce a major financial gain (profit)for council funds should be scrapped.

I strongly disagree with closure of Penallta Amenity Centre, due to it being central to many and convenient, surely it would be more cost effective to close the one up the lane off Llanbradach roundabout, especially due to the dodgy bridge? Close the tip, close the road = no bridge maintenance or relocation of said tip to the roundabout entrance where the contractors compound was as proposed. I know it's not easy cutting costs, but don't be short sighted please

I strongly disagree with cutting front line services such as community safety wardens. We hardly see any police as it is and for a small team that provides valuable support to many people in the borough this is a disgrace. So residents of Caerphilly must pay more for less of a service, yet those sat up the top go home to their big houses in Cardiff where they will probably never be the victims of anti social behaviour! Surely residents would agree to an increase in council tax to keep the services we need.

I strongly disagree with cutting the budget for the safety wardens as this will just increase crime in the area and they offer support for the reduction in police services. Anything community related such as libraries, leisure centres and events should not be cropped as this will affect the moral and mental health of communities as for some people these are the only forms of escapism they have and brings the community together. Without such facilities community spirit will die causing more isolation for all ages both young and old. Such venues and activities offer youths things to do as facilities for teenagers are very poor. My daughter spends every Friday at the local swimming pool as it is one of the few things out there for youngsters. Closure of Pontllanfraith leisure centre would be devastating for the Penllwyn/Pontllanfarith and Blackwood community as many areas are deprived and would have nowhere to access by foot. If there is to be an increase in the houses in this area also surely it would be stupid to close it. The community events in the town centres offer such a lot for residents. The number of local people that attend the events is huge and often the only place many of the more deprived section of the community will go on a weekend. It offers them an insight into what is often on offer in the bigger cities during the Christmas period with the markets and gives them more opportunities on their doorsteps.

I strongly disagree with Items 2 & 3 (Reduction of Caretaker support) of proposed cuts to Community Centres because Community Centres provide a valuable service to many of the villages and communities in Caerphilly. They host a wide variety of activities and voluntary groups, often serve as polling stations, and in a civil emergency could be called on to provide a base, from which essential services could operate. Facilities at each centre vary according to the size, design and age of the building, but most have a main hall and kitchen with basic catering equipment. In order to maximise the use of centres, help sustain their futures, and assist both the voluntary management committees and the staff they employ, there are a number of actions the council should consider: (a) update the Management Committee handbook, ideally with input from the more active and efficient centres, to incorporate more up-to-date and relevant information; (b) improve communication with Management Committees, especially changes in the levels of service provision (eg, dealing with trade waste), financial support (eg, water rates), and details of contractors who service the centres; (c) offer an annual 'training day' for new Management Committee members (including councillors); (d) adjust the number of cleaning hours allocated to centres to reflect their actual needs rather than the current unfair 'one size fits all' approach; (e) revise accounting procedures in light of new banking technology, offer financial advice re best-value current/savings accounts and individual audit procedures; (f) introduce standardised presentation of centres' annual reports, accounts and usage figures (see proforma below) to enable easier comparison of service provision; (g) share best practice based on the experience of the more active and efficient centres; ..... cont



(h) provide a dedicated page on the council's website for each centre to advertise its regular programme and a contact number for bookings; provide a printing template for centres that want to provide a local publicity leaflet; (j) publicise what grants may be available to centres; (j) initiate more 'joined-up' thinking with other council departments, eg, (1) hold more adult education courses in centres, rather than use dedicated Adult Education Centres - this would be cheaper, boost community centre usage and enable a rationalisation of premises; (2) publicise courses currently held in centres in Adult Education publications; (3) reduce unfair competition by reviewing hire charges of other council premises (libraries, sports pavilions, schools, BMI, country parks) to ensure they are not undercutting community centres; (4) ensure other departments (Events, Housing, Tourism) which send publicity materials to centres keep their addresses up to date, avoid duplication, only send what centres want and in acceptable formats, eg, no posters over A4 size, and also provide suitable display panels/pockets for centres to use. In the longer term, the council should review the provision of all public and community buildings in its area. Working with GAVO and local members, a census or survey should be undertaken to identify all such buildings, their condition, and the use made of them. Many voluntary organisations have benefited from substantial Welsh Assembly/ Lottery grants to improve their buildings in recent years and may be offering better services more economically than the local authority. Where other organisations provide comparable or better facilities, the council should seriously consider the future of its own premises and perhaps offer an annual grant to an alternative provider. Such a review might also identify surplus buildings which community or voluntary groups have difficulty sustaining or recruiting volunteers to help run them. The council should determine whether to continue the current level of financial support for Glan-y-nant Memorial Hall and Rudry Village Hall, as there is no justification for supporting these centres on the same basis as the council's own centres when so many other voluntary organisations receive no support for their comparable premises. All centres should be regularly inspected by members of the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on a 'rolling programme' so that they get a fuller appreciation of the state of their centres and what is happening in them.

I strongly disagree with some elements of the proposed budget especially the reduction of money for schools and the closing of community centres and public toilets. If this happens the knock on effect will be increased crime stats.

I strongly disagree with stopping meals direct. This is a vital service for vulnerable people who may not be able to cook and provides daily contact with someone. Withdrawing this service may actually cost money as some people will no longer eat properly and will become ill, necessitating intervention from healthcare and social services.

I strongly disagree with the aposed funding cuts. My .... has suffered poor mental health. Accessed after a long waiting time school based counselling. After so many sessions it was stopped with no notice .... due to funding cuts. ... We were only able to access tier 1 and tier CAMHS services which were limited again due to no funds and staff. ....waiting list is even longer than the recommendation of 26 weeks -advised 32/34 weeks. ... We are under the CAMHS community care team and despite me raising the needs that education are not providing support to meet needs at present to have a successful education they are extremely reluctant to do so because of limited funds. If these minuscule funds are cut further then I dread to think what will happen to our children's futures and all of our lives. Absolutely appalling and this CANNOT happen and resources and funding are already dangerously funded and resourced.

I strongly disagree with the cessation of the meals direct service and the closure of household waste recycling centres. I am an 84 year old widow living alone with only one son who lives away. I rely on the meals direct service for all of my main meals. Without this service I don't know how I would feed myself and might need residential care as a result. I am unable to put my rubbish out myself. I don't remember to do it and I am housebound and cannot safely get to my bins. My son takes my waste to my local recycling centre when he visits. If the local centre closed my waste would pile up encouraging vermin and it would be a danger to my health.

I strongly disagree with the choices you have made for the savings. You are yet again cutting front line services of which our community so desperately needs to keep hold of. You are attacking the poor, needy and vulnerable. We have been paying hand over fist for our Council Tax for years (along with the rest of the country) and for example don't complain when our bins aren't emptied on the set date you set for the year. We pay for these services and are constantly being told you are cutting them or cancelling them. I strongly believe that you need to look closely at your immediate overheads for your wages and office building costs and to ensure that you are as efficient and economical as possible. I also strongly believe that businesses should be paying a little bit more to contribute but not so much that it puts their business at risk. Could you "rent" out cheaply the empty buildings throughout the town centre and surrounding areas and possibly engage in "pop up shops"? This would entice people to the area and make empty standing building used again. Whilst I'm putting my two pence in, I think the Council should work side by side with local businesses about bettering their business that would in turn better the community. For example Glanmors (next to Greggs) They could open on Sundays and Bank Holidays which would accommodate the tourists visiting the area / castle on the weekends and holidays. This would see an increase in spending through tourism, help improve employment in the area. They could also sustain the traffic they have and improve on it by Afternoon Tea sessions etc. cont....

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I strongly disagree with the closing of Penallta civic amenities site

I strongly disagree with the closing of Penallta tip as this will lead to more rubbish being dumped in streets and back lanes.\* Why are we paying council tax.\* The tip is local and used all the time.\* More rubbish being dumped on the mountain will lead to danger for sheep and the horses.\* There will be an increase of rats in the area which will lead to more health problems.\*

I strongly disagree with the closure of both Aberbargoed and Penallta household waste disposal sites, leaving no disposal site for the mid section of the Rhymney valley and leading to and increase in fly tipping which will cost more in the long run. Please only close 1.

I strongly disagree with the closure of meals direct how will the elderly and vulnerable cope without this service such an awful thing to propose. And also putting school meal prices up wages are low and you want the people of Caerphilly to pay more.

I strongly disagree with the closure of the civic amenities centre in Penallta. This is a heavily used site that serves a large proportion of the community. I believe that closing this site will result in more fly tipping as people in the area will not look to use other locations, especially those that are further afield such as Caerphilly.

I strongly disagree with the closure of the skips. We use the skips regular. If the rubbish is left into the \*lanes\* - \*gardens\* - \*parks\*, they will cause rats and other infestation.

I strongly disagree with the closure of the two amenity sites. This will lead to a huge increase in fly tipping which is already out of control and at unacceptable levels. The site located off the A472 is already overwhelmed with large queues, this will only get worse when other sites close and so it will dissuade people from using it thus increasing the occurrences of fly tipping throughout the borough. Increasing collection charges on large items will also promote increased fly tipping. Spending such a huge amount of money on the pavement between Nelson and Ystrad Mynach is inexcusable when vital services are being cut. You should spend significantly less on manicuring the grounds of the council offices which are always perfect when similar work in the community is almost non existent. Stop wasting money on stupid signs attached to lampposts which are completely meaningless and serve no purpose or add any value whatsoever. Stop pouring money down the drain in relation to the legal case of the former CEO and spend it in services instead. Scrap the issuing of your delivered newsletter and revert to online issue only (Cwm Calon residents have never been allowed the privilege of ever receiving a copy. Royal Mail has confirmed they are not issued with newsletters for distribution in this estate). If we can manage without it so can the rest of the borough. Not maintains roads to an acceptable level will certainly lead to increased insurance claims and increase risk if injury / death to drivers and passengers. Senedd attempted to get Councils to merge to streamline costs but this was rejected. Surely at least 2% of proposed Council Tax increases could be avoided by consolidating responsibilities / staffing with neighbouring Councils. Stop protecting your own jobs and try doing your jobs for the better good of the community for a change.

I strongly disagree with the closure of the waste management site at penallta. I strongly disagree with the community safety wardens being discontinued. I strongly disagree with the cuts to schools- our teachers do such an amazing job with an already wafer thin budgets. Looking at the council tax increase I find myself wondering what it gets spent on as the Bin collection wagon ignores our street most weeks anyway. Can we not trim some money back by offering the plethora of managers we seem to have redundancy? or unnecessary expenses such as buffets for training courses?

I strongly disagree with the cuts to school budgets. Because of this my disabled (special educational needs) son will no longer have the one to one support he requires to attend school. The LEA for the last 2 years have only funded 15hrs a week support for my son and the school has struggled but managed to make this up to fulltime support ..... By doing this CCBC have gone against the human rights, childrens rights and are also discriminating my son from having his legal right to an education because of his disability. I think it is a shocking cheek for CCBC to continue to pay a councilor suspended on full pay and also fund an investigation into the scandal and then not only cut services to vulnerable people and keeping our neighbourhoods looking respectable (i personally pride myself in the area i live in) but also put our council tax up. What exactly are we paying for??? Oh yes for a councillor on full pay who is suspended and for the investigation! Perhaps if you sacked him that would increase your monies! And draw a line under what has happened! That would save the investigation monies! You could also rent out the vastly empty part of the new council buildings you wasted your monies building in ystrad mynach! And perhaps get rid of a few pen pushing jobsworths! Taking from the people especially children and the vulnerable is not the way forward!

I strongly disagree with the draft proposals to close two household waste sites, especially the one in Penalltau, which I use regularly. How can the Council expect their residents to recycle responsibly if the dint have the facilities to do that locally. I fear that this will lead to the ever increasing social problem of some residents fly tipping their rubbish irresponsibly. The river running at the back of the Cwm Calon site suffers from this problem already, and this will only make this problem worse.

I strongly disagree with the introduction of charges for rat treatment. Charging will probably reduce the number of people reporting rat sightings which will increase the rat population causing increased danger to public health. The council would raise a relatively very small sum of money by charging but cause great resentment when responsible residents report rats whose presence is perceived to be caused by rubbish dumped in gardens by irresponsible neighbours. I strongly disagree with closing Penallta civic amenity site, which is well-used by residents of a highly-populated area with a year-on-year increase in the number of dwellings in the area it serves. Penallta CAS is well laid out, takes a wide range of items and has excellent road access. If a CAS has to be closed, it should be Rhymney, which serves an area with a far lower population, and which indeed officers suggested closing in the annual budget round some years ago. The proposal to close two Mid-valleys sites( Penallta and Aberbargoed) but to continue to operate Rhymney does not appear to be based on evidence but to serve blatantly political objectives. It has been stated that these closures would mean leaving 2 sites in Islwyn and 2 in Rhymney Valley but the population of Rhymney Valley is twice that of Islwyn. For relatively large numbers of people to travel from the Mid-Valley to either Rhymney or Trehir will increase traffic congestion and pollution. Closure of any civic amenity site will very likely lead to increased fly-tipping. I strongly disagree with closing public toilets. It is very unlikely that private sector establishments will open their toilets to the public. These closures will result in an even greater shift to internet or supermarket shopping to the detriment of town centres. So these proposals undermine the council's own town centre, health and well-being strategies and draft toilet strategies I strongly disagree with cutting the council's grant to the Citizen's Advice Bureau which contributes greatly to the council's anti-poverty strategy and complements the work of Trading Standards I strongly disagree with the proposal not to renew the contract with Barnados for its Family Support Services. This is likely to cost the council in the long run as costs associated with taking children into care are far greater than preventative services like Family Support. While I am sympathetic to a review of council support for community centres, I feel that far more work needs to be done to evaluate the effects on each individual centre. The proposals appear to oblige centres to pay for 12 hours of caretakers' time, for example, when they may not be able to afford this or need it. A more flexible approach should be adopted in which centres could contract for the hours they needed. Some centres may have management committee members willing to do some opening and closing, for example. Centres with only one lettable room are disadvantaged compared with centres with more than one. Some centres are the only hall in a village available for hire to the local community while in some villages there are probably too many buildings competing for trade. I strongly disagree with reducing the Community Regeneration Fund. If the voluntary sector and volunteers are to be expected to provide facilities that the council can no longer provide, money must be made available to support developments and start-ups in the community. This is very good value for money.

I strongly disagree with the proposal to cease the meals direct service. I am an elderly resident struggling to live independently and meals on wheels service is essential.

I strongly disagree with the proposal to cease the meals on wheels provision. My father is 88 years of age, lives on his own and heavily relies on these. Not only does he fully appreciate the meals, but enjoys the interaction with the meals on wheels delivery girls. I am amazed you are even considering this as an option as a saving, especially as we are trying to encourage the elderly to live independently as long as possible. This just smacks of a contradiction in terms of the road we are trying to go down. I note Cardiff Council are not even considering this option as part of their 2019-20 savings. Caerphilly you should be ashamed if you implement this as a saving!

I strongly disagree with the proposal to close the 2 waste management sites at Aberbargoed and Penallta. This, in my opinion, will lead to increased rubbish in the ordinary bins, resulting in more being sent to landfill. This is a shame as Caerphilly has a good record for recycling at the moment. It could also see an increase in 'fly tipping' which will make the Borough less attractive for residents and visitors, and will probably cost the Council tax payers of Caerphilly more in the long run to sort out. This proposal, for the sake of only a proposed saving of £98k is, in my opinion, very short sighted.

I strongly disagree with the proposal to close the Penallta Civic Amenity site. Whilst I appreciate this could save £44k (according to your figures), this particular site historically takes more tonnage than any of the alternative civic amenity sites you propose to retain. The site is very accessible and services a wide area. As a resident of the Penallta estate, I feel particularly strongly about this as we pay a management fee to a third party company for the upkeep our public areas and the roads on our estate are not adopted by the council and therefore do not benefit from safe management by the council in the colder months (gritting etc). I struggle to justify the cost of our council tax already given the service (or lack thereof) that we receive and the proposal to further increase our payments whilst also closing one of the only amenities we as the estate residents benefit from, seems inconsiderate at best.

I strongly disagree with the proposal to stop the meals direct service.

I strongly disagree with the proposed closure of 2 civic amenity sites (Penallta and Aberbargoed), as this is very likely to lead to fly tipping and littering in the community. Please keep 1 open so it is not so far to travel.

I strongly disagree with the proposed spending cuts specifically linked to schools, education, and libraries. I believe that these cuts will disadvantage my children unfairly from previous generations impacting on the equality of them from pupils educated before them. I am being asked to pay more council tax and a new parking charge and will receive less services/value for money for my extra input. If funds are so tight, why have you invested so heavily in the new council offices and road network?

I strongly disagree with the proposed Waste Management - closure of 2 Civic Amenity Sites. Why is this being considered when the council is running the Kids Go Green website dedicated to educating children and young people about the importance of environmental awareness and the impact we can all have on the future of our planet if we follow the 3R's, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. It hardly sends out a message that the council is serious about such schemes. Also how does this fit in with The Welsh Government target for Wales to recycle at least 70% of waste by 2025 with the aim of achieving zero waste to landfill by 2050.

I strongly disagree with the reduced spending/funding of essential services

I strongly disagree with the reduction in school budget and community centre closures. Waste disposal fair enough, you manage and work around but school budget reductions? You want Wales to prosper and give all students a fair chance yet you now want to take away access to facilities enabling growth and confidence in children to save money where we could surely cut back in other areas. Schools should be the last thing on the agenda as a last resort. Reading this budget makes me very angry, that it's all take take take. We increase our contributions and getting less back. Doesn't make an ounce of sense! I'm guessing the council have had a wage reduction in putting the residents in this terrible mess...

I strongly disagree with the reduction of school budgets and initiatives, increases in school meal prices and spending on libraries etc. Children should not be disadvantaged compared to previous generations because of current government policy.

I strongly disagree with the savings listed. You are currently paying and have been paying your former chief executive for a number of years costing the poll tax payer nearly £4.2 million. Why should council tax payers pay for your incompetence! You CANNOT write a report proposing a substantial council tax increase to "protect services" then list a number of "cuts" to services. Why not save on councillors pay and reduce the number of managers!

I strongly disagree with the savings listed. \*our streets are disgusting with rats running around, these need to be maintained \*lots of illegal tipping takes place and now you decide to close two recycling centres, this is going to cause additional mess on streets and rats \*libraries, youth adult services and day care provisions need funds, these are often the only places people can meet and have a chat with someone who is dealing with the same issues, it is quite often the only time they leave the house, which could be the only respite the care giver has (cares are under more than enough stress with no pay) \*why an increase in school meals? Prisoners get them free, some parents can't afford school meals at the moment an additional increase could stop them working and you would be paying out more in benefits. \*community centres need to stay open, they keep the community together without them there is likely to be more crime..... are you adding more police to the street to stop this? \*meals on wheels are very important to our older citizens, many people I know use this service, for them it's not just a meal, it's also a friendly hello, without this service they would be lost and could be very depressed which would add to the NHS bill. Stop paying the £242,000 pay scandals for chief executive, and use the funds as our community expects Take the people off benefits 80% of people I know should not be on them. Nobody would work if they could get away with it.

I STRONGLY disagree with the savings proposals outlined especially with the potential cease of meals on wheels. This service is essential and an important lifeline to the vulnerable service users. The staff who work hard to prepare and deliver these meals, can sometimes be the only face they see all day and removing this service could cause severe loneliness, depression and make life difficult for the service users.

I strongly disagree with the skip closing in Penallta, the fly tipping is bad enough in our back lanes as it is and the toilets should not be closed, us old age and disabled need more toilets not less. We have to pay for tea or coffee just to go to the toilet. Make all them available to people without paying as in other countries. By stopping all these amenities should you be lowering the council tax not highering it?

I strongly disagree with the suggestion of closing Penallta recycling centre, it would inevitable lead to more fly tipping in the area which would actually cost the council more money to arrange for clean up teams to clean up the mess left!

I strongly disagree with with any reduction in services, with the exception of the community wardens who have limited powers and provide limited value.

I strongly feel that it's more appropriate for the Channel View Community Centre to close once another Community Centre is built. As it is used to bring the community together and for new people in the area to make friends for life. .... it was always great having a Community hall for where all could meet. I bet a generation of people by now have grown up using the centre from toddler groups to parties. It's a lovely size for people around the area if their homes are to small to entertain with parties and other events. I do understand it's an old building and being someone that married a valleys boy and has lived here 3 years now it's such a joy to be part of a community. All generations grow up and wonder where the youth can go to do activities or even learn something. By taking this away it means more youths are going to have to find new ways of occupying themselves where they think is safe to them. Also it's even more interesting reading the budgets that by taking the community centre away it even costs to have it knocked down. However if the council want to save money then why don't they just let the Management Committee take on the councils role and save about £7,000 per year.

I strongly feel that support for our Society's most vulnerable members must take precedence over support for schools, school initiatives and school meals. School children have the benefit of parents who can financially support them. Other sections of our Community do not have that support system and must rely on the wider community to help them. Similarly, I feel that changes to waste collection is unsupportable - simply on health and safety grounds. What changes can be made to the costs of running the offices to offset these increases? Having worked in offices got more than 30 years I am well aware of the waste and cost savings that can very easily be made.

I strongly object to the closing of the household waste centres. This is false economy as the probably impact of increased fly tipping, dumping of waste on green areas will cost you more to clean up than keeping these centres open. Also The environmental impact of this is indescribable as people would have to travel further to dispose of their waste and then impact on congestion on roads which are already at capacity!! Perhaps also stop paying those two executives!!

I strongly think that the cheif executive shout be sacked & let him sew the council. It's a shambles & is on going. Labour councillors shout not have voted for this to continue. Protect all music services they are far more essential than other things. Start issuing fines for people parked illegally through Blackwood. You would make a fortune from this with employing full time staff as they will make back their salaries & make a huge profit for you as the are numerous offenses happening all day every.

I support a larger increase in council tax than 6.95%, I am from a low income family but contributing towards my community is important. I'm really concerned about the reduction in services to keep streets clean and tidy, the issue isn't so much bits of litter but glass and dog poo, which having a young child really causes problems. I'm also concerned about hearing about mis management of funds by the council, paying money to an ex-chief exec seems extremely wasteful. I'm sure the issue is more complex than it seems but public transparency is very important.

I support the cuts to the library book fund, and also to the service overall. Unfortunately, libraries are underused and there more libraries in the borough than can be justified. I would support the closure of smaller branches in order to preserve the service at larger branches, especially larger branches that are easily accessible by public transport. Public transport is another area I support changes to - there are currently a great deal of buses running with hardly any passengers. Perhaps this service needs reviewing. I did not see a mention of leisure centres in the proposal, however I believe there are several in the borough that were under review. In particular, I believe the one in New Tredegar should be closed. It already has limited opening times and is underused. It is located in an area that does not feel safe, where the car park is in a terrible state full of broken glass and litter. I do not feel safe using it, and I don't believe keeping it open in an area where people are simply not motivated to use the service warrants the overheads.

I support the financial savings, the Community Safety Wardens need to go as there is no difference to Police community safety wardens.

I think Caerphilly Council has been brilliant in the past and it would be wrong to cut the budget. Surely with the extensive work at the castle I would hope that the extra visitors creating increased revenue should justify this.

I think closing recycling/waste centres and reducing the road repair budget is counter productive. Fly tipping will become more prevalent meaning additional cost to the council to remove it, it's unsoghtly and dangerous which may effect tourism, the environment and local wildlife. The roads are already of a poor quality in many places and cutting the budget just opens the council up to compensation claims as well as putting cyclists lives in danger

i think closing two waste center's at Aberbargoed and Penallta will certainly increase fly tipping at the top half of the Rhymney Valley, i know from experience how busy the one at Aberbargoed is and if closed, that waste would either have to go in refuse bins, which would mean going back to weekly collections or fly tipping which is already a problem.

I think cutting meals direct would effect a lot of venerable people some of which can not get about never mind cook for themselves. At least with this service they are being provided with one hot meal a day. Save are meals direct! Also effected will be our school as if they are not under enough pressure you are going to put more on them! Save our children's education they are the future!

I think in Aberbargoed we are paying enough council tax as all we had doctor nil, hospital gone and a dreadful bus service to Bargoed. I am 88 years old and have to travel several miles to see a GP.

I think it is offensive that you have sent this out to CCBC residents when clearly you like to waste our money paying someone for 6 years.

I think it is utterly appalling that further cuts are going on in education. Schools are already under tremendous pressures and you expect further cuts. Teachers are being driven out of the profession - in a few years time you will not have an education system that is fit for purpose! I wonder if council workers like teachers have had a pay freeze? Also why would you close further recycling centre - the one in Ystrad seems to be in constant use (living quite close) and what about targets for recycling? Perhaps you should start a penalty system for those that do not recycle?

I think it would be an awful shame for a local community. We don't live locally but we're attracted to recent events in Caerphilly by Facebook adverts and then ended up staying for lunch etc so it definitely brings tourists to the area and a reduction in the funding would mean less events, therefore having an impact on local businesses.

I think it's disgusting that you keep putting our council tax up and the facilities down e.g. empty our home less and putting restriction parking in streets and making us pay to park outside our own house.

I think it's disgusting! You intend to reduce street cleansing, so this will mean more people attending local centres yet you intend to close two down?! How is that going to work? Reduce wages...£45K a year is obscene

I think it's a huge mistake to cease meals on wheels for the elderly and those who suffer with mental health issues. A lot of the elderly will not be able to feed themselves, they rely on that daily meal being served to them hot as they can't walk at all and are unable to use a microwave or cooker themselves. The meals on wheels service is vital for the elderly.

I think it's shameful that you are proposing to withdraw Meals Direct, a service that the elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults rely on for a hot meal daily, cold alternatives such as Wiltshire farm foods do not come ready to eat and not everyone is able or can warm up these meals. Inevitably we will all get old one day, we should be ensuring the well-being of these adults not depriving them at a time when they are most vulnerable

I think that CCBC and the hierarchy need to be giving back to the people not taking away!! The utter waste of money that the residents have thrown at crooked councillors is scandalous and yet it continues!!! I have two young children who have had to suffer with loss of sporting facilities, lack of lighting on sports pitches due to CCBC trying to claw back money thrown at useless councillors! This is not a consultation paper as the cuts have already been decided....cuts to meals on wheels, closing down recycling centres and no doubt bin collections will go to monthly....oh all the while increasing our council tax!! CCBC are taking an absolute liberty!!! I am thoroughly ashamed of the council which I voted for....a mistake that I will never repeat.

I think that the council could better focus its grass cutting and parks maintenance by focussing on biodiversity rather than manicured lawns and verges. This benefits wildlife and the council budget. I strongly urge the council not to cut funding for continuing education, social and day care services again. They perform vital roles to give purpose, re-skill and provide meaningful relationships to many in our communities. Particularly the work focussed around day centre services. More should be made of our natural environment and the land we manage, such as our country parks. These are spaces that can be used for fitness, leisure, family fun and contemplation. We need to be investing in links to these sites to remove our dependency on gyms and manufactured fitness activities. Could the council invest to save to make some of our parks centres of fitness with classes run from sheltered / covered outdoor areas? The council budget, as always focusses on the savings to be made with little or no mention of the potential for investment from what remains of our time in the EU to access structural funds or other WG and UK funding. I would like to see real ambition from a council that used to be a leader in innovative provision of services. We have lost our way with navel gazing. Make a commitment to securing investment into green infrastructure, to remove sub-surface drainage in our urban streets and move to a sustainable urban drainage model that will increase flood resilience, reduce maintenance costs, boost ecology and ultimately make Caerphilly county a truly greener place to live and visit.



I think that there are more efficiencies that can be obtained without affecting day to day services. Looking internally at your operations is a starting point, how much of what is done can be automated with the use of bots and AI? I would suggest that there is a lot. Secondly reduce the level of red tape and internal bureaucracy and start operating like a business and hold people accountable. I want more transparency about where every £ collected is spent. Have more businesses support local initiatives, if they want to sponsor public spaces like a roundabout have them take care of the maintenance of it, like cutting grass. Stop providing internal services such as catering, let your staff provide their own food- unless of course your catering operations are making a profit- which I doubt they are. Outsource these instead. Reduce the level of chiefs - do we really need as many as we have? Would we miss two of them for example??? Money should be spent on street cleansing especially grass cutting to make the area more attractive to investors and visitors alike, take pride in the community. How about a radical idea - scrap community councils, no one knows what they do anyway- just another layer of admin. Again operations to be run more commercially- leisure centres for example should be in demand- are you providing services the community wants and at times that suit the community and not the other way around. Rent out some library space to coffee shops- big brands or smaller home grown coffee shops. Fine companies who fail to tackle the litter their shops create, Greggs, McDonalds etc etc Be more open to business- why doesn't Caerphilly have any major high street retailers? What is wrong with Caerphilly? Listen to what people are saying on all platforms and not just within the survey

i think the closure of the recycling centres particularly in Aberbargoed will be a huge mistake. They are well used and if there are no local facilities there will inevitable be more fly tipping which will mean more cleaning up costs.

I think the council are doing a good job under the circumstances. I have made it clear in our area there should be more "yellow lines" approaching entry to Greenacre Drive, also they are not using their car parking area correctly in houses on Greenacre Drive, its dangerous. Also approaching our area from Tydfil Rd is not very good, too many blind spots top of Tydfil Rd. approaching Greenacre Drive!!! Please help us drivers who use this as the only way we can get home!!!

I think the council is completely insane, to reduce some of the most important services like meals on wheels and community safety wardens is awful. I understand that you have lost funding. But you offer very little in the way of services as it stands. To take away the last part of them leads me to ask what am I paying you for? You do nothing to solve the ASB issues which leads to having to call the police repetitively as you offer no youth services as it currently stands. Then you wonder why they are setting fires in Ystrad Mynach Park. We need our tips to dispose of our rubbish as we only get collections in our flats once every 2 weeks, meaning the bins pile up, when I asked for more bins you wanted me to pay £75 per bin. Yet you have happily spent 6m on a pay scandle. Several more millions on improving a round about which has had little to no impact on travel plans and traffic is just as poor as its always been. You don't want to fill the pot holes, meaning I will have to pay yet more money for the repairs and tires from driving on poor standards of roads.

I think the majority of cuts which are required in so many local authority areas are reasonable and well thought out. However, I would urge the Local Authority to consider some form of "Community Asset Transfer. Some of your library services, Community buildings and a huge wasted resource within your "hard to let" housing stock could be negotiated to Organisations with the skill and funding to develop alternative use of key buildings and assets to keep some of these services open and to bring so many key local, historic buildings into use.

I think the proposed cuts are a joke, when your paying millions to the so called fraud investigation, why not sack the three of them and use the further £242,000 you are goin to plough into this money wasting scam. Shame on you caerphilly council and every councillor who agreed to put more money in, absolutely disgusting!!!

I think the whole proposal needs serious re-thinking and that savings should be made by ceasing to pay councillors involved in the pay dispute. I have absolutely no confidence whatsoever that the elected party / councillors will act in the best interests of anyone other than themselves. \* Closure of 2 Household waste recycling centres - There is a serious problem with fly-tipping in our local area, closing Penallta recycling centre will only serve to make the problem worse. Only last weekend did we see huge amounts of rubbish dumped on Senghenydd mountain, some of which even had names and addresses on the parcels!). You want to increase council tax but reduce the services you provide.... How does that work? I hope you are prepared for people to start delivering their recycling directly to the council offices for disposal. \* The Community Safety Wardens service to cease - With the problems related to anti-social behaviour in Ystrad Mynach and surrounding areas last year, losing the Community Safety Wardens will not only allow for such behaviour to continue unchallenged but will also put more pressure on an already stretched police presence in the area. \* Cease Meals on Wheels service except for clients under section 117 - Taking invaluable services away from vulnerable people? This is a joke right? I've picked out 3 stand out points here but do not agree with any of the other proposals - bottom line is, the council need to get its house in order and to cease paying the salaries of councillors involved in the pay dispute. Have elected councillors considered taking a pay cut to help achieve the required savings? The increase in council tax is unfair considering it comes hand in hand with the removal of key services within the community, I would support an increase if services were to be improved but there is nothing in your proposals suggesting that you intend to spend any money improving services....

I think there are some considerations to make around highway cleansing and grass cutting etc. These are a bitter pill of cuts for everyone when the view is to increase 7% council tax rates.

I think you need to keep the tips open, as a massive increase in fly tipping will occur and put more pressure in the highways teams. I think the street cleaning needs to be kept up, but not to worry so much about the grass cutting. We need safety officers on the streets and meals on wheels for vulnerable people. My biggest bugbear has been the allocation of £242,000 to pay for the suspended councillors scandal. If you can put a stop to the money being put towards this absolutely disgusting situation, maybe you won't have to cut back on so much?

I totally disagree with all of the proposed cuts because they will impact adversely on the more vulnerable residents and the younger generation. Cuts in school budgets which are already overstretched will bring about a decline in the standards of education and in due course affect the future generation in their ability to gain employment. Rising school meals will adversely affect children whose families are already struggling. Likewise reduction of spending on libraries youth and adult services. Closing civic amenities will result in yet more fly tipping which is already too high. Reduction in highway maintenance will result in further claims for damage to vehicles and for personal injury which in turn will increase the insurance premiums paid by the authority. Reducing street cleaning will encourage vermin and littering, if the council don't care what the borough looks like why should residents? Reducing grass cutting will just make the borough look scruffy and uncared for. Discontinuance of community safety wardens will affect the more vulnerable in society. Closure of public toilets will no doubt result in people abusing places such as car parks and bus stations. Closing community centres which are often places where the vulnerable go and feel safe beggars belief. It seems to me that the authority are targeting the most vulnerable needy members of society. This is shocking they should look to themselves, cut their wages and sort out the ongoing debacle regarding the three unjust men!

I totally disagree with all the proposed reductions and council tax increase. Highways and footpaths are already shocking in many parts of the county. I live in a village where two footpaths have been closed rather than repair them. Many roadside paths are barely passable and roadside junctions dangerous due to overhanging trees and foliage, yet the same stretch of road can have trees thinned almost constantly. Money is constantly wasted in "dressing" repairs and patching up which are not cost effective. My nearest recycling centre is only available to me on a Saturday as I work full time, it is rarely open to the public for the times stated, no wonder fly tipping is on the increase! Litter picking / road sweeping is a joke in my area, these teams are largely unsupervised and spend as much time sitting in the van / cafe/ public bench chatting as they do "working". My local library is also a joke - again inaccessible to someone who works full time, whilst others can be open 6 days a week! CCBC has become very one eyed, choosing to invest in certain areas to the exclusion of many valley towns and villages. It needs to realise the areas in which they are wasting money to focus on savings (executives on paid leave indefinitely has become notorious), I saw a brand new CCBC 4x4 vehicle fitted with snow plough and grit spreader the other day - ok we had some snow last year - but surprise -no plough came through my village before the locals had cleared it - not even to clear access to the fire station (but they could manage to clear the road to the parks & gardens unit)?? I could go on and on, but I doubt anyone will ever read this, let alone take any heed.

I totally disagree with increase in council tax on Band D properties only. All bands receive the same services so why single out Band D; if your intention is to raise council tax come what may then it should be across the board.

I totally disagree with the removal of "meals on wheels". There are more older and disabled people in the Welsh valleys who have no family to assist their needs. These people should not be ignored.

I understand and acknowledge that an above inflation increase in council tax is predominantly due to reduced funding from central government. The sooner there is a government with a greater sense of social justice and fairness the better life will become.

I understand savings need to be made but the events like summer carnivals and winter fairs really boost the community. I would be happy for my council tax to increase in order to continue these events. It must be spent on these events only though.

I understand that councils are being squeezed financially by central government. I also understand that savings must be made where possible. However, even in these tough times I don't believe that these can or should be taken from schools or provision for school children, this is wholly unacceptable. Schools are already under massive financial strain, and it is impacting childrens education, staff morale, job longevity and parent options for children. I speak as both a teacher and a parent and say that Caerphilly should be proud of its schools and do anything other than further reduce funding for schools or school meals. You must, as professionals have contingency plans and/or at least a plan B? I notice a number of under-used council buildings, offices and facilities that sit essentially moth-balled. I see the beautiful buildings you use as main offices etc. the mone that really sticks out the frankly inefficient monies spent on renovating council housing in Caerphilly county. I do not believe this was done with cost-effectiveness and quality in mind, sub-contracting caused massive delays, low quality and ongoing issues that swallowed huge monetary resources. Bottom line is, robbing children of a good education is something that will hurt us and them in the future, This plan is not a good one, it must be reassessed, and must protect schools - they can't lose any more funding.

I understand that savings have to be made but I am most concerned to read about the proposal to cease the meals on wheels service to what is essentially all of the elderly persons using the service in the area except for one client. My mother in law is 89 and has been recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's. She has been using this service for several years now and this is a lifeline to her as she only has a microwave in her home, there is not even room for a cooker in her tiny kitchen ..... and even if there was she would potentially be a danger to herself if she had to use one. How is ending this service going to help her and the many other elderly people in her position? At the moment she is able to live relatively independently and hates having to rely on family to do things for her. I believe most elderly persons would feel the same, do we not have a duty of care towards them? I strongly disagree with this proposal.

I understand that savings have to be made however cutting services that support people's ability to become active citizens, or support them to improve on their mental health & well-being, to feel safe or to recognise them for the free contributions they make to CCBC finances such as carers of all ages (I am an adult carer) should continue to be funded, otherwise the longer term financial burden will be higher to the likes of the NHS than the short term savings.

I understand that savings should be made but I feel closure of two of the councils community recycling skips is only asking for more rubbish to be dumped on our common land . The rubbish being left on our mountains is a danger to wildlife and ourselves as asbestos has been left on our mountain and this needed specialists to clean this mess up thus an added expense. I also feel that flexi time within the council needs to be looked at sooner than later. I cannot understand how a person builds up so many weeks yes weeks of flexi time and who is covering their job while they have 50 plus holidays a year. I support an increase in council but only if the increase is used wisely

I understand that there are plans to close the Channel View hall on Ty Sign. I object to this as it will leave many local community groups without a place to meet. We recognise that there are problems with the existing building which is why we are working hard to get funding for the proposed new hall which will be a huge asset to the communities of Ty Sign, Pontymister and Cross Keys. Please do not close this present hall until the new one is in place.

I understand the need for a council tax rise, to due the cut to the authorities funding from WG. however, an £8.00 per month is too much. I don't actually support an increase at all, due to a decrease in services. Increases in council tax should mean service improvements, not paying more for less. increases in council tax, year on year to go towards plugging the budget shortfall is unfair and unsustainable for struggling families. I cant actually afford to give the extra council tax, on top of the increase in school meals. You say, it wont impact on vunerable familes, which is completely untrue. I am not entitled to help from the state, but that doesn't mean I can afford these rises again and again.

I understand the need for savings but it seems ridiculous that the savings, as usual, are primarily being cut from the services that most need them. Life is already difficult enough for our schools and education, yet you seem intent on making it moreso in an area where education standards are low, there is little incentive for our future generations to focus on their education and their need to better themselves to increase opportunities for employment in the future. Our councils and governments neglect to realise that one needs to invest in their futures to improve their prospects and thus reduce the longer term outcomes of unemployment, homelessness and benefits necessity. Interestingly, the cuts to the educational budget cuts would have been covered by the £4m wasted on your ..... executives still currently under investigation. Try looking after the community as a whole not just those within your own narrow eschelons. Caerphilly, could be a beautiful place that makes more use of its landmarks (eg. Castle) to generate income. Putting on events within the castle to draw more visitors to generate larger incomes for the areas. As it stands, it's simply a relic that looks nice in pictures despite the money wasted on it by Case for a set of dragons and a poxy maze. Invest in it and the surrounding areas to improve the look of the town, attract business, etc. This will generate more income in terms of taxes, employment, business rates and such. Sure, you'll need to spend the money but first but at least it'll mean a lower reliance on government handouts which are continually reducing despite continuous inflation. Not waste time cutting budgets responsible for upkeep and environment. Social services and community cuts for children - again, same issue as education. You need to invest. If you can cut budgets responsible for 'youth services' then the money you are currently spending is wasted anyway. Try investing it in a way that is meaningful and helpful to the youths of this borough - not what the governing 'oldies' and adults living in the middle class that doesn't seem to reflect the large proportion of this area. Caerphilly town centre is a derelict, waste of space as I'm sure are many of the town's withing the county. It's interesting how the largest savings are in those areas that most need it and relatively little or none from the fat cats that sit on the council exec team who clearly have no understanding as to what is occuring beneath their ranks and solely amount to gross incompetence. Forget looking after your own. Your own is not just your nearest and dearest - it's the entire community - all bodies within the spectrum. Less self- preservation and a bit more altruism to benefit the entire community would be ideal. These proposals are a farce. Caerphilly barely functions as it is. Removing yet more funding from essential services - ridiculous!

I understand the need for savings but when the salaries of senior management at the council are at an all time high it seems controversial to burden the tax payers with yet more increases whilst yet more withdrawel of essential services. What sort of borough will we end up living in, library services in decline, waste management in decline? How about a cut in staff wages for those earning well above the national average?

I understand the need for savings when necessary, but this call for the reduction in services when the council is continuing to spend money on the case of the suspended chief executive is unacceptable. If savings are to be made the first place to look is councillors pay and allowances and the salaries of senior staff in the council, the very people who have presided over the suspension shambles. The fact that the residents of Caerphilly are being asked to accept a cut in services and a possible increase in ciuncil tax, whilst those who control the suspension situation carry on unaffected is beyond me. Perhaps if the councillors and senior staff were affected it may concentrate there minds to get the issue resolved before even more money us earmarked for it.

I understand the need for the financial savings but cannot agree with the proposal to close both Aberbargoed and Penallta civic amenity sites. It seems that the remaining sites will just be serving the very north, south and east of the borough with nothing in the middle. Will this compound the issues surrounding fly tipping on our commons which residents are regularly clearing (voluntarily). I will support the need to increase our council tax but would hope that the authority uses everything in its power to bring the on-going situation with the chief executive to a speedy conclusion. I would also hope that the reduction in street cleansing can also be reconsidered as at the moment, walking through our town centres, especially over the weekend period is unpleasant at best. Do local clubs and pubs have any duty to look after and keep clean the area outside their front doors??

I use my skip to take big rubbish away. We will have more fly tipping on the side of the road and on the mountains, also about the toilets in Ystrad Mynach waiting for the bus, us older people and disabled need them open.

I use the skips regular at Gelligaer. I see enough of rubbish around the sides of roads. If you chose the skips there will be rubbish everywhere and will cause rates. The rubbish on the mountains is disgusting, it will be the worse thing you could do to close them. Why am I paying council tax, is it to see rubbish all over the place.

I vehemently and strongly disagree with the proposed 'savings' by Caerphilly council. Streets are already looking grim, and maintenance of highways is already poor. Good luck with impending insurance claims from pot holes damaging wheels. I also do not support the reduction in drainage budgets - after the rain we have had recently I had to drive through or turn away from many flooded roads. The council will only have to shell out even more when these deteriorate further from no longer being looked after. However, I feel that this is the least needed of all the cuts proposed, and would rather this be sacrificed in the end. Closure of two local recycling centres is a diabolical plan. The nearest centres will then be Blackwood or Caerphilly, which are very far away from each other with no central alternative. Closing of EITHER Penallta or Aberbargoed would be feasible, but certainly not both..... cont

In a day and age where proper recycling and waste disposal is becoming increasingly acknowledged, undertaken and important, it is SO backwards to then work against this effort by closing two centres vital to such a cause (I expect someone in the council at least watched the latest series of Blue Planet?!). Whilst those of us conscientious enough will make the journey to Blackwood or Caerphilly, many people either won't bother, or won't physically be able to. Closing a local amenity like this will only increase fly-tipping and improper waste disposal. There are countless articles linking increasing fly tipping with lack of waste disposal, laziness and charging for bulky item collection (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42689357>, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/10/16/council-waste-charges-lead-increase-fly-tipping/> and probably most reliably this link:

<http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/Jill-Dando-report-flytipping-research-report.pdf> where it specifically links lack of amenities and 'deprived areas') and I would be furious to find that fly tipping increases once you close these sites. Fly tipping is an environmental disaster, linked to spread of disease, damaging environment and soil and also damaging the perception of an area and people's enjoyment of it. If on top of this, Caerphilly no longer spends enough on clean up, fly tipping and issues surrounding it will exponentially increase. A reduced service or closure of just one is far more sensible. Perhaps footfall and usage at each could be investigated and see how this can influence decisions on which to close or when to reduce hours. Reduction of staff in schools is a poor idea - schools are already grossly overstretched and pupils suffer as a result. I understand that it will be up to schools to decide this, but you are forcing their hand by reducing budgets. School meals should only be free to those who need them, under a fair mean-tested set up. I support the lunchtime patrol being scrapped, and disagree that the risk is high - instead this could be implemented from lunchtime school volunteers. I support the slight increase in parking charges and bus fares, and charging parking on a Sunday would be in line with other areas (i.e. Cardiff), and could be done at a reduced rate or hours.

Scrapping of meals on wheels is unjust, and may lead to increased poor health in the elderly. For some, this may be their only decent meal a day. Imagine if that was a relative of your own. I routinely pay over £3 for a sandwich in work, if I have to buy rather than bring my own. I find it absolutely ridiculous that council meals are AT ALL subsidised! Staff should be made to bring their own or pay full price for meals. I have never had a work place subsidise my meal, and would be horrified if my meal was being subsidised at the expense of say, an elderly person having a meals on wheels provision. Council staff should be ashamed of themselves for even thinking this is acceptable. Staff can bring their own lunch, or even go out into the LOCAL village and spend money on LOCAL businesses that are struggling. Cont.....

I support the increase in dog retrieval from the pound as I feel that this would make people look after their pets properly and would ensure that dogs would go into rescue if their owner didn't value the dog enough to retrieve it for that amount. I do not use them much, but I recognise the inherent value of library services and community centres. For some, these are people's social hubs and rely on them. Three-quarters of elderly people in the UK are lonely, and cutting services like these may only exacerbate that as some may have nowhere else to go for social interaction. I hope that the impact on these will be minimised. I am disgusted that whilst Daniel Perkins, Anthony O'Sullivan and Nigel Barnett were suspended, they were given full pay, and then on top of that offered huge severance deals with pensions! No wonder the budget has been stretched so much, when the case cost approx £4 million. It is decisions like this that make the rest of us suffer. Those of us who pay council tax and all sorts, are funding pay outs like this whilst our areas crumble around us. Many decisions proposed in this budget shuffle are immoral and ignorant to those that live in the area, those on low incomes, and those that are vulnerable or alone. I also personally know that people in the council can be kept on FULL sick pay for months and months on end. This needs to be assessed, and people taking advantage of the system need to be deterred. I do not feel like this budget has been conscientious of the people living in the council boundaries, and that there must be more that can be done. Simply asking if we support the council tax hike is not subjective enough. For some better off, an increase would barely be noticed, but may severely impact those on lesser incomes. It's a more complex question than you are implying. Personally I only agree with the hike IF amenities and services paid for by the tax are being kept. At this rate, we are essentially being charged more for less, which is no deal to be having at all!!! I have only marked it as supporting it for now, as that is most aligned to my personal situation - I can afford the increase, BUT I only support it if we are not paying for a lesser service.

I very strongly disagree with the cuts you are proposing to make. The majority of these will affect hard working families like my own - and the 6.95% increase in council tax is simply a kick in the teeth. I'd love to know how much money you could save by re-evaluating which staff are actually necessary within the council. The overpaid people at the top could surely take a pay cut? I can live with you cutting back on the green area maintenance as this makes total sense. Perhaps turning every other streetlight out might save some money? Perhaps freezing pay rises on council staff, much the same as the NHS and police? Perhaps scaling back the free school meals? Have a bit of common sense and don't punish the people who actually PAY for council tax.

I VERY STRONGLY disagree with the proposed closure of civic amenity centres at Aberbargoed and Penallta. I truly believe this proposal to be false economy, as the amount of FLY TIPPING will GREATLY INCREASE. A lot of money is spent clearing up after fly tipping and this cost will increase. Plus the impact fly tipping will have on the environment. Why not keep all open, but on reduced days.

I want to make the point that cultural services are also important to the well-being of communities and something should not be cut simply because it is not statutory- that is - just because it is not a statutory service it doesn't mean that it is not important. Arts, Heritage and Cultural activities and opportunities are vital to the overall well-being of our communities and in order to fulfil all aspects of our responsibilities laid out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act we have to be able to provide access to cultural sites and activities for Caerphilly County Borough's residents. This does not just mean providing Welsh- language opportunities, although this is important, but it also includes arts activities that by nature offer a way to promote well-being across all age groups as well as reducing isolation and encouraging intergenerational work and community cohesion. I work for CCBC but live in Blaenau Gwent. At home (in BGCB) we've had our waste collection reduced to just once every 3 weeks but our recycling is collected every week. The reduction in waste collection has not made any significant difference to the cleanliness of our street, so this could be a really good way to save money.

I witnessed myself how important meals on wheels are. Please consider if you were elderly and alone how would you manage. Not all elderly are kept an eye on through social services or by cares and won't be able to access food services available on line. As for increased council tax and childrens school meals as a family of five both of us work, we are already struggling with out goings and only are able to offer our children dinners twice a week as it becomes to expensive. We are just an average family like most people in the bourgh and this is going to have a massive effect pushing more families in to debt and poverty.

I would be disappointed if Mam's meals on wheel stopped as it makes sure that she has dinner while I'm in work. Mam is disabled and can't stand long and cook and gives me peace of mind she have had food and is in safe keeping. I have no problem paying for the meals which keeps us happy. Hope they can stay or I will have to find some other service, at moment we are happy.

I would be opposed to the closure of libraries, but if reduced spending keeps them open that is the least worst option. I would hope the savings in Highways spending would be to the detriment of the current infrastructure. I am strongly opposed to the closure of community centres, even though none are close enough to directly affect me. The need for community cohesion and support is high. I am also opposed to the closure of public conveniences. In most locations in the County Borough there is currently insufficient public toilet provision. This will have a direct effect on those already vulnerable for health or age reasons, and could make it even more difficult for them to venture out, even with support.

I would be very angry if meals on wheels service were scrapped, reasons given overleaf. Libraries are the only social contact for many lonely and elderly people. Closing two civic amenities sites would increase the ready large problem of fly-tipping.

I would like everything to stay the same as they are if it is possible to do so.

I would like to object to the proposed closing of the channel view hall. The hall has a lot more use than it used to with at least 6 local groups using it as their main meeting point, providing benefits to the community at large

I would like to register my objection to the following proposals. Reduction in music service, reduction in library services, recuction/termination of some bus routes, recution in public engagment budget for waste management, closure of public conveniences, closure of community centres (including reduction of care taker support). I feel paticulrly strongly that providing young people with opportunities to participate in music ?? and or ro learn an instrument is life enhancing and supports them in school and socially. I support some of the proposals to reduce waste management services, which is why i feel the budget for public engagemnet is all the more important (not less).

I would like to strongly disagree with the council closing the community hall on channel view for many reasons. I have been a reside t of risca all my life 52 years a d have used the hall regularly throughout those years. Risca has always been a deprived area with very little facilities, especially for those with limited incomes, however the hall has provided for those with dancing classes,youth clubs ,parties,at this time over 6 different groups currently use the hall. There is no other alternate hall at present, however I understand something may be coming but at present it is not available the these groups will no longer have those groups in the community you will be leaving groups to break up when I thought the idea was to encourage community partiipati on. I also understand the community group in charge of the hall now has funds to make any moderation repairs to the hall, so the hall could remain viable for a few more years , until the new hall is built. As a responsible council I would like to think you would take into consideration the amount of facilities we have at risca.

I would much prefer to pay increased CT to cover funding shortfalls. In my opinion, services have fallen below the expected standard and further cuts will just see community and environmental standards fall unacceptably. I also have to say that the financial scandal surrounding the Chief Exec's pay fiasco is a disgrace. Further, outlying towns like ours (Risca) are being sorely neglected as a result of funding cuts and pressures.

I would not support closure of recycling centers which will lead to increased fly tipping and the associated cost of clearance. Why not stop litter picking on sundays at double time pay? I see teams on the dual carriageways on most sundays.



I would suggest savings could be made in other areas a complete rethink is needed a more efficient use of resources To target the young and old is not conducive to good governance.
I would support the increase if it meant retaining jobs within local authority and providing more investment into infrastructure
I write as the Secretary of Cefn Hengoed Community Centre. There are two proposals that would directly affect our Community Centre. Both involve the partial or total removal of support for the finance of the Caretaker. The first proposal to partially remove support for our Caretaker, although not palatable, would certainly allow the Centre to remain open for many years to come. Whereas the total removal of the financial support would see us dip into our financial reserves and allow us to stay open for approximately 15 months passed the date of its removal. Obviously theses figures are only for our Community Centre as other Centres have much larger reserves than ourselves. Also I am at a loss to understand how you will be able to make the total savings if both proposals are instigated. Surely it is one or either of the Savings rather than both. (Double Accounting at its best). As a Committee we understand that Savings have to be made but couldn't they be made at a slower rate than proposed. Secretary
I'm a client of meals direct service, I was referred to this service on leaving hospital after my first total hip replacement as I suffer with .... I live on my own
I'm extremely worried about the impact on our local communities. Losing safety wardens, public toilets , street cleansing etc .... who will want to live here? And what do these cuts mean for our future generations?
I'm happy to support a greater increase in Council Tax. Council Tax Reduction Scheme is available for those on low incomes who will find this difficult to pay and I would request that following any increase in Council Tax the Council promote the CTRS scheme by putting it on the front page of Newslines and adding a punchy insert to bills as well as updating website and making leaflets available at other locations such as surgeries etc.
I'm sure the authority has done it's best in recognising savings that can be made with little impact to the public. The proposals appear to be as balanced across services as possible.
I'm very much opposed to the council proposal closure of the Aberbargoed and Penallta civic amenity sites. This would leave it open to fly tipping on a major scale. It would cost the council a lot more money cleaning up after the fly tipping than if the site was kept open. I also think that stopping meals on wheels would be a bad thing for those people who depend on them. Please keep all things open.
If cutting services why don't you cut your privilege lives no more chauffeur driven cars , cut your wages , cut management, sell off your ridiculous HQ .
If the Welsh Government have cut the funding by 0.03% why are proposals that some services be cut by between 50 and 100% and the Council Tax be increased by 6.95%. Surely if all outgoings were reduced by 0.03% that would cover the shortfall. Efficiency measures alone in most departments would result in this easily along with renegotiation of tenders to sub contractors.
If this facility is closed it will mean more fly tipping in the area. The whole area will be affected by this closure and the village will suffer.
In reply to your letter about cutting the meals on wheels service when this works so well, run by your staff who are so happy and obliging, nothing is too much trouble, wet or fine. Surely there is something less VITAL you can cut. We have been using this service since 2015. We are both disabled and housebound so we really need such a good service. PLEASE, PLEASE think again. Your in anticipation, .... council tenants .... and seen many changes, some good, some bad.

In reply to your letter of 13th December 2018, I would like to convey in this letter, which should also be sent on to Caerphilly County Borough Council, my concerns about any consideration to cease the Meals Direct Service. The important value of the service to those confined to their homes by age and/or disability is clear since it has been found necessary since it was started by the WRVS shortly after the Second World War. I am now 93 years old and find the meals to be of good quality and a great help since it would be difficult to prepare a major meal due to arthritis of the knees and poor vision due to macular degeneration. I am also severely deaf. I am conscious too that, for those more severely disabled, the Meals Direct Service is vital to maintaining a nutritious diet. In addition, for some, the daily delivery may be their only human contact during that day. From the economic point of view, although the cooks and delivery personnel might be redeployed by the County Borough, I would point out that it is considerably cheaper for the Council to support the independent living of ratepayers in their own homes rather than in care homes. These are, I believe, strong and coherent arguments that the Meals Direct Service is not only an essential element in maintaining independence in one's own home, but that it is cost-effective for the Council. Against this background, to cut the Service would be to target the elderly, disabled and most vulnerable.

In the age of the environmental challenges, how can you justify closing the Penallta recycling centre. This closure will only lead to a much greater level of fly tipping which you will then have to clear. It's a short term view and not long term. Additionally people will just dump items in the green bins and not look to recycle. CCBC have had a lead in recycling and this undoes all your previous hard work. I strongly oppose the closure of the Penallta refuse site.

In this years AGM the councilors voted to give themselves a pay rise for something that used to be a voluntary position with paid expenses. The councilors are now paying themselves for unproven hours more than they are paying people who are actually working for the council. The council has failed to make a decision on the fraud of the Chief Executive. If he is not guilty then he should resume his position regardless of the feelings of the councilors or the workers, if he is guilty then treat him accordingly. You are paying the man an exorbitant wage for no work. Make him attend the council offices 2-4 times a day to sign in and sign out. He has made a fool of the council and you are allowing this to continue. Are you increasing our council tax so that you can continue to pay for 2 chief executives? If you cut the Waste Recycling Centres then obviously you will have an increase of fly tipping and rubbish left around and increase the need for street cleansing because so many people don't care anymore. The grass cutting and highways maintenance is already hit and miss and depends where in Caerphilly area you live. You are cutting budgets for services provided to Social Services, this is very short sighted of the council as Wellbeing, support for struggling families and young people will in the long term increase the number of children being taken into care. The services supporting families can do provide different levels of support because they are not Social Services and are unfortunately, trusted more by families. If you take away meals on wheels, the day centres then you will see an increase on the number of adults with additional needs and older people needing fulltime or residential care because you are reducing their families ability to cope. If you take away family support within Children's and Adult Services it is the people who cannot get benefits who will suffer and who will pick up on arising Safeguarding and POVA issues? If you increase in school meal prices then it's those who are on the borderline of poverty who will suffer. Is someone really going to read this and consider it or have the decisions already been and this is a meaningless, expensive exercise in pretending to listen?

Increasing school meal prices, this only effects working families so yet again puts us at a disadvantage. Maybe now is the time to look more into those who get free school meals and make cut backs there. As a family of 6 with bother parents working and struggling with childcare any increase in council tax would be extremely hard. We get no help other than child tax credits. We u fortunately cannot send our children on a lot of school activities and have also had to say no to guitar lessons as they are now payable at the new school whereas they were free at the kids previous school. Maybe keep things in line among schools. Why free for one and not the other?

Instead of taking away what the public receive, look at your own organisation first. Look at reducing the number of people in senior posts as it's the front facing people who do all the work and are more than capable of making operational decisions. They could even be upskilled for these posts, there is plenty of funding out there for training and development. Our streets are filthy, I've travelled around the world and the litter and fly tipping in our county and nation is disgusting! By reducing waste collection and closing down refuse centre it will only get worse. It's embarrassing! All refuse collection and road cleaning staff should stop when they see large amounts of litter and pick it up, not drive past it for days on end! School dinners are a rip off, not many people use the service unless they get them free and rely on them. It would be more beneficial to make children packed lunch boxes daily. It would reduce dinner lady staff at schools, the teachers can cover the yard at break time! If you increase the cost only the those who receive them free will have them defeating the object really. You are the only council in Wales who charge for refuse / recycling bags! Less people recycle food waste. Sell your (our) waste to the power station in Cardiff like Cardiff council does! They must make some good money and save on landfill space and staff too!

It has a impact on the most vulnerable people disabled people adult and children I also worry of support disabled people will get in education

It is bad enough we have to go to the skip as the Croeso Club which I belong to they don't pick the rubbish, there's always rubbish around there, as well as needles. With new houses in our area, the fly tipping is really bad in our area and it looks like its getting worse. Just what are we paying council tax for!

It is of course a shame to see any of these reductions forced by the policies of central government. However it is a good discipline to review all non direct delivery on- cost like central admin. Penallta Waste Recycling closure is very questionable. I use this service regularly and on occasion have visited other sites. Penallta is without doubt the best organised, tidiest and in my experience busiest of them all. Any reduction may well result in increased fly tipping. Why not just reduce opening days as you have done before. Retain the site so that if funding changes services can be expanded. Also consider a better method to allow commercial use by removing the need to get a permit from the council offices. Make a charge on the site for vans. This could increase use and revenue. Consider charging all users £1 per visit. Caerphilly CBC have done well in achieving recycling. Don't go backwards. Reducing some grasscutting and weeding services makes ecological sense. Too many areas are denuded of meadow type plants by excessive cutting. All done in the spirit of "tidiness" I am sure but nature isn't always tidy. However if left it can be beautiful and fauna friendly. To what extent is the council promoting volunteer support for services. I realise that there is a management cost in coordinating volunteering but do you have clear inter departmental strategy?

It is very difficult for my wife and I to support any of the proposed savings when so much money is wasted elsewhere within the council. When leaders are faced with difficult decisions they only give a select list to make people think they have a choice. Therefore we would like the cabinet to look at a wider choice of savings to give its constituents an easier and worthwhile proposals.

1. Grass cutting has already been reduced to once a fortnight which means when the verges are not cut I have to cut the verge outside my property myself as the long grass looks terrible. When the long grass is then eventually cut it is left along the street as the blades of grass are too long to be blown away as before. The bundles of grass then go down the drain causing other problems for the council to solve. The unsightly verges and roundabouts will also put off new residents, visitors and tourists to the area.
2. The household waste service is currently very good and works. If it is reduced it will cause more fly tipping and dumping which will cause the council other problems which will require more money to put right.
3. If we reduce libraries, adult services and day care services the residents of Caerphilly will not be able to educate themselves, improve their personal situation and look for work which will require the council to spend money in other areas.
4. Schools budgets are being decreased by the Council just at a time when a new curriculum is being introduced and the expert employed to suggest improvements, Donaldson, has advised to spend money on improving education so the cuts being proposed go against what the government expert has advised.
5. Most families already choose to send their children to school with a packed lunch as they find lunches expensive. The majority of pupils receiving lunch have free school meals so an increase here would make little difference or force more families to send the children with a packed lunch which will put more pressure on the catering service.
6. If a cut in safety wardens goes ahead it will put lives at risk. If there was not a need for safety wardens the service would not have been introduced in the first place.
7. Meals on wheels also provide an amazing service for those who need it. Just like the safety wardens if there was not a need the service would not already exist.

We cannot and do not support any of the proposed savings. We would like the cabinet to look at a wider range of areas to save money. A few weeks ago a petition of 900 signatures was given to the council requesting that a suspended council member's wages should be ceased. Unfortunately this was not supported. This one action would have saved £250,000 per year which is about the same amount of money saved by selling a fantastic asset Ynys Hywell. We know that difficult times require difficult decisions but the proposals do not make sense as savings can be made elsewhere within the council. We plead with the cabinet to look at managers' wages compared to vital employees on small wages (e.g. safety officers, meals on wheels, librarians and the parks service) who provide an amazing service. Those loyal employees are also residents within Caerphilly who put money back into the community. The motto working together for the good of all needs to be adhered to at this difficult time. With great power comes great responsibility so please look again at areas where savings can be made before you take away vital services from those who need it the most.

It would be amazing if all the political parties and independent councillors could really work together for the good of all instead of trying to score points.

It's all well and good increasing council tax. But the working class people are the ones that struggle with no help from anywhere because they choose to work. The lowest earners are the ones being made to pay more, whilst wages are either frozen or hours cut. More people will be claiming benefits and be reliant on handouts after CCBC lay off all the staff that the cuts include. Meals on wheels staff? Leisure center staff? Community police? And so many more. All made unemployed by CCBC. And yet CCBC manage to find money to erect monuments, tributes in villages. CCBC need to release some of the top earners and stop picking on the weak, vulnerable, the low earners, the mothers who are trying to support their families by doing 3 or more jobs in CCBC just to make a wage.

It's an excellent idea to raise. Council taxes by 6.9% to meet your targets. However I can't comply with whatever % you increase it as I am on a retirement pension which at best may go up by 1.5% and that won't cover what you are asking for. Most things in life are/will continue to cost more, but NOT 6.9%!! AND WHY are you discriminating against English schools by giving large sums of money ONLY to Welsh school. Glyngaer junior school could do with the £240,000 you are allocating to a Welsh junior school . As could Lewis Girls school Pengam, which is falling down, do with £1000000 being given to Welsh comp. As for closing the only two refuse/recycling centres in Penallta and Aberbargoed, where are we supposed to go now? Caerphilly, which is 4 miles away? Are you paying for my transport?

It's very hard to have a serious conversation about cuts to services in the Caerphilly County Borough when 4' 1 million pounds of tax payers money will have been squandered in the shameful pay dispute that began in 2013. A full explanation of how such a ludicrous and obscene waste of public money can be justified should be given to everyone who pays taxes within this County Borough.

It's very unfortunate that these budget restrictions are being imposed as they will inevitably have a negative impact on quality of life for those of us living in Caerphilly: especially those on lower incomes, benefits or in need of other support services to function and have quality of life Whilst recognising the imperative to save on services to meet the budget challenge faced, I believe that closing recycling / waste centres will back-fire through increasing needs to address fly-tipping and by generally increasing the levels of refuse and litter within the Caerphilly Council area of responsibility.

Less grass cutting to allow wild flowers to flourish and help bee population would be a benefit. Cutting the pay to suspended officials would help cover a lot of this cost as it is ridiculous that they are still getting paid for this amount time and money for doing nothing not a good use of tax papers money and an absolute insult to all residents.

Lets get rid of the following: i am happy to pay extra for my child's school meals lets get rid of community safety wardens. lets close public toilets and the community centers as there is not much of any importance going on in there. LETS GET RID OF EXTRA STAFF WORKING IN COUNCIL OFFICES THROUGH OUT THE BOROUGH Lets keep the following: Highway maintenance is a must along with street cleansing recycle centers is also a must libraries i think is also a must for a lot of people and adult services school budgets is also a must meals on wheels is also a must

Look again at proposals cut towards community centres. A big affect on the whole of the village.

Looking at this from a very high level, the public perception here is that council tax will be increasing and less services will be provided. That just isnt acceptable or sustainable. The focus of the savings has been to cut out posts that havent been filled which allow for "fake" savings, and a reduction of services that NEED to be delivered. There is no defined focus of reviewing what currently gets delivered and by whom as there could be massive savings there. I worked there for a number of years and the staff wastage in penallta house in particular was eye watering. I found it difficult working in an environment towards which i was contributing via my tax and seeing the output first hand.

Ludicrous , expect more money for less services. I am vulnerable and I can see me being very effected by this . Hang your heads in shame

Many of these proposed financial savings continue to rip the heart out of communities. What is CCBC doing to get multinational businesses to invest? We are in a geographically strategic position in South Wales yet we have retail parks lying half empty. Business parks, with hardly a business. Investment should be the strategy, not yet more cuts. This is what years of a socialist Labour led council has done - not changed with the times. Relying on handouts from Westminster and Cardiff, hoping for slight increases is not the answer - we must create our own wealth. We need to open our doors and offer massive tax cuts to businesses to incentivise them to come here, we need to sort out our ageing road network - the daily congestion in Wattsville is bad enough to discourage any potential investor. Unless labour steps aside in its running of CCBC, in 10 years time the county will be in a desolate position.

Maybe a radical idea for 2019/20 would be not to employ inept or ..... (allegedly) council leaders who give themselves big pay raises then sit at home on gardening leave for years living it up on our money. This would save a few million for a start. More arts in schools, music, drama and literature really benefits society.

Meals direct - Leaving vulnerable people without the means to feed themselves, some of who don't have family or friends who can spare the time to make meals each day. Not all cases are free, this needs better management not scrapping. Street cleaning/grass cutting/highway maintenance - The streets need to be cleaned, not everyone has the same level of cleanliness. Where are our children supposed to play? We already battle with animal mess and rubbish, adding the non-grass cutting will leave playing fields unusable. Roadside verges will surely be a HS matter? The roads are appalling anyway, surely the overgrown verges would limit motorists and pedestrians visibility. Potholes - would the rise in claims due to damage to vehicles be less than a potential saving? Household waste sites - Fly tipping would be rife, more money for clean up teams. Allow trailers to waste sites. Libraries/Youth/Adult Services - These services are essential to our vulnerable members of society. Some people may only get out purely for these times. Reduction in school funding - Some schools are underfunded and some are struggling. Things won't get easier or the level of education will surely drop. Increase school dinners - Some children may only get this meal a day. Some parents may simply not be able to afford it, if an increase occurs. Council tax increase - Living wage does not equate to the proposed increase. Working class people will be affected. Some people simply cannot afford it.

Meals on wheels - totally disagree as this proposal will affect very vulnerable people in our community. The proposal is contrary to the LAs intention to keep people as independent as possible and living in their own homes. Increase in fees e.g. registrars, licences etc. - totally agree hard decision, but no other alternative. Similarly agree with car parking/residential permit increases. Disagree with closure of civic amenity sites - well used facility in Aberbargoed - could lead to an increase in fly tipping and result in additional costs to LA in remaining waste.

Meals on wheels should be kept (reasons on next, turn over)

More money for police - more police Charge when ambulances are called out to drug abuse and drunks - if they can drink, buy drugs they can afford to pay for care

My mother is 91 years old. Never abused the NHS or social services. She lives independently on her own and this is her wish. She therefore does NOT drain the services in nursing homes or the NHS. We as a family support her and also the neighbours - "we are lucky". Please do NOT take away meals on wheels as this will take away SOME of her independence. My mother has always worked and paid her taxes!!

My wife and I live off my pension and are just about managing but ever increasing costs are making it extremely difficult. I strongly disagree with this proposal to increase Council Tax - and why Band D only?

No mention is made in this draft of the continuing huge sums necessary to finance the debacle of Chief Ex. suspension/garden leave. How much more is this going to cost the taxpayer?? Please publish full costs to date.

No need to increase council tax or find savings - stop paying ..... millions and millions of pounds .....

No restrictions on street lighting No more closing of sport centres - community facilities These are cuts to services while increasing charges, a unenviable task which holds no enchantment for the service users or those implementing them. Thanks for the consultation however, if I can serve in any way in the future .....

No Waste Disposals sites should be closed as this will encourage fly tipping. CCBC should stop the CCBC newspaper circulated to homes. This is an unnecessary expense. Those interested should be using CCBC web site. This would save money and reduced the use of paper The expense of the mayor should be saved by disposing of the post. I learned that there is a post of deputy mayor. Neither post is needed. School budgets being cut - disgraceful. Particularly when CCBC supports a mayor as mentioned above- Priorities are wrong .. Councillors involved on the Senior Officers farce should resign CCBC must have a good look at itself at the financial waste.

None

None of the proposals will benefit the community. If you want people to support Labour councillors you must reject these cuts OR do it the simple way and ask the public to pay more council tax, the people on low incomes do not have to pay anyway.
On a general basis I am against any cuts in public services, however I do appreciate local government is in a difficult position in times of austerity. I will comment on each area of proposed saving but I am very unhappy at the chief officer fiasco still ongoing which has cost the council atn amount which will be equivalent to a third of the proposed savings.i would also comment there seems no proposals to cut jobs in the corporate centre. As services are cut the need for staff in the corporate centre to support services should also be cut. I believe any cuts to adult services should be cancelled. Adult centres are a lifeline for individuals and plans for cuts in this area should be scrapped.
One councillors per ward Scrap pay for council leader Steel play equipment in all parks At time of death people do not want extra expense
Our main concerns: The closure of two household waste recycling centres. Reductions in school budgets and school initiatives. Closure of public toilets and four community centres.
Over the last few months I've noticed already a significant drop in the standard of cleanness of the roads and public areas in my town. The streets seem to be dirty with rubbish going uncollected. Ive noticed bins overflowing (including dog litter bins) which then add to the rubbish already on the streets. Recently I've even noticed bins overflowing at Cwm Darren Park a usually beautiful area to walk in. The councils proposal to reduce street cleaning etc will only add to the mess already on our streets. Further to this the councils plans to close two of its waste recycling centres will only encourage an increase in fly tipping on beauty spots such as Gelligaer Common where there is already a huge problem and in the long run cost the Council more money in removing the rubbish from these areas. It seems to me cuts in these areas will prove unviable in the long term. It seems to me that perhaps a reduction in what the Council pays its top executives etc and the money saved plowed back into the community budget would be more popular with its constituents.
Overall I agree with the proposed changes with the following exception I strongly suggest that the council reconsider closing the Penalta Civic Amenity Site (tip). This is one of the most central tips and is used regularly by the community. I strongly suggest the council reviews which sites are used and collects the most waste. This should then be used to help determine which site closes. If this is already done please share the information with the community
Pathetic!. Spend our money investing something going absolutely nowhere then expect us to pay to cover what was supposed to be our money in the first place?! Scandalous.
Pay more get less worst deal I've ever heard of for residents, why all of a sudden do the council need to make 15 million in savings if they have been over spending on residents behalf unbeknown to them why should we be punished, refuse collection street cleaning and school funding, should not be touched making a hook dinners more expensive will result in more children taking packed lunch which may or may not be the objective, I believe once again councils and government whom are supposed to work in the interest of the people are giving them a bum deal
Personally I'd rather my council tax go up further than to see any of these cuts. However out of all of them the cutting of any funds to education is something I would be most unhappy about. I appreciate it's a small thing but we do have a lot of lights up at Christmas. While I do love them perhaps the amount could be reduced? Just have them in the town centres. Lots of small savings are often easier to cope with than large changes.
Please do not close the civic amenity sites at Penallta and Aberbargoed. Can you imagine the mess on the streets. Bin collections, all praise to the men, out in all weather, grass collections during the summer, an other praise to all concerned. Congratulations on the new roundabout at Pwll-y-Pant. One suggestion "PLEASE DO NOT MAKE THE LIGHTS PART TIME".

Please focus on the areas that are not needed: STOP the Big Cheese, it does not bring additional footfall into the local businesses, people from Caerphilly do not attend it is just a waste of money. Saving £xxx,xxx Stop the Christmas events or at least show transparency and publish the accounts i.e. does the event break even or cost the taxpayer money. Reduce the events team, this is a luxury that Cardiff City dispensed with over a decade ago. STOP the costly hard copy of the NewsLine paper, move online. Given the drive to make us all recycle more this is a major contradiction. Run the council like a business. A friend of mine works for the council and through careful use of flexi time and holiday entitlement can take nearly 10 weeks a year off, this would never be possible in the private sector and must be costing a fortune in lost productivity. Get some enforcement officers for parking (April 2019), dog fouling, littering etc. These will more than pay for themselves and in fact generate additional income. Increase parking, leisure centre, library charges so that those who use these facilities pay and not everybody.

Prices should not go up for the services provided...period. we already have ridiculous chores to do such as sorting the rubbish etc which could provide a few jobs at a recycling centre. Seeing very few uses of the money makes people think what are we paying for? And what we do see it spent on is complete .... cheap solutions.

Recycling is key in this day and age. We are encouraged to recycle more than ever. Also libraries youth and adult services are so important. My daughter has learning disability and lives on her own in a privately rented flat. she has hardly any help at all and can't get a council or housing association flat. She can only have 1 bedroom because of bedroom tax and 1 bed flats are very hard to find unless you are 55 or over. I am also disgusted on the amount of money spent on the case regarding the dishonest counsellors. Millions have been wasted. They were paid while investigation was ongoing and this has impacted on the money the council has to spend. If this money hadn't been spent the council would not be in this position. Residents should not be punished for the wrong doings of a few seemingly ..... councillors!

Reduce the amount of councillors on pay roll

Reduced street cleaning - litter continues to be a huge problem in the borough if cleaning is reduced the environmental impact on residents would be very negative psychologically. We are proud of our area and want to remain so. Closure of waste recycling amenities - we value so much the opportunity to dispose of all kinds of waste at our local centre, closure will certainly increase fly tipping incidents and result in further costs to remove this litter from road sides and rural areas.

Reducing spending on libraries,m etc., will cause problems in developing knowledge and skills of people in the Borough. Closing the two household waste recycling centres is not the only alternative. Perhaps the two centres should open on different days.To get rid of the provision will increase the risk of fly tipping. I would even suggest that the current system consider how people manage who do not have a car. Closing public toilets should only be considered after adequate alternative provision is made.If easily accessible good quality provision were to be made then this could provide a suitable alternative than the current toilet provision. I would be prepared to pay for clean toilets e.g. in a shop. If there were no toilets then people could become more isolated particularly taking into consideration that the population is aging. Closing community centres would also increase isolation unless an alternative provision is made for people to meet.



Reduction in Community Regeneration Fund - strongly object to a reduction in this grant scheme. This has been used for many years to support the voluntary sector in relation to projects they deliver for their communities. Voluntary organisations provide significant facilities for local residents that are not provided elsewhere, and with lots of cuts being introduced by the Council the services the voluntary sector provide will be even more vital to local communities in the future. Carriageway resurfacing and other highways maintenance budgets - strongly object to a reduction in this budget. Many of the roads across the county borough are already in a shocking condition, so any reduction in this budget will cause even greater deterioration in the condition of the road network. Waste management - introducing charges for bulky waste collection will inevitably lead to more fly tipping, which will cost the Council more in the long run. Closure of 2 civic amenity sites - strongly object to the proposal to close Penallta. This is our local site and we visit it on a regular basis. It is extremely well laid out and very well staffed. It is also extremely well used with queues of cars whenever we visit. By comparison the next nearest site (Llanbradach) is not particularly accessible and is poorly designed. Closing Penallta will undoubtedly lead to increased fly tipping within the local area, as people are reluctant to travel.

Reductions in street cleansing, grass cutting and highways maintenance - I live in the village of Pontlottyn and as far as I am concerned street cleansing doesn't exist, if there was a competition for the dirtiest village in the valleys I would nominate the village. The closure of two Household Waste Recycling Centres - Fly tipping is already an issue, closing these centres will cost the budget more in the long term as CCBC employees will have to collect the rubbish fly-tipped, or are you intending to leave the rubbish? Reduced spending on libraries, youth, adult services and day care provision - Reducing library services could be an area for cuts as more and more people access library services on line, however this would affect the elderly with limited IT access. Reductions in school budgets and school initiatives - This is already an area experiencing cuts but I believe there are areas that could be cut, such as the cost of transport i.e. taxis ferrying children to all corners of the borough when there is possibly closer school in their area. Increases in school meal prices - This is an area that only targets the working families, who will have a double whammy if they also have to fund a Council Tax Rise. The Community Safety Wardens service to cease - I haven't noticed any of these wardens where I live so I would tend to agree, however presence of the non-existent Police service would help to mitigate this. Closure of public toilets and four community centres - Public toilets yes, but community centres are supposed to do what it says, serve the community. Cease Meals on Wheels service except for clients under section 117 - This targets the elderly and vulnerable.

Reduculous to cut meals on wheels services one of the councils core items it to protect the vulnerable so how does removing the service square up to this. Leaving Rhymney Household waste recycling centre open when it is under site investigations to extend the Lawn industrial estate which would mean its closure at that time reducing the number again.

Regarding the Deletion of Community Response Team budget, you can save money by allocating such tasks to young offenders/ prisoners that are just released. Saving money but giving the community a service. Waste Management - closure of 2 Civic Amenity Sites - I strongly object to the closure of these facilities. They are a vital part of the services in the community and if closed would lead to additional costs for dealing with fly tipping. Leaving the community with potential hazards on roads/ walkways and additional health implications. Generally, there needs to be a review of management and processes followed within the organisation to make efficiency gains. Areas where costs need to be cut, should be reviewed with adjoining councils to find synergies and reduce wasted/ duplicated resources.

Regrettably I see no alternative to front line cuts. As local authorities go, it seems we are some of the last in Wales to experience cuts at this level, however the management of the Chief Executive has been appalling. CCBC were compliant in covering up the self imposed pay rises, then when the lid was lifted tried to justify it, whilst there has been no laws committed the moral issue seems to have been lost! Why has there not been a vote of no confidence in the chief Executive long ago? Everyone could have moved on and focused on the job in hand, as it stands you are attempting radical cuts whilst millions have been spent on the whole laughable situation, he should have been sacked in the first instance, even if he had sued he would not have got 3 million in damages!! What a terrible mis-use of public money and how anyone with any self respect could take 3 million in public money for being incredibly deceitful is beyond me.....A lot of people need to answer some very serious questions. It has not been forgotten. As for the increase in council tax 6.9% for less services and facilities, hardly seems value for money!

Reluctantly I accept the proposal to increase the tax by the full 6.95%. I do feel this has come about by under increasing over the last few years making this increase much bigger. Cuts to services is the last resort and I do understand that the council will only do this if no other options are available. I would urge the council to think twice before making a decision on community safety wardens, as they could be used in the new financial to enforce parking offences.

Remove all company cars or car allowance and pay basic mileage instead - privatise non essential service - tender out waste collection - freeze all staff salaries - all in house catering to be run on a commercial basis with no subsidy - cease funding the big cheese

Removing much needed funds from education and libraries is a ridiculous idea. We already struggle with fortnightly refuse collection so further cuts to waste management is just asking for an increase in fly tipping. There is great community unrest regarding the wages still being paid to disgraced council members who no longer officially work for you, and further cutting our public funding/increasing the cost of school meals and transports is riot inciting to be frank.

Removing public convenience in town will make more people prone to public urination. Mixed with reduction of street cleansing will make our towns more filthy. Reduction in highways maintenance will cause more accidents due to potholes. Even more than there are this year. Closing hwrCs will cause more fly tipping. Even though when it's reported nothing is done about it. Increase in school meals may lead to working families who are already struggling not be able to afford to feed their children. Reduction in family support services. There's not enough support as it is. Been waiting for help with one of our children for ASD for over 2 years now. Reduction in playground maintenance. It's hard to find any safe places for our children to play as it is. If playgrounds are kept up to a safe standard children can get injured. Removal of lunchtime crossing patrols. Are you going to introduce a mandatory speed reduction in built up areas around schools?

Resolve the problem of the chief executive on suspension which has cost millions

Ridiculous to cut so much while Austerity has ended according to central government. Stop paying executives that you are getting rid of. I for one will never vote for Labour ever again.

Sad but necessary

Save money by selling your ivory tower at Penallta and get the money back you paid the suspended councillors

Savings proposals make grim reading. Maintaining the education and well being of our children to me should always be a priority of any budget and school / education service seem to be taking an unprecedented hit in these proposals. Civic amenity sites to be reduced. Don't these go some way in paying for themselves? If not what about a minimal charge per vehicle for use. Has this been considered / costed? Will we see an increase in the disgusting fly tipping which is on the increase now? There is little or no news of culprits being caught or heavily fined now! Highways maintenance it seems councillors feel can be left to deteriorate even further, so why ask for vehicles to be 'Road' taxed? Will it take fatalities similar to that of those trees falling and causing deaths some time ago. Then we suddenly saw funding found to cut back or down every tree along our highways throughout the borough. Every proposed cut back will affect each of us directly or indirectly within this borough. Forget about being 'politically correct' or offending extreme groups / minorities / individuals if it benefits the vast majority that should take priority in your decision on any savings. Priority at Caerphilly County Borough Council needs to be resolving the Mr. O'Sullivan issue ASAP. This I assure you will be seen by residents as a positive step forward rather than asking for our views on decisions you have been both elected and paid for by us to take.

School meals have seen a recent increase and I would therefore strongly disagree with any further proposed rise. Families who pay for school meals are working families who already pay the nose for services, not being eligible for any discounted rates for anything. Street cleansing has become more of a need in recent years in the area I live in, I think there should be more surveillance (cctv) in areas where fly tipping is an issue to deter people who dump rubbish and I think those found guilty should be prosecuted / fined to the full extent of the law. I strongly believe schools are already struggling as are the parents and any cuts would be to the detriment of the children.

See comments below

Sell the ivory tower at Penallta

Services which affect opportunities for learning should not be reduced to the detriment of the community, this includes the Music Service, Education and Welfare, Library Services and Schools. Schools already struggle to balance their budgets and where there is an expectation that staff will be reduced, this needs to be considered very carefully to maintain the wellbeing of both staff and students in an already stressed environment. The Council has a moral and legal responsibility to ensure the learning opportunities of our young people are not continually and consistently eroded. I do not believe that the reduction of staff in schools can be regarded as a 'medium' impact. There has already been some rationalisation of library services in previous years, and the trend seems to be moving towards reducing the service altogether. Libraries are at the heart of the community, it's a valuable resource which many of the older generation continue to use, they are still used by school children as a resource for homework. Those who can't afford or don't have access to PCs use the facilities for a host of reasons, not forgetting Mother and Toddler groups, Knit and Natter, and other local groups and societies, so libraries and Community Centres are a fundamental part of a local community and every effort should be made to maintain a service that supports the needs of the community. Reducing road surface repair costs may not be palatable but its expected that some reduction has to be made. It must however NOT be reduced to the point where minimal repairs result in longer term problems creating the need for considerably more expenditure to repair surfaces that have not been maintained properly. as noted this will also risk higher insurance claims, negating any savings made. Meals on Wheels service should not be withdrawn. If this is put in the hands of the private sector it will inevitably involve higher cost as it has to be profitable. How else are those in need to benefit? What contingency would the Council put in place? If cleaning services are to be reduced throughout the Borough how will the current level of waste management be maintained? The closure of two Civic Amenity centres is ridiculous. Many households I'm sure struggle to dispose of non-recyclables on a two weekly cycle as it is, and those who make proper use of these centres will be disadvantaged, particularly if they have to travel greater distances to dispose of their waste. Householders are already charged to dispose of more than three large items so introducing a charge to remove 1 to 3 items AND close Civic Amenity centres is simply unacceptable and does nothing to encourage environmental responsibility and could even result in more fly tipping than happens already. The Council's Corporate Responsibility to DDA compliance is required in law so it would be interesting to know how this can be reconciled without detriment. The effect of restructuring Day Services must take into consideration the needs of users and simply suggesting that users could avail themselves of services elsewhere doesn't take into consideration the difficulties some of these people may have resulting in isolation and ultimately possible withdrawal from social interaction altogether..... cont

Advocating 'promotion of independence to enable people to meet their own outcomes' is management speak, and doesn't address why people go to day centres in the first place. If the Mental Health Carers Support is removed, how is this going to be managed? There is a general thread throughout the proposals of staff reductions, realignment, restructuring and job losses. There is nothing mentioned in Corporate Services of whether or not staffing realignment is being considered for senior management, and how this would affect the savings? The ongoing dispute over senior officer pay rises does nothing to instil confidence in how finances are currently being managed. Whilst there is an inevitability that savings have to be made, this must not be allowed to compromise the services that the people of the Borough want or that they feel they should be entitled to expect from a Council with strong sense of corporate social responsibility. With a proposed Council Tax increase three times the CPI householders will justifiably want to see value for money, and part of this should be the avoidance of elimination or reduction of valuable services.

Several proposals could backfire, creating significant greater costs overall longer term. For example, planned maintenance reduces risk of emergency repairs being necessary. Ending of community support officers will likely increase anti social behaviour and have negative impact on community events (such as the Big Cheese). And who will protect councillors and staff during controversial meetings? Reduction in waste management services will likely increase fly tipping and associated clear up costs. Trying to make savings now is pointless if doing so could inadvertently cause very significant additional costs a few months or years later.

So, just to clarify, reduction in all services, increase in council tax....Where is this money going??? Have you considered the impact it will have on the elderly, infirm, disabled???
social care should increase and more money given.lack of social care is the reason nhs is in such a mess and will only get worse. schools budget should increase food for schools cost less than prisons food! make recycling easier. put up signs in areas where there is constant fly tipping saying that there are camera's watching .even if there are not this will deter people fly tipping prisons are given too much. all rights should be removed. money spent on argument for 3 councillors. whats that about? was told years ago each financial year councils use up their budget to make sure they would get not less the next year!!!!!!!!!!!!
Socialists are extremely good at spending other peoples' money. Councillors should be paid on performance, not ineptitude. Their salaries should be withheld and put towards the costs of paying suspended officials, and also towards compensation already paid.
Some of the things to consider when considering library budgets. 1. You essentially allow people to steal children's books. There is no fine for failure to return and so people don't. Having to replace books is a needless and wasteful expense. SEN budgets for schools etc are very important to me and many people and its vital that enough money is provided to maintain support to those children who require it and provide it to those who need it but don't receive it. I am generally happy with the condition of the roads and the speed which potholes are filled. Happy with the bin collection and recycling collection services. Happy with the sport centre facilities and library facilities. By hiring traffic wardens you could generate a huge income as the amount of people who park illegally is crazy, this is only on my drive down Van road and through the town centre. Van road needs policing in particular as this causes a lot of congestion. I would be happy to see money spent on this, as you would easily make your money back in parking fines- it would also help Caerphilly traffic flow better at peak times.
Sort out in house waste, as all of the county knows you are paying people needlessly why is that not highlighted in your proposals. Look at yourselves. Look forward to reply
Start with in house savings not relying on cutting outside services and council tax.
Stop paying Anthony O'Sullivan, Dan Perkins
Stop paying councillors who are costing us £4 million so far, 5 years pay for nothing is taking the mick!!
stop paying senior members of staff such high wages.....
STOP PAYING THE Salary to the suspended Chief Executive of the County Council
Stop spending money on new roundabouts which don't work. Roads are being made more difficult to drive on after the schemes are finished. Start taking a small amount of money off those who chose not to work, rather than putting the council tax up for those who do work. Stop erecting these stupid statues up around wales so much money can be saved. Councillors have a pay freeze for several years. Money given to the police from council tax, but why don't we see many of them around.
Stop wasting our money on high wages and VAST pension pots. You always find money for the above. Get your staff to work an 8 hour day. Notice, I didn't say workers!! .... Try working in the private side of things then you would know what working is all about. No wonder jobs take so long and cost so much as you don't work a full day. 5 million for traffic lights at the Cedar Tree is a disgrace. Nothing has changed, utter waste of time and money.
Strongly against increase in council tax again. This would have an impact on families already struggling. Pay has been frozen fir many years or very little increase below inflation and for years we have taken the brunt of budget cuts through council tax increase, how long can this carry on. We will be paying more for less. Considering if day care is needed and users of the remaining facilities and impact closure would have on the people using it and caters. May be only use this service for respite fir carers and higher dependency people and not just for social opportunities.
Strongly agree Whare you think

Strongly disagree that Penallta recycling is closed. This covers a wide area including Nelson residents. To get to our nearest skip if this goes ahead will mean a trip either to Aberbargoed or Caerphilly, which is totally unacceptable. I am sure that there will be a significant increase in fly tipping. If the HR of the council had handled the dismissal of their employees correctly, they would have saved in excess of £500k plus legal costs. I don't think that the council tax payers should be penalised for the bad management / handling decisions made by the council.

Strongly disagree the disgraced staff who gave themselves pay rises have caused these cuts. How much longer do we the tax payers have to fund their lavish lifestyles. You are cutting meals on wheels. Why not get dog owners take their own poop home with them instead. You'd save a fortune there. Also Christmas lights why? Do we really need these I'm all for Christmas but really when essential amenities are being cut. Nearly a 7% increase is way above inflation. Look elsewhere for cuts because you are forcing people to decide between food on the table or paying council tax.

Strongly disagree to all the cuts, the council wastes so much money on extravagant lunches, banquets etc, ridiculous expenses, wasting 4million and counting on CEO, stashing funds in off shore accounts such as Icelandic banks, appoint the most expensive Robert price builders merchants as the main supplier of building materials. I suggest getting your in house spending in line and put someone in charge with some common sense who does their jobs for the good of the people.

Strongly disagree with a far above inflation council tax increase

Strongly disagree with all the cut backs in the community especially after the councils have spent £25k on cutting trees down opposite the rowan tree in Nelson! Many people and communities will suffer !!

Strongly disagree with any closure of any waste management sites. MORE SKIPS should be located near housing estates. \*Our country lane is favoured location for beds, settees and kitchen units.

strongly disagree with any reduction in public conveniences and waste management. This will affect public health, environment and in Caerphilly will make tourism less attractive as there will be few facilities. You could always improve facilities and charge for a visit to a manned convenience for example Scotland has a policy of providing excellent public conveniences and charge 30p per visit which covers costs involved.

Strongly disagree with closing penallta waste site, as this will encourage fly tipping on gelligaer common which will result in more expense on council tax to clean up, also possibla cuts to bus service, we have very little service in gelligaer as its and are the poor relations in this borough

Strongly disagree with cutting budgets for schools & libraries as well as the proposal for closing waste centres. Schools & libraries are struggling enough as it is without further cuts & fly tipping is becoming a big problem & will only get worse if the waste centres were to close as well. Perhaps get rid of the ..... ex chief & others still being paid while not actually working to save some money as well as cut "middle management" staff within all council departments. Rather than looking at cutting services that we pay for & increasing our tax for less of these services! I do not mind paying slightly more council tax if it means saving other services such as school budgets & libraries etc!

Strongly disagree with cutting residential services. The council needs a new financial manager as the bufgets/funding over the lasy few years have not been effective. I want to propose you STOP paying the members under investigation. I want to propose you get rid of counsellors. I want to propose no pay rises for ANY staff member of Caerphilly council until you sort yourselves out. Stop making the residents of Caerphilly pay for the council's mistakes!

Strongly disagree with music and library cuts, it is a simple and ignorant man who reduces the funding for knowledge and culture, coupled with the reduction in schools this is gambling with the childrens future The boroughs roads are already decrepit and we are reducing the maintenance further? Very short minded thinking especially when coupled with reducing bus routes Even the romans could provide public toilets

STRONGLY DISAGREE with stopping meals direct service. AGREE with reducing street cleaning etc. DISAGREE with closure of 2 household waste recycling centres as CCB is getting worse due to fly-tipping Spending on libraries etc, depends on what the savings are, earlier closing, monitor footfall/use of these facilities (don't agree or disagree). Schools budget and initiatives - as above. Community safety wardens - This could have an effect on crime within CCB. Toilets and comm. centres - Take a leaf out of 3rd sector run comm. centres to see how they have run their centres with vol. not paid caretakers.

Strongly disagree with the 6.95% increase in council tax.

Strongly disagree with the closure of 2 HWRC. This will lead to an increase in fly tipping and increase in more waste being placed in general bins thus reducing recycling. I understand the proposal is to close Aberbargoed and Penallta sites. This leaves a resident of Nelson such as myself needing to travel to Rhymney, Penmaen or Caerphilly. Geographically it is ludicrous to the leave the 'middle' of the borough without this resource particularly when Penallta accepts more tonnage of waste per year than any other HWRC. In addition, Penallta is an award winning site and it's design reduces the likelihood of accidents and incidents occurring. Strongly disagree with the reduction of spending on youth service. Impact of the service is often difficult to quantify in the traditional numerical sense however, if young people cannot access these services there is potential for negative effect on their social skills, wellbeing and may lead to an increase in anti social or criminal behaviour. Strongly disagree with reduction in street cleaning and highways maintenance.

Strongly disagree with the closure of the Penallta recycling site. This site is well used, convenient to access, clean and well run. In contrast, the proposal to retain the site at Caerphilly, which is inconvenient and difficult to access, dirty and hard to use, would be far more appropriate. Closure of any of these sites will also increase fly tipping, already a growing problem. Tax payers money will have to be used to cover these costs which would outweigh keeping the recycling sites open. A very short sighted view. The money to fund the continuation of these benefits to the community is a drop in the ocean compared to the vast amounts of money this council has paid to provide an inflated salary to a Chief Executive who has been suspended for years, plus the thousands of pounds on legal costs incurred in trying to remove him. Not to mention the vast amounts paid to his cronies and the salary currently being paid to his stand in. All this from taxes paid by the residents of CBBC. This person has certainly brought the Council into disrepute and had this been a someone of lesser rank, would have been got rid of years ago. An obscene abuse of power that is disgraceful! Before closing something that is useful to the community that costs a pittance compared to the huge amounts overspend on Corbetts Roundabout fiasco is incredulous. The amount of money that businesses in Caerphilly lost through such a lack of forward planning is unbelievable and cannot be underestimated. Whoever was responsible for that decision should also be called to account and sacked. Won't happen though will it. That this council can continue to pay out these vast sums with so little regard to the on the ground services that they should be supplying, to the elderly, the sick and the vulnerable is appalling. And you are asking for an increase!

Strongly disagree with the cuts. Removing the community wardens and meals on wheels service. With fewer police on the street, the wardens play a vital role in the community. Having a parent who receives a hot meal from the meals on wheels also allows me to work full time knowing that she would have a hot meal whilst I am in work. My mother has arthritis and cannot use a cooker or microwave so service is vital for her and myself otherwise could mean I would have to work reduced hours or give up work.

Strongly disagree with the proposal to reduce the meals on wheels service to section 117 residents. All of the elderly rely on these hot meals as without the service they would not be able to get a freshly prepared hot meal. Yes they could get a meal from another source but with the elderly having other complaints like my mother who can not use a cooker or microwave would be without a hot meal that lunchtime while I am in work. I disagree with the proposed closure of the Aberbargoed Household Waste Recycling Centre, I live at the top end of the valley and often see people who I know are from Tredegar dropping off their rubbish at Rhymney. Rhymney is a far smaller site and I often travel to Aberbargoed as it is a far more accessible site. I would support a greater increase in council tax if it would mean that these proposals were removed.

Strongly disagree with the reduction in waste collection, grass cuttings especially since the residents of can calon also have to pay Meadfleeto top of council tax and thepropasl to close penallta waste centre is ridiculous. There's always a queue to enter and is regularly used by many many people. Parc penallta will become a fly tipping nightmare
Strongly disagree with your proposal to cut meals on wheels- for some housebound, elderly people the meals on wheels delivery may be the only contact that they have that day. With so many living alone, it is important to have some contact. Cutting school crossing patrols is also short sighted. I see no mention of sorting the dispute with senior officers which has been ongoing for over 4 years now. I find the continued payment to these officers appalling given the cut backs in essential services, it's outrageous that you are still paying them. I believe I saw a figure of £242,000 set aside for this year. I object to paying increased council task while this is ongoing! It needs to be sorted now.
Strongly disagree, especially when you are paying sky high wages to some council staff
Strongly disagree, the proposal to increase the cost to residents for less amenities makes no sense.
Strongly disagree!!! Councillors have agreed to spend an extra £242,000 on an investigation into pay rises for senior officers. Labour, Plaid Cymru and Independent councillors clashed over the probe involving Caerphilly council's former chief executive Anthony O'Sullivan. The investigation, which began in 2013, will have cost taxpayers £4.1m by 2019 . Proposals for more cash for Mr O'Sullivan's salary and legal costs were moved by the council's deputy leaders "with the utmost regret". Mr O'Sullivan was suspended, along with his deputy Nigel Barnett and the head of legal services Daniel Perkins, after the Wales Audit Office declared their pay rises were unlawful. It was claimed they agreed to give themselves a 20% increase when most other council staff faced pay freezes. This is the money that needs to be stopped!! How can you increase our council tax we are already struggling. Using food banks although I'm a working single parent!!!! Enough is enough
Strongly disagree. Council tax in Gelligaer is already extremely high. The public are paying more and not getting more out of it. Roadworks improvements (eg cedar tree roundabout) were not needed and could have saved the council a hefty amount. There are other, more sensible ways to save money, rather than increase taxes.
Strongly disagree. Well I've spent all my savings buying a dilapidated property to live in Caerphilly. Money was spent as I needed a bungalow for my disabled wife. I can evidence it. No doubt it has improved the area within which I live too. I've not asked for a penny in grants or assistance from council and I've paid the council every step of the way for planning and building control, so a council tax increase has angered me. I feel its just take, take, take. Still with now zero savings left I suppose you'll support me when we need caring for. Put more speed cameras up that's a massive revenue generator. Or the top council highest paid earners freeze pay.
Strongly object to proposal to close Civic Amenity sites particularly Penallta. Site is much needed and closure will inevitably result in an increase in fly tipping which will cause further costs to the Council which will negate any savings - short sighted proposal.
Strongly support a council tax increase to retain meals on wheels & recycling centres. These are services which will impact on day to day life for many. Reducing receding centres will make it for difficult for responsible people to do the right thing, there are people awilling to take advantage of this.
Surely some of the money needed should be recovered from the ridiculous situation with overpayment of councillors!
Surely there are other reductions that can be made than to remove meals on wheels to the most vulnerable in society. Could efficiency studies be undertaken for councils people and processes to ensure the are the most efficient and commercially viable as happens in the private sector



Taking funding away from education early years through to extra support to schools is absolutely unacceptable and should not even be considered. We have only recently began on the right tack on this matter and taking any funding away will cost us all dearly in the long run. Please re consider taking any funding away from crucial services such as flying start, gavo, youth services and any support that schools are receiving. I would much rather see a collective approach to tackling his issue by increasing council task, thanmaking vulnerable families suffer due to a lack of planning and foresight by .... councilmen that have brought the council into disarray.

The withdrawal of the lunchtime School Crossing patrols is estimated to save £36.000 pa. This equates to £3,600 for each of the 10 patrols affected, for loss of approx, half of their hours. Your estimated saving is surely overstated.

The 3 main things that just cant happen are: 1 - yet another increase in council tax 2 - reduction in street cleaning 3 - closure of refuse sites A reduction in YOUR funding is not supposed to reduce services to the public. Are you guys crazy? Get a job in the private sector. Your job is to work out ways to do more with less. There is no justifiable reason to have nearly 10,000 members of staff; the majority of whom are there to collect a pension and not contribute to the betterment of the borough. Introduce automation. Sack the staff who are always on sick. That alone costs tax payers millions in terms of pay and benefits, the sickness administration, reporting, etc..

The ceasing of the meals direct would make my life of living on my own impossible. I would have to be moved into a care home. The cost of this would far exceed any of the costs for meals direct service. I have no objection to the proposed 6.96% increase in council tax and would even be in favour of a small increase for the meals direct service rather than loose the service.

The cessation of meals direct service would severely affect the elderly residents of the borough that rely on this service. This will affect residents who do not have any family to provide support and at least one hot meal a day, which is delivered to their homes. In some cases the meals service could be the only caller to their homes Monday to Friday, this is a very important service. Closure of the two household waste recycling centres would, I feel, means that more rubbish will be dumped on the road side which will increase the cost of refuse collections that take place every week. As well as problems with vermin!!

The challenge with this "consultation" is that it provides a list of proposals along with scant detail of what they entail, and no options which allow residents to consider which they prefer. Because of this It's very hard to comment on the specifics, however in general i would favor: Please don't cut the community budgets relating to civic and voluntary sector activity. It is often these services which have strong preventative benefits, as they allow communities to meet, socialise, be active with the associated benefits of physical activity and addressing isolation and loneliness. In the context of a £15m savings small changes will have a disproportionate effect:- Specifically i'm concerned about and object to £25k reduction to GAVO holiday scheme co-ordinator:- think of the impact of less activity fr children and YP in holiday time, if anything look to expand slightly to address holiday hunger. £50k reduction to Caerphilly music service . a small sum that enables children from all walks of life to enjoy music and culture. £50k reduction and temporary £50k removal of community regeneration fund. This modest sum allows communities to be more self reliant, and support voluntary activity which adds value and reduces costs to the council on the long run. £36k lunchtime crossing patrols ( but look at volunteer led alternative in the long run) I think that some of the reductions in the social services section (llamau's, homelessness prevention, action for children, etc) ae preventative, something the council should be prioritising not cutting as the downstream costs will be greater.

The changes to the school improvement initiative and the reduction in school budgets at the time of one of the most important changes in Welsh education is surely a point to be raised with Welsh government. How can schools be expected to meet these demands with a reduced staff and no budget for helping schools that might need extra funding due to their size, poor cohort or performance? The state of our roads in terms of maintenance and condition is already a disgrace and danger, a third less in the budget can only lead to a deterioration that will go beyond the current patchwork repairs. The reduction in waste management sites and cleansing staff will only result in more excuses for fly tipping and a further disregard for our immediate environment. Some parts of the council locality already get very little cleansing and overflowing bins and litter gathering just lets individuals think they can do it too. The dropping of subsidy on certain bus routes could lead to individuals being unable to access work and other services. High subsidy areas usually means communities that are in remote areas where poor transport issues already hinder employment and social opportunities.

The closure of Penallta recycling centre is a joke. There's so much demand for this service. Just look at cctv footage from the week following Xmas- ques for ages. With the site closed on a Wednesday there was loads of waste dumped outside and doubt this would be a regular occurrence if this site were to shut with increased costs cleaning up the mess. There are so many residents living in this area how can the council consider cutting this service. with bin collection cut to fortnightly people rely on this facility to get rid of waste - the goodwill of people taking rubbish not fitting in their bins to the skip would really be tested and would in some cases lead to black bags being let for bin men to collect which is something they refuse to pick up at present leading to more rodent issues, fly tipping and general waste cluttering streets. Why are we being asked to pay more tax when services are being cut?

The consultation is confused because it has listed out areas that do not explain properly what the impact is? For example is there a definition of what constitutes a 'nil' or a 'low' impact would be useful. There are savings proposed here that do have an impact and yet they are noted as 'nil'. How can 790k be taken away from events and say there is 'no' impact, there is to towns and shop owners and the local economy? This has to lead people to ask has the full impact really been considered?. The Council has some objectives and yet the suggested cuts do not seem to recognise this, for example the council has a 'well-being' objective on improving transport to help people access employment etc, yet the proposed cuts talk about increasing bus ticket prices or reducing routes. There is contradiction in the proposed cuts and what the council says is most important to its citizens of whom the objectives are meant to be about. Removing the Community Safety Warden service is a severe mistake. The impact says 'high' but does not explain (as they all don't) what this would mean? who will deal with anti-social behaviour issues? has anyone asked the police? Who will pick up their work if they do not exist? I strongly recommend for community benefit they stay. I understand the Future Generations commission has some sustainable development principles - has this been assessed in line with those principles? Involve - did you involve the police? collaborate - who else would do this work? and will this impact others goals - i.e the reduction of crime on behalf of the police? and so forth. The language of the 'savings' is also unclear - for example 'waste management' public engagement cut, what is that? does that mean a cut to promotion and awareness, like people who come round the door and educate? or does that mean something else? What is a Ffynnon? I realise this is difficult but the organisation has to do better in understanding and showing the public the impact if they are going to genuinely consult and not make it an artificial process and income or new savings should be shown separately - there are activities that are about income for example which are not cuts.

The council are a joke/ Millions overspend on the Pwyll y pant Roundabout. Blaming some of it on severe snow, forgetting we also had the warmest summer for 40 yr. Paying over 4.1 million and counting on the pay fiasco since 2013. Still cut the Lantern of light and pick on the most vulnerable to save coppers . Heavy heart dont make me laugh.

The council need to protect community based services, enhancing the desirability of the area as a place to live, work and visit.

The Council needs to engage in neighbouring authorities with a view to merging services, tasks and even authorities. The current level of 22LAs is a massive waste of money which is actually leading to a reduction in services. Larger authorities would be more efficient and better able to absorb big hits which are currently being experienced. Whilst it is sad that LA staff may lose their posts in this situation CCBC's current stance like all LAs in Wales is about corporate protectionism and nothing to do with protecting front line services

The Council needs to seriously look at the services they provide and clearly identify those that are not needed or essential. What is the Council's core business? Are the Elected Members clearly informed about what is core and statutory and what is not? The list of proposed cuts and savings appear to be just the easily identifiable and not necessarily the ones that should be made. Why don't you consult on what the residents believe the Council is about and should provide? This is not a proper consultation in my opinion. First of all the Council should publish clearly where the money is going to so that residents understand what is provided and express a proper opinion on what they believe should not be provided. How much is spent on waste collection only as opposed to how much is spent on treating the different types of waste? How much is spent in keeping clean each different ward (dog bins, street sweeping and cleansing)? how much is spent on each school? how much is spent on highways maintenance (network) routine and each improvement and how much is spent on the big infrastructure components (e.g. Chartist Bridge)? How much is the council spending on Senior Officers positions (not the ones about the scandal, which are actually published already)? How much is spent for each Adult Client of Social Services and how much is spent for each looked after Child? Residents need similar breakdown about Housing, Leisure Services and Libraries etc. And if the Council cannot easily determine the breakdown above they should put in place a proper accounting and performance monitoring process that can provide it. In summary we the residents don't know where the money is going to at present so first of all you should clearly tell us that and then ask us to give our opinion on everything, not just a small list you have previously selected without clearly publishing the criteria you used.

The Council Tax increase will affect families already struggling to pay bills. Also if streets are cleaned less, roads not maintained to current standard and grass areas left longer this does not go well with the increase in council tax when in fact less will be done as a service. The increase is just too high with wages not increasing.

The council tax should stay the same as it's costing people enough as it is people can't afford to live.

the Council wants residents to increase recycling but propose to shut recycling plants - where is the logic in that? More importantly why is the council still paying out to those councillors that are suspended - this is disgraceful in the light of possible cuts in services. Those people should be made to pay back the money they have already had and be refused to get any more.

The cuts outlined in the council newspaper are the opinions in effect of council officers e.g. high, low and medium. No actual figures of the numbers of residents effected are given and therefore cannot be seen as a legitimate consultation.

The fact that one of the proposals is cuts to school budgets is outrageous - schools are already underfunded, with class sizes rising to near unmanageable amounts which has an impact on the most vulnerable pupils because cannot afford enough teachers to avoid this.

The increase in council tax for reduced services is a joke. Saving should be found else where.

The increase in council tax is ridiculous given I live on Cwm Calon and already pay meadfleet stupid prices for poor servicing of green spaces, lights, etc. I think it is outrageous to think that the cwm calon estate amongst others would be charged significantly more per house than anywhere else as the council refuses to adopt the estate. I am also concerned by implementing all the savings you would in effect be letting Caerphilly become a dump, uncared for and unattractive area which would lead to both businesses and residents relocating. There has to be smarter ways of working which could deliver some of these savings. I would be interested in hearing how you have come to these options.

the initial question regarding savings is related to the councils ability to spend millions on the situation r.e the CEO (past), the deputy (CEO) and legal officer of the council and to right off debts in the region of £3,000.000? The proposed savings regarding libraries, community safety wardens and recycling facilities are ludicrous - To discourage citizens particularly the young people from using the libraries (reduction in books and in some cases closure) takes another opportunity in their education away. We rarely see a policeman or woman and to suggest removing safety wardens from towns removes a further discipline which makes our community fit for purpose. The closure of penallta recycling centre WILL produce a considerable uplift in fly tipping which will produce removal costs (false economy?)

The main objection I have is the closure of the waste sites in Aberbargoed and Penallta. I feel that fly tipping will increase and therefore will increase costs. I realise that savings must be made, maybe the bonfire fireworks display could be stopped.

The Management Committee of Oakdale Community Centre wish to record their objections to two of the items proposed under 'Savings/Cuts for 2019' which will affect all Community Centres in Caerphilly, ie, items 2 and 3 re Reduction of Caretaker support. If these cuts go through, they could cause the closure of many Centres which do not have sufficient income or reserves to meet this extra burden. This in turn will mean the loss of a meeting place for dozens of local voluntary groups, from pre-school playgroups to lunch clubs and pensioners' organisations. It will lead to extra loneliness and isolation for many people whose only social contact may be the weekly clubs they attend in their local Centre. We have no confidence in the ability of the council to support Centres (where required and appropriate), to assist in developing an appropriate and efficient delivery model, to access grant funding where possible and to target facility use aimed at maximising income potential, as such support has never been forthcoming in the last twelve years of our experience of managing our Centre. We ask you to abandon these cuts, or at least defer them for a year in order to explore alternative solutions with the voluntary sector as represented by GAVO.

The managing of this council is disgraceful, reduce number of councillors, freeze pensions, reduce workforce. Look within ,the public is not a bottomless pit, for you to keep sucking money from.

The one matter I disagree with is the closure of the two recycling sites at Aberbargoed and Penallta. The accumulation of rubbish is increasing in all manner of environments housing estates, woodland recreation areas. I'm sure this will increase further if no local disposal site is available. Keep at least one up this end of the valley. They are well worth the cost.

The proposal to close Aberbargoed and Penallta amenity centres is ludicrous and will lead to increased fly tipping up on the common land and therefore increased costs of removal and, hopefully, prosecution of those responsible. This closure will lead to a 15 mile return trip to the nearest amenity centre causing hardship for many in the middle of the valley. I agree that an extra day closing of all sites would be preferable to full closure of two sites. The reduction of street lighting could be addressed by using solar power to power the lights rather than electricity. Agreed that this may be expensive to fund initially but there should be government grants out there to fund the cost and the long term savings would be phenomenal.

The Proposal to close channel view community hall would have a detrimental affect on the ty sign community. There's no savings to be made by closing it - if the management committee were to fund running costs then the council would not be out of pocket. This would be a key benefit to the community. It's been many years since the hall has been used as much as it is now and it would have an impact on the wellbeing and cohesion of the community were it not in operation. I know it isn't perfect, but there are no real benefits to closing it if the costs were passed to the management committee, however various groups that use it, benefitting all age ranges and abilities would not be able to run without the hall. There is nowhere else for these groups at this present time. Unless the council, or some other group were to build a new community centre, what amenities are there for the ty sign community? There is no other building that is of a similar size and bookable by all community groups (e.g. st David's has meithrin every week day morning). As a Ty Sign resident, we often feel overlooked. I know there is a plan to put some benches on a park area on elm drive, but this does not effectively promote community. The 'woodland walk' is an example of a landscaping project in the area that was not effectively maintained for community use, theres nothing to say the benches on the park would suffer the same fate. We need a meeting place that encourages community, wellbeing and can be used all year round. Also, the reduction of money spent on environmental factors is disappointing. There is a Japanese knot weed problem in Ty Sign that could affect house prices and structure. The area of grass on holly road that backs onto the houses of elm drive, all the way up to the top shops is affecting the Elm Drive gardens. They've not been cut for years. What hope do we have if this is cut too? Finally. It's an absolute travesty that meals on wheels will be cut. What efforts are the council putting in to sourcing other help for people who need this. The less help people get to stay in their homes, the more likely they will be a burden on hospitals and social services. There are many people for whom £1.41 per week council tax is a meal for their family. The changes being made directly impact the community's wellbeing which in the long run will cost the council and other services more. Community cohesion and wellbeibg isn't achieved by creating a poorer society. Two of my three points suggest the council seek arrangements that encourage partnership working to save costs while avoiding such a detrimental impact to the community. I cant see this has been done, especially in relation to channel view community hall, so it would be great to discover this has happened.

The proposal to shut Aberbargoed recycling centre and any other in the area would have a large effect on the community, fly tipping is already an issue in the borough. If anything these centres need to be open for longer periods during the week to allow the working class to use them. If the 2 do close a new super recycling centre will need to be provided. Rhymney will not cope if Aberbargoed shuts! Scrapping meals on wheels is very low blow. These people surely have a process to go through to enable them to get help with food. What happens to these people when the service ceases? Do they starve? If they have family to help them then surely they wouldn't register for meals on wheels. Don't mind an increase in school meals but yet again your penalising the working class! Because this wouldn't effect the people on benefits who get free school meals. Disagree with cutting street cleaning, grass cutting and highways as the borough already looks a mess. Just employee people who take pride in their work instead of lazy people who sit around in a van most of the day observing their colleagues! Agree with libraries cuts. Do people actually use them these days! Disagree with reducing school budgets. Most schools are already struggling.

The proposals In general are not what we the residents of the area want to hear but under the current financial conditions we must accept some are required to balance the books. I do believe that some proposals will be counter productive and will cost the local businesses ( who pay council tax and could close down) and council more money in the long term. Some of these points are listed below and I would like the members to consider them :- 1, The closure of 2 Civic Amenity Sites I use the one at Penallta regularly and I understand this is to be closed, People using this site are just as close to the mountains at Gelligear and Nelson as the are to it and will Fly tip, Face book post suggest that Fly tipping is increasing on Nelson mountain . This rubbish has to be removed at a cost, To stop this Fly tipping people will have to be employed to catch the offenders, CCTV cameras will have to be installed , prosecutions will have to be made all at a cost. I have been told that some fly tipped rubbish contained names and delivery address which would allow prosecution at a cost Do not close the sites. 2 Increase in car parking charges in Car Parks This will increase on road parking, and send shoppers from the town shops to the supper markets who have car parking. I also understand that not all council car parks have charges , ALL car parks should charged before an increase in charges is adopted. 3 Closure of All 5 public toilets As a 77 year old man I will have to not use the local town centers and do ALL my shopping in supper markets. If you close one you must close them all. 4 Stop wasting money on putting flags/banners on lamp posts throughout Caerphilly this shows how we have money to waste, spend the money on toilets instead. 5 Look at the use of council owned and hired vehicles . I looks as if part of working for the council is a company car which are used to go back and fore to home forgetting miles involved. I suggest looking at pool vans and shared use, There are more council vans than there were NCB vans in the good old days. 7 I general our waste collection is good but I am concerned about the number of green waste bags used for other materials on building projects.

The proposed council tax rise, is Absolutely obscene. i am fuming, it would cost me another £8.00 a month! you still havent resloved the Antony O'Sullivan situation. what your asking, is insulting. you say, it doesnt impact on vunerable people, but it does. This authority keeps taking from the same people, year after year, reducing people's disposable income. May i suggest, rather than ..... the little people (people who earn £19,000.00 a year), you resolve the O'Sullivan situation first, that would save the tax payer a lot of money. I think i could stomach, a small rise, but seeing the suggested amount, actually had me physically shaking.

The proposed rise in council tax is ridiculous nearly 7% I can understand a small increase but to increase by that amount Unbelievable The proposed closure of Aberbargoed amenity skip is ridiculous it hasn't been open long what a waste of money it would be to close it so soon, I personally use it regularly

The proposed saving to leisure strategy completely neglects an area of Caerphilly namely Blackwood and the surrounding areas and goes far enough to discourage children and adults to utilise leisure facilities. There is no planned provision to replace lost facilities in an area which will grow significantly in population over the next few years. Agreeing additional money to the investigation in to senior council officers whilst asking Caerphilly residents to agree to cuts to vital community services is wholly unacceptable and unprofessional.

The recycling centre in Penallta should remain open to cover the CF82 area. This will inevitably result in more fly tipping which is a further cost to the Council. This does not balance. I would prefer that the site closes for 2 days per week (currently closed for one day) than for the site to close.

The saving proposals that have been outlined for the upcoming budget are very much a negative stand point and a backwards move for younger people in the community. The reduction of school funding is ridiculous, they are under funded as it is without the extra loss of available funds. The closure of the two refuge facilities is absolutely ridiculous. I live in Aberbargoed and have used the refuge facility quite a lot over the past year. It is always a massive line of people waiting to enter the industrial estate. By closing these facilities you will be the main blame for fly tipping in the borough, it is already a problem. The meals on wheels reduction is crazy, you are willing to let people go without because of a lack of funds. That is one of the last things that should be cut. An increase in the price of school meals will not help any residents. More and more people are using food banks nowadays, so increasing school meals will leave them in an even worse predicament. The 6.95% increase is way above inflation, we are paying you more for MUCH LESS. All the money seems to be going into the pockets of the executives that run CCC. Cannot these highly paid people take a salary deduction to show they actually care? I am very much against these budgetary reforms, you are putting young children's education at risk so you can line your pockets while ignoring the needs of others. To save money, how about making those who don't work get up and help the community. These people get every thing for free while myself and partner work every day to pay our way. I do support the increase, as it will always go up. However I do not support how CCC has gone about reducing amenities.

The savings proposed are dreadful as they will affect the most vulnerable in society, especially the termination of the meals on wheels service. Then we are being asked to pay even more in council tax for an inferior service. I do not think that the present Labour administration will survive the next election with this strategy. I do not support the cuts but I do not support another council tax rise. Has the council not approached the Welsh Government with regards this dreadful situation?

The spending alone on the former chief executive of the council should cease immediately along with any associated costs. The immediate ceasing of any further wind turbines in the caerphilly area, especially in the north of the county. Councillors allowances to be reduced with number of committees reduced. Council chief executives and all council managers & officers to have a 7% pay cut in line with the proposed increase to be imposed in council tax. Meals on wheels service should continue.

There are a number of proposed savings that I fully disagree with, namely - The stopping of the meals on wheels service is completely unacceptable. So many elderly people (including my nearly 90 year old grandmother) rely on this service as a life line. Not only does it provide probably what is the only hot meal a day that they have, it also gives them some small interaction with a person, which some people wouldn't have otherwise. As being recently diagnosed with dementia/Alzheimer's, there are some days where my grandmother would forget to prepare food for herself; she does not even have a cooker in her flat (even if she did, this would be a risk to her anyway). Any change in the service would cause unnecessary stress and anxiety, and I believe would put health at risk (therefore putting further strain on services when they have to be admitted to hospital etc.). Any savings made by stopping one meal a day would be outweighed by the cost of medical/residential care for weeks when people can't look after themselves. The 'deletion' of the Fair Trading Officer post - firstly the wording of this is rather insensitive; it's like it's not even being considered that this is a person's actual job? The reduction of the Trading Standards Service is wrong and should be reconsidered. Trading Standards should be promoted, and turned into a money making and self sustaining service. Income could be generated from things like Primary Authority and offering bespoke advice to businesses, Caerphilly Borough being home to many large companies. Most of the public aren't even aware of what the service does, but that doesn't mean cuts should be made. This will put the public at risk from unsafe goods etc. and the rising threat of scams and consumer fraud. Additionally, £40k is certainly not only one Fair Trading Officer post? If this is not even budgeted correctly, how can the public trust that the other figures are correct? It also surely cannot be justified to close so many community centres? Can these buildings not be used to generate income if managed properly? The impact closures like this have on communities is palpable; increases in antisocial behaviour as groups have nowhere to go/nothing to do. But the fall out from this will be bigger with the stoppage of street cleansing of graffiti and fixing of damage. The maintaining of certain roads in the borough is already poor, so the reduction of budget for resurfacing is going to hit harder and cost residents more money. Whilst I understand that the cuts come from higher up and the Council have to react to this, a lot of the proposals are negative and will have more impact on the public than considered. It makes the Council's image to the residents deteriorate even further. Instead of making 'cuts', things should be managed better, and more opportunities sought to raise income to cover the 'savings' needed.

There are numerous saving proposals outlined, too many to comment on all.

There could be substantial costs saved by dealing with the very high paid council workers who are on paid suspension & have been for several years. It is appalling we have to consider cutting services & an increase in council tax.

There should be no increase in Council Tax and statutory services should be protected. Discretionary services that the council have no legal requirement to provide should be totally scrapped, as should all public events that do not show a major financial benefit.

There's so much waste . You have bosses for bosses supervisors for supervisors you allow flexi time do staff really work mmmm debatable ! Why so many bosses you don't need that ! It's beyond . Also the office staff do you really need all these people and bosses yet again ? It's s borough yet your chief executive was eating more than the prime minister how can a small council justify this ? Paper hand towels what a waste of money when there hand dryers there's always loads on the floor ! Such s waste . You need a independent to come in and dirt it out !



They are not very prescriptive. The narratives are not helpful to the reader and provide insufficient assessment of 'likely impacts' on the communities served. Millions of pounds in cuts and NIL impact listed? I think not. This indicates poor management information that is not appropriate to make sound judgements and decisions. Many of the proposed cuts appear to be in complete contradiction to what the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (2015) indicates what public bodies should be (by law) considering! If the senior exec scandal and financial debacle hadn't been allowed to escalate beyond reasonableness, many of these proposals wouldn't have to be considered (what a waste).... I feel that many of the proposals, whilst appreciating every system/organisation has waste, and the fact that some of the functions are non-statutory, have not properly undergone genuine 'impact assessments' particularly with regards to 'preventative functions'. LA's seem to be 'fire fighting' with regards to service delivery as opposed to truly dealing with root causes and delivery of true quality services that have longevity. Why is the term 'savings proposals' used, when they are actually 'budget and service cuts or cut-backs'? (Somewhere, I have even heard the term 'efficiencies' and 'efficiency savings' which is not strictly true - they are all 'cuts to previous activities/functions' - is the Councils intentions 'to dupe the reader in false senses'? Why don't public bodies stick to the correct use of the English language and keep it 'plain speaking' (as it really is)? The manner in which this information is presented is somewhat mis-leading and difficult to comment on. An education system that fails nearly 50% of our children with huge vacancy cuts - why cant we recruit the proper professional to prop up existing provisions (no wonder we are falling behind - or is this another attempt to cut labour elsewhere to top up the obscene senior exec salaries and waste)! Education welfare, counselling, extra curricula, special support etc. are all 'top-up' services that are/should be in much demand in this community if we are to truly improve future generations opportunities. Communities cuts - blatantly in contradiction to CCBS's many Strategies/Plans. Caerphilly town is a disgrace! (e.g. Dirty, un-inviting, poor quality appearance.....Increasing costs on an already stretched/overstretched society that has many social deprivation and opportunity constraints?) ?Removal of Community Safety Wardens? - At a time when greater enforcement is needed to prevent society from declining/collapsing into even more into disarray? ?Trading Standards cuts? - when there's even more mischief in society than ever before? ?Waste management, Street Cleansing, Parks cuts - we are already witnessing a decline in the quality of our environments - just check out the communities response to you CCBC Household Surveys, or send make your senior management become street wardens/pastures/inspectors for a few months (it seem like the decision makers are too far removed from the real communities and its people)..... cont.....

?Social Services - Lack of facilities in our communities, difficulty in getting access to support, joined up services with Health Boards/GP's etc. - ever increasing demands but cut-backs? Bonkers! As you can gather, my response is one of bitter sweet/distaste - when there has been so much waste in recent years through un-necessary bureaucratic activities. Top-slice top end executives, reduce the number of councillors and put more money into front end, both statutory and preventative measured functions/activities. Reduce greed of the minority and support the majority. Its proved successful in other developing countries - making them more resilient, able to readily adapt to change and improved quality of life for the many. Do we not 'observe, listen and learn'?

Think it's about time I moved to england

This is completely unbelievable. What on earth is going on at the council? Where on earth is all the money being spent? You're asking for 7% more council tax in order to charge us more for services. This is complete insanity. Perhaps you wouldn't have to ask for more if you weren't paying executives that were suspended for increasing their own pay! 4 million pounds! And now you have the gall to come to us asking for more money! Less pointless admin. The amount of people that shuffle paper around the council offices is obscene. Well I tell you now. Try and put up council tax by 7% and there will be riots. I'm struggling enough as it is, how do you expect me to pay another 7%? Council tax is a crooked con anyway, a charge which has the weight of the law behind you paying it. We don't have a choice whether we pay or not, and the cuts are staggering. How about reducing the number of admin staff, how about streamlining the crazy number of schemes and reports you produce, for example all the initiatives with Families First etc? I'm all for helping families, but why such a vast array of complex schemes? It's the same all over the council. And yet you want to close leisure centres and leave libraries without books. This is bread and butter stuff. What on earth do you spend all your money on at the council? It certainly isn't being spent on helping people at the bottom. No more meals on wheels? There are already charges for everything. I tell you now, you're going to have riots on your hands the way things are going. Cut down on all the red tape, provide the services to the public that people expect, and cut out the unnecessary faff. You can't afford to put posters and pretty signs anywhere anymore. Just do what you need to do - schools, highways, social services, libraries, leisure centres, refuse etc, and the rest will have to be scaled back drastically. I can't believe you even want to charge to get rid of rats. This is unbelievable. You can't cut services people depend on, and yet you cannot seriously expect people to pay 7% extra. What planet are you living on?

Though I agree some savings are being forced on us, some of these savings are likely to lead to an increase in expensive incidents whose cost may fall on the council through damage and injury claims. Highway maintenance already extremely poor in this area is looking like it will drop, so vehicle damage and personal injury incidents are likely to increase dramatically. This problem may also be a result of reduced maintenance and cleaning in town centres. The closure of household waste recycling centres will lead to a massive increase of fly tipping with associated environmental damage and increased clean up costs.

To close the waste disposal and recycling sites at Aberbargoed and Penallta is completely false economy. This will lead to more fly tipping which will cost more to collect than will be saved by closing the sites and will also lead to more items being placed in the general waste bins which leads to more landfill with its associated costs. By closing both the mid valley sites it will increase the traffic at all sites especially at the Llanbradach site to the extent the the tailback will reach the main roundabout on the by pass. The stated aim of the council is to improve the enviroment and air quality, The extra traffic jams caused will will lead to increased air pollution and the fly tipping to enviromental damage. In these times of extreme pressure on the social services and everyone being urged to keep fit to close ANY leisure centre in the area goes completely against everything we are being asked to do to help the situation.

To cut the roads maintenance budget is false economy, leading to larger spends in the long run when carriageways completely collapse. Poor maintenance will also result in a greater number of road traffic collisions, and claims for damages from the Council.

To stop the meals direct service is a step too far! The elderly people rely on this and I am appalled to think the council are so hard hearted. I used this service often returning home from hospital and although I have family nearby, assistance by the service a few days a week was marvellous. Many older people are confined to their homes and cannot be without this service.

To takeaway caretakers wages would mean a great loss to the village as our centre only small the money just covers all the bills that has to be paid, so it will hit the whole of the village (elderly, young) the older kids, the clubs that uses the centre every week, football, kid football, this will hit them all badly.

Too much expenditure on grass cutting. If Penallta civic amenity site is closed then there will be an increase in fly tipping. The cost if subwequenr clear up will be more than the cost of fly tipping clearance. Close the least used civic qmenity site if a civic amenity site needs to be closed.

Totally disagree with the following . 1- Council tax rise 2- MOW reduction ( this is a vital service ) 3- Street Lighting ( reduces street crime) 4- Agree with the following 1- Sell off vacant land pontllanfriath etc ( saving the council and gives a net profit) 2- Wasting Public money with outside consultants
Totally disagree with closure of 2 civic amenity sites and with closure of public toilets. Strongly disagree with proposed reduction in funding of libraries. They are centres of excellence and form a vital part of community life not just for the elderly but for children and their education. Support the proposed increase in council tax as long as the current spending levels are retained.
Understand the need for savings. Strongly disagree to cuts to education budgets.. Would not have a problem with two refuse sites being closed and public toilets. I can use cafe and supermarkets if i'm in town.
Vulnerable people in community Community as a whole Severe impact on youth & elderly Increase children on streets and anti social behaviour Totally opposed to Finding caretakers salary at our community centre will not be viable and this will be a major threat to our community
Waste Management Meals on wheels Playground maintenance Safety wardens Community centres
We can not afford to reduce school budgets in any way. The children are our future. Our highways need maintaining and grass cutting is very sparse as it is so that should not be reduced. To reduce street lighting is false economy. Accidents may happen which will result in extra work for the police, fire and ambulance services. This would obviously have a negative impact on their budget.
We disagree with all of the savings proposals outlined.The council must ask Government how much money it can expect to receive so that it can make an informed decision about how much money will need to be raised through savings before deciding how to claw savings from its constituents.
We get absolutely nothing for our money except bin collections. You supposedly run leisure centres, but we pay a hefty amount to use these facilities, you try and sell off any scrap of land that kids can play on. The cuts should begin with the councillors expenses and payments, as well as any so called training days away. If you want to be a councillor you should already have enough knowledge to let you do your duty.
We need public toilets open for ourselves and for visitors. There is not many left. We need to put money in care for elderly. We need to look after our children's education for the future. We need to make it easier for land owners to sell their land for housing.
We rarely see police officers patrolling our streets these days, so I feel removing community safety wardens is not a very good idea. Their presence - just patrolling our streets - makes us feel we are being kept safe and is, I am sure, a deterrent to crime, burglaries etc.
We seriously disagree to the proposed cuts in public Utilities and Conveniences (Public Toilets) and to the gradual removal of support services for Adults (Social Services & Meals on Wheels). The majority of savings have been produced by cutting Community and Social Services Budgets - this is what a County Council is FOR! There is no mention of reduction to bonuses, wage increases or indeed, Voluntary Pay Cuts (despite the number of time you have expected people working in affected areas will take Voluntary Redundancies and Retirement). This budget seems radically unbalanced and does not focus much on what can be done to reduce in-house expenses (the part about increasing the cost of the in-house Carvery meals is laughable and a perfect example of why people continue to point fingers at the most wealthy county council in Wales, continuing in preferential treatment.) The Council Tax increase penalises the majority of your residents who live on Minimum Wage and work and live to their means as best as possible. The goal posts for relief (Council tax Benefit) have moved dramatically in the last 3 years - making it harder for people to apply for and be accepted for this relief. Even when accepted, the relief is less than it has been in the past and you continue a cycle of poverty. Those who do not qualify MUST find the money somewhere and this seriously affects a vast majority of residents living in the county.

We strongly disagree with reducing spending on crucial services such as libraries, day centres and youth services. Ceasing meals on wheels would be an absolute disgrace. Ccbc has wasted millions on 3 individuals, paid to do nothing on gardening leave. It's an absolute disgrace that residents should be made to pay for their actions.

We strongly disagree with the closure of Penallta and Aberbargoed civic amenity sites. They are both located close together within the borough, having to travel to Pontllanfraith to dispose of bulkier rubbish. Surely it would be better to close them in different areas of the borough. Not sure if reading this correctly but you are reducing the carriageway budget in various areas and yet there is a increased rate of insurance claims, so surely spending more money on road maintenance should decrease the risk of insurance claims.

what a stupid idea to shut 2 recycling centres dont you realise people will dump their rubbish all over the county especially the mountains and it will cost the council twice as much to collect it, please think again, these recycling centres are much needed

What a waste of taxpayers money which was spent on the Pwll Pant roundabout. Installing only traffic lights would have had the same impact as putting extra lanes in. I travel from Llanbradach towards Newport and when my light is green all the others are red so no need for an extra lane going into one lane.

What about getting rid of some councillors from the cabinet? The fees they get for attending meetings are extortionate and an absolute disgrace to the tax payer. Reduce the number and make them retire at 65! Reduce the number of meeting to discuss meetings and meetings to discuss minutes of meetings. That way you can save even more money and perhaps use it to fund more for the over 60's population and for the children in the North of Caerphilly who are often forgotten. The number of councillors and community councillors in Caerphilly is quite frankly a shocking waste of public money and a drain on increasingly tight resources. As more cuts are announced there needs to be a rationalisation of the number of wards so we can reduce the number of councillors. Every sector of the authority seems to be losing staff and having to make cuts so why not the actual councillors too. Stop subsidising the meals for council staff at Ty Penallta and make everyone, including councillors pay for their own tea, coffee, biscuits and food. There are many families within this authority who already rely on food banks to help feed their children and themselves and those who face in work poverty will be hit by increased school meal charges. As it is, many families who pay for school meals are struggling to find the money for a hot meal for their child every day at school and elderly people too will struggle with the loss of the ' meals on wheels' services. I notice that there is no mention of reducing the catering service for CCBC staff at Ty Penallta or of increasing the cost of food provided to the actual market value. Reducing the budget for youth services and adventure will mean less support for vulnerable learners that are supported by CAG and the Youth teams across the borough. That will have a long term impact for many demotivated or disengaged young people. Reductions in school budgets that are already so tight that you can hear the pips squeak, will add to teacher workload and increase class sizes where pupils who already struggle in mainstream, will increasingly not have the resources in terms of staff to support them. Especially those children who have suffered ACEs or are in foster care. We need more staff in schools, not less. We need more support for children, not less. We need more help for the lonely, elderly and vulnerable, not less. What we need are far less wards, far less councillors at a county level and a community level and far less money spend on the grinding, useless, amateur, untrained and poorly qualified elected representatives. Reduce their numbers, their meetings, their allowances and their age at which they need to retire. It's madness to put these doddering , antiquated people in charge of millions of pounds, affecting millions of lives. We need less of them but better qualified and more up to date instead of being forever bogged down in the quagmire that is local politics. Less councillors please! Less allowances! Less payments to them! Less committees and sub committees and panels! Let there be professionally qualified people .....

When making these decisions I understand that you have big savings to be made. However please bear in mind that saving some money today may mean an increase in spending tomorrow. For example, closing refuse centres WILL result in an increase in fly tipping and therefore more resources to use today the offender and bring them to justice plus the clean up bill. I believe that many of these proposals are simply deferring the outlay of money and in the long term will result in more money being required.

While having sympathy for council trying to maintain services. I also am trying to do the same with similar increases in my budget too, and proposed rates as you suggest are frankly unaffordable. I am just a pensioner with bills to pay also or do you think money can just be found year on year just because your outgoings are rising. There must be a balance in services and your expenditure ,and if savings have to be made just as I have you have to too. I have not had any extra in my pension to even come anywhere near what you are asking for and expressing the large increase in terms as only 1.74 a week or ten pence a second will not make it a smaller sum.

while I accept there is increased pressure it is worrying money is being wasted but there seems to be a lot of cuts in areas for the disabled in education and services which I do not agree with adults and children are already vulnerable and it feels that they are pushed aside

While I appreciate that the council has difficult decisions to make concerning the budget. Yet again proposals are to reduce or discontinue services and raise council tax significantly above inflation and average wage growth. In addition the council continue to pay out wages, compensation and legal costs over the senior staff pay scandal, which has exceeded £4m and is likely to go on well into 2019. Money that is now having to be found from Caerphilly residents.

While many of the proposals are logical in any attempt to achieve the savings required there are others which will have an adverse effect upon the community at large. For instance the proposals regarding waste management particularly the closure of 2 civic amenity sites and the reductions in the opening times of the remaining sites. In my opinion this is a valued service and these proposals will result in a considerable increase in fly tipping throughout the Council area. Fly tipping is already a problem and the costs incurred in clearing up rubbish tipped like this would increase to such a level as to minimise the savings anticipated in the proposed restructuring of the amenity sites facilities. It is a well used service and its reduction would cause great inconvenience to the public at large. It is noted that the proposals in general are graded in accordance with the anticipated public impact but very few seem to be graded as "High". It is hard to understand how such stringent reductions in expenditure can be said to have no or low impact in many instances when considerable amounts of money are involved. Surely savings can be achieved to minimise costs in other areas eg reduction in the number of meetings held each year to reduce costs in that area, to name just one. Also steps need to be taken to finalise the long running "gardening leave" problem thus saving more money.

While many of the savings and service reductions make sense, I feel the proposed reduction in funding for Libraries and Music Service would be both short-sighted and send a poor signal to the community. My main concern however is with the insane proposal to close both Aberbargoed and Penallta Recycling Centres. That's just nuts. It was reported in October that the council spent over £150K cleaning up following fly tipping incidents. How much more will it be if these sites close? I expect the proposed saving of £98K will quickly be eaten up by an increase in illegal dumping. And again, what message does it send? For many people in my area, it will mean a trip to either Rhymney or Pontllanfraith to dispose of waste or to recycle. This will add to traffic, increase pollution and just makes no sense when considered in the context of climate change and the push to send less to land fill.

Whilst I agree that unfortunately savings have to be made due to the lack of funding by central governments. I believe that a more considered approach as to where the cuts be made. As they stand now I think it will lead to a lack of social cohesion and increased isolation of the most vulnerable. Central Governments can always find money when they need to. I am objecting in particular to the proposed closure of the Channel View Community Centre for the following reasons: 1. That the hall is the only community facility available to all groups in the Risca/Pontymister/Cross Keys area 2. That the hall now has considerably more use than it used to, with at least 6 different groups now using it. 3. That an alternative is for the Management Committee of the hall to take on the Council's current role; saving the Council about £7,000 per year. 4. That the Council will not save any more money if it closes the hall, as opposed to simply withdrawing its revenue funding. In fact it will be left with a building that it will have to pay to demolish. 5. The hall finances are now in the control of the Management Committee of the hall, and there is enough money in the kitty to be able to pay the above bills for a few years to come, so the impact that the closure of the hall would have on the community can be avoided. 6. We recognise the problems with the existing hall, but are making progress in the funding of a replacement hall. It will be possible to close it when a new hall is built, but it would be a real loss to the community to do it now.

Whilst I can see the need to make savings due to the delegated authority budget, there will be considerable impact on the most needed services particularly for vulnerable and schools. School budgets are already at crisis point and consideration is needed as to how they will be supported and expected to manage their own budgets. The other noticable element here is that there is only one proposal with no alternatives offered. As such making a decision is most difficult. If residents were given some options, rather than one option, this may give some confidence in the proposals. Ultimately, whilst impact is indicated as low or medium on the majority- the whole means far greatest impact which appears to be avoided. What is the projection over 3 years if we are to support the increase in council tax and these reductions? How can year on year savings be made if you are already stretched with this proposal?

Whilst I have the understanding and knowledge to why cuts must be made, I do believe the loss of public services would be catastrophic. I do believe though that an opportunity can be gained; using legislation set out in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act, and the Future Generations Act, why not asset-lock public services and hand them to Social Enterprises and Co-operatives? Also, invest time and knowledge to show local communities how it can be done. This would reduce costs as private enterprise isn't a consideration, plus, it strengthens communities, creates jobs and supports a foundation economy. Also, may I also recommend implementing the Preston Model to address costly procurement issues and keep Caerphilly money in Caerphilly, as much as possible. To lose public services will be negative and unproductive, especially youth services - a lack of service goes hand in hand with crime and poverty, and it will essentially damage the next generation who won't be able to take our county into further prosperity. It's quite clear that to keep services that we have to work together and stop looking at Westminster for financial support, because we are not going to have it, it's time we banded together and started to do things ourselves and in house. I support a raise in tax, but not what is proposed as that figure is unfair on the majority, and austerity isn't the fault of the people.

Whilst I understand that savings have to be made. The main ones that I'm concerned about are the closure of Penallta and Aberbargoed Civic Amenity Sites and the additional day's closure for the remaining sites - I think this is very short sighted as there is already a problem in the County with fly tipping and this will increase the likelihood of this happening. I also think that reducing budgets for local conveniences and for cleaning and maintaining town centres is a terrible idea as this leads to visitors getting a very poor impression of our towns and will eventually result in less visitors.

Whilst I understand the reasons behind the savings I am unhappy about the closure of both civic amenities site closest to my home in Bargoed. The sites are well used and provide an essential service, which if lost would cause in my opinion future more expensive issues due to the nature of society including an increase in fly tipping.

<p>Whilst understand the source of the need for cuts, in the context of the wfg act, cutting the meagre grant available to the third sector - particularly Groundwork- and the proposed cuts to leisure centres will further reduce vital services provided in the community.</p>
<p>why if there is no impact to the public in certain savings, have these savings not been implemented previously. I strongly disagree with any cutbacks in waste management. this is likely to increase fly tipping which costs even more to remedy. if you wish to encourage people to live in this area and thereby increase revenue the roads they use need to be maintained appropriately and facilities available for use by them.</p>
<p>Why is there no mention of the possibility of switching the street lights off after mid-night in all areas in caerphilly borough. Do the residents actually know. I understand the chief executive who is currently suspended is still being paid. I dont think it fair to remove my current services until this matter has been resolved.</p>
<p>Why not cut some of the councillors 'perks', there seems to be very little done for the communities in general , it's cut,cut, and cut all the time. Closing recycling depots, leisure facilities , and youth services will only result in more fly tipping, kids on the streets and people who need help the most not getting any assistance . We despair of these cuts , about time something was done about it !</p>
<p>With Cost of Living already increasing where Salaries aren't, to increase Council Tax by this amount of money is unrealistic and unfair. Alot of people are working all day everyday just to pay bills with very little money left afterwards, this increase will have knock on effects of more people unable to afford their monthly bills, relying on benefits and food banks. Other savings need to be looked at.</p>
<p>With the more favourable budget settlement from the Welsh Government will the meals on wheels service removal now be taken off the proposed budget savings for the coming year?</p>
<p>Yet again seems that the vulnerable, young and old are baring the brunt! People are struggling! An increase such as the proposed council tax rise and putting up school meal prices would impact us greatly!</p>
<p>You are asking for an increase in council tax but then offering less services for our money, what other service would you put up with this, you would not and just go some where else why does the council think its expectable to cut front line services that your community see and interacts with and keep the higher paid management job that know one see or deal with. it does not matter if a service is well performing needed by our community or not the process of cuts does not make sense. is some department you have you have top end management compared to staff levels. you need to keep community safety wardens, meals on wheels and get rid of under performing department like litter police.</p>
<p>You are increasing council tax, however many of our facilities are decreasing. I totally disagree with closing 2 household recycling facilities in the middle of the county. I am afraid that fly tipping will increase on local hills in this area due to nearest tip being 6 miles away or Llanbradach 10 miles away. You are also closing both sites that have Asbestos facilities as Rhymney does not have this facility so will we find this on our local hills as well in the future?</p>
<p>You have already taken away my cooker (and gas fire). I will no longer have any meals (so please don't stop MOW). We hardly ever have our street cleaned or our grass cut anyway. I am a semi cripple and can't get about anyway.</p>
<p>You intend to increase council tax by way more than the rate of inflation and wage rises whilst also cutting services, this is wrong. We live in a 1st world country yet people who are in work rely on charities and top-ups to get by.</p>
<p>You must be joking saving on proposed areas already at rock bottom must work harder at savings try looking at all the nice new vans your employees waltz around in and employees uniform don't get this in private industry</p>
<p>You should all be ashamed of yourselves, the money wasted on paying people who are sitting on their butts at home laughing at you! Hopefully all of your hospitality will stop too. That will save a fortune. Bet no councillor will be tightening their belts. Poor people who can no longer access the services the need and carers who already get little respite will suffer.</p>

You should really be looking at cutting from the top rather than cutting services. Management should be thinned and this ridiculous situation with the three stooges on what would appear to be permanent suspension needs to be dealt with immediately! Cutting services is a false economy.

Your proposals to cut MANY IMPORTANT SERVICES... that the Caerphilly Borough Rate Payers and community need to maintain their Community. For their Health and Well being. We see from comments on TV and the papers, Local Government, that people must exercise more, eat healthy, stay active and keep Communities together, with support from everyone in their Community. It seems that the Local cuts and local Councils, they are trying to destroy the communities, Already low spirit of Rate Payers, by further cuts to Services that they look forward to. Not to mention the constant advertisements to recycling waste more .... Good Money constantly being spent and wasted on this subject. The Grass Cutting is a joke half the time, because of the mess they leave behind, on pavements and curbs. The Money WASTED on the Caerphilly Town "so called Police Station". We heard not so long ago of an increase to Council and Assembly Members Pay increases. NO mention from Councillors or Assembly Members that they will not accept this increase. Perhaps consider cuts to Councillors/MP expenses. Save money by cutting out the HIGH printing in Welsh, and English, and other languages paper work/ Bills, Notices. Bring back Toilets wardens and charging a fee for Public toilets. Savings can be made also by asking public to donate GOOD condition Books. The Libraries are the main stay of any Community. .



## Impact of Cuts on Specific Groups

* Cease the meals direct service. In my late 80's and a widower I have multiple disabilities, inc blind, asbestosis to mention just 2, I live on my own in my own house. Meals direct helps me in many ways, to help me to continue to live in my own home. I have regular warm food with someone who call by everyday, a fear of falling and being left there is reduced. I have no sense of smell and registered blind so cooking ranges from difficult to impossible.
1. The meals direct service is a life line for many elderly especially if they are isolated from family and friends. Many are to disabled to shop for food and unable to carry heavy bags. This service should be maintained at all costs.
1) Dementia, food supply meals on wheels 2) Age 88+ 3) Housebound 4) Defend away, on others 5) Seeing a person at lunch delivery not left alone 6) Caring in the community
A Labour council - doing nothing Cuts should be made in council offices
Actually, being white, Protestant, Welsh, with chronic illness that doesn't qualify as a disability, middle aged and happy with my gender, I feel ignored and dismissed. I feel there is so much concentration on the 'minorities' and making sure they don't feel left out, discriminated against, insulted, or upset, there is little time or money to worry about the majority.
All reductions in highway or town centre maintenance and cleaning will greatly impact my ability to get around safely due to visual impairment as the number of hazards will increases with an associated exponential increase in risk.
All these proposed cuts will impact on someone, but seem to unavoidable at present, put on a general election and then we may start to share wealth and care about the people of this united country.
Allow people the choice of which language, sending out both is doubling the printing costs
Almost ALL of the proposed budget cuts will affect me (and EVERY citizen) and issues of possible 'discrimination' are - in my opinion - totally irrelevant.
already way too high, make cuts in other areas.
An increase in council tax of 3%. Plus to ease the burden to this group of tax payers and share their pain a 1% reduction in senior management pay could ease CCBC budget deficit. A small payment to use public facilities that are FREE e.g. libraries, also the greater use of volunteers in this sector could help
Any cuts to school funding will directly affect my children who are both in primary education at present.
As a full time working family ultimately we will be hit hardest as lower income families will still have lots of benefits, free school meals, grants for uniforms etc etc
As a married working mother loss of services and increases in council tax will negatively affect me, my family and our quality of life.
As a parent of 3, I'd like any proposal that affects their education or access to facilities and 'things to do' outside of school to remain.
As a person with mobility difficulties, the closure of the recycling sites would cause me problems. I am a supporter of recycling and trying to reduce our carbon footprints to help save humanity. Closure of these sites would mean further travelling and extra carbon output.
As a senior citizen with elderly parents and young people in my family every single aspect of the cut backs affect my family
As an individual elderly person because of age and dependent on support from services such as meals on wheels, these budget cut proposals will have a detrimental effect on health and wellbeing and is a retrograde step.
As an older person, I believe the impact of closing the toilets at the interchange on Caerphilly will force me to use the toilet in the Malcolm Uphill but the toilets in the pub are upstairs and getting from the interchange means I have to cross a main road.
As cuts are to spread across services anything to minimise cuts to passable facilities would be recommended, freedom of belief is very import
As far as the Welsh language is concerned, Caerphilly like many councils is flogging a dead horse. The Welsh language is not widely spoken or supported in this area yet you continue to bus in pupils from far and wide to promote the a Welsh language.

As leader .... go around the borough and see where money is wasted. Coed-y-Brain roundabout 18 lights, one on 24/7 for the last 14 months. Stop paying O'Sullivan, cut your cloth to suit your style and cut your office staff, you can save the council money by resigning.....
As meals on wheels is very important to myself and wife at this time the payment for some is important because it is low, taking it away - drastic for many people.
As parents the proposed savings on education, safety officers and lunches will affect us as individuals. We pay for our children's lunch and we want them to have a warm, healthy and wholesome meal during their school day. The increase on school meals could mean we are forced to use a packed lunch instead. At a time when child obesity is on the increase healthy meals designed and cooked by the Council should be supported.
As put earlier. I've been a victim of anti social behaviour and had valuable support from a department your planning "to cease". We will see where that leaves us in a few years. ....
As someone who's relative relies on day care I unfortunately have no option but to look for residential homes. However there aren't any close by for dementia. And they have no savings or home of their own.
As someone with an energy impairment/some limitations on how much travel I can do/reliance on public transport, anything which removes services to a location further away could impact me. I imagine that would also apply to other disabled people and to some older people, some being affected worse than others. A useful mitigation would be to ensure ease of access to services by public transport - also delivering environmental benefits.
As there is a whole section of cuts for Social Services and Housing, which serve members of the community with disabilities then obviously individuals with disabilities will be specifically affected.
Being an old age pensioner I thought I would be looked after, but it seems that everything in these days falls back to budget and money.
Budget cuts will affect everyone except if your name is Anthony O'Sullivan, Nigel Barnett or Daniel Perkins.
Caerphilly County Borough Council wastes £3 million plus on pursuing a legal case .....and you ask us for ideas on how to save money!
Carriageway resurfacing / dressing - causes road traffic accidents. Closure of public conveniences - should be providing more! Perhaps encourage high street initiatives for shops/businesses to allow use of toilet facilities by public.
charging for rat treatment This has the potential to impact on - AGE - older people who may not be able to afford such charges - DISABILITY - potential for a negative impact on their health and wellbeing - RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEPENDENTS - family carers may incur additional costs to support their dependents
Closing our community centre will impact me and my children, we have very little in Phillipstown as it is without you taking away more, I use the centre weekly for playgroup and it's a huge part of the community. Also, schools should have an increase in investment not cutbacks, after all our children are the future and will be doing your jobs when older so I think to be well educated is a must.
Closing public toilets would target people with a disability e.g. incontinence, etc..
Closing refuse recycling sites is counterproductive, there is more fly tipping add cost of clearing
Closing the skips in Penallta is wrong it's used by so many residents the bins are bi weekly collection and when you have a large family it's difficult enough the green bin is always full before the end of the first week stop paying extravagant pay awards and salaries to the top brass at the council you could save money that way
Closure of public conveniences - discriminates against those with health needs. School mtfp shortfall - if this results in a reduction in staff this could impact on pupils with ALN who don't have a statement
Community safety wardens provide the feeling of security in people of older years
Council tax increase for myself will mean less money again and having to cut back on more things.
Council tax should not rise more than rate of inflation. Only a tiny % of the populous will 'enjoy' a 6.95% pay rise, hence c/tax should reflect this.

Cut to public conveniences will significantly affect my partner who requires access to these conveniences due to her disability.
Cuts affecting 60+ and disability.
CUTS to Leisure Centre - The Health and Well Being to Rate Payers Families - regarding School meals increase, especially if they have two or more children in School, Child care. Meals on Wheels to some Rate Payers, this might be the only good meal they might have.or see a friendly face. .
Cuts to libraries will negatively affect myself as a mother and my pre school daughter. We attend baby rhyme times at our library and it's an essential service for both myself and my daughter and we'd be lost without it.
Cuts to meals on wheels will cause more pressure on myself and my family to support my elderly grandmother Cuts to childcare will affect my youngest child Cuts to school budget will affect the education of my oldest child
Cutting meals on wheels service would massively impact some vulnerable people, how else could this be funded or maintained? Will we see an increase in deaths in those who currently benefit from meals on wheels. Would be a shame to close penallta tip, seems to be very popular compared to other sites. Completely disagree with any staff discounts on meals in schools and offices. Discounts on meals should cease immediately.
Cutting meals on wheels will affect my family negatively. Our grandmother receives meals which are a lifeline as we are unable to get to her everyday.
Day centre's and respite care are my lifeline
Do not cut the mental health support. As a service user it helps me (and others I know!) to get out into the community and also allows my husband a few hours a week respite. If you didn't pay for 2 councillors to do the one job, there would be plenty in the pot!
Does being married, heterosexual, welsh born and bred, working, tax payer not have an equal weighting?
Don't cut toilets , meals on wheels and don't increase school meals
Due to being a senior citizen, I use the library service as not only do they provide reading material but computer access which can be vital to those that don't have access at home. Access to so much seems to have to be 'online'.
Elderly Children Youth club Clubs that use the centre every week
Financial pressures mean that I can't afford my pension. Any other increases are going to be a burden.
Fly tipping in my number 1 priority. It's like living in. Dehli shanty town. If your supposed budget cuts make this worse then damn the lot of you.
Go around back lanes of most properties right now. We have a fkybtipping problem already. It will get worse
Having already said that I'm against Channel View Community Centre going before something else is built. Yes I go their for worshipping with other people on a Sunday and helped with Tots. But it's a place where people feel safe, warm and even refreshed. It's been a place where people who once were in debt have been able to get out of debt or even find work if other places can't help.
How can any one answer this question....
How much are you paying for these surveys and analysis. Saving there. Please reply
I can't see any positives with any cuts.
I am a car driver and also regularly use the waste clearing at Crosskeys. a neighbour and I have already had to deal with rubbish dumped in our area.
I am a disabled person and use the meals on wheels service, without this service I would not have a hot, healthy meal on week days and my health would suffer as a result. In addition, the meals on wheels staff have raised the alarm to my daughter when I have not answered the door, this offers reassurance to both of us that help is there in am emergency. If the meals on wheels service is stopped, people like me would suffer a drop in our standard of living and suffer as a result. Please consider the impact of any cuts to this service on elderly and disabled people. I strongly oppose a cut to this service.

I am a Disabled Woman (Physical Disability/Wheelchair User) and by closing public conveniences, you make it even harder for us to enjoy our well-funded parks and community spaces (especially when surrounding shops are closed or unavailable). You have not made it clear whether toilets for participants in the RADAR scheme will still be available. It also paints a bleak picture of what our future may look like, living in a County where we value the income of our Representatives more than we do our most vulnerable.
I am a self-employed taxpayer, paying rent to a private landlord. I am on a low income (less than £8k )and can only just manage to meet rent, council tax, income tax and bills. Any increase in Council Tax will push me closer to homelessness than ever before, and I've been told that I can't claim any help with my housing costs as I'm self employed. One wonders if it'll just be easier to stop working to support myself, and exist on benefits like my neighbour, who doesn't work pays vastly reduced rent, zero Council Tax (if at all) and bills, and enjoys a life of leisure.
I am a widow - age 64 unable to claim any state retirement pension because of government changes
I am an elderly person with disabilities who would be adversely affected if Penallta CAS closes.
I am appalled at the scale of the cuts, they will have an effect on all residents of the borough. I would support an increase in council tax to maintain services. The cuts will impact further on borough residents year on year. The council must make clear to the WAG and Westminster the devastating effect of these cuts. There will come a time when no further reductions are possible. What will happen then? Will ministers continue to waffle and prevaricate while "Rome burns"? I worry for the younger generations.
I am dependent upon meals on wheels for 5 days a week and do not know how I will manage without this service.
I am disabled and 92 years of age. I have been waiting for knees and hips replacement since 2005 and don't see any signs of having them done.
I am luckily, not directly affected by this other than the increase in council tax. I just feel strongly for the difficulties you are inducing in the less well off yet again.
I am severely disabled and any cuts to social services provision would unfairly impact my life.
I believe thats privatisation in part or wholly with grants to support local business within caerphilly would help support the comunity and keep the budget at bay. I.e. leisure centres could be sold/leased/ run privately(at a sensible cost without overpowering the leaser/owner) by someone but a small yearly budget at a smaller cost than current outlay for essentials would go a long way serving the comunity, keeping the budget and providing potential jobs.
I believe the closure of Tyncarn D/c will affect Older carers and withdraw a respite opportunity which is already scarce in CCBC
I care for three disabled family members and due to cuts in services and lack of funding things are no longer available the stress and worry over the state of things are a constant worry and it is getting worst
I could put my income and expenditure details on here but im on a good salary but as a single house occupier i cannot stretch to more outgoings as im in he negative everymonth anyway?!! This is not a sustainable life style. Working poor. When did this become o.k.
I disagree very strongly about stopping meals direct, I totally rely on the wonderful service we have, for me it would mean no more dinners, I would have to put up with sandwiches. I find it hard to stand for long and I have bad hands, I find it difficult to prepare dinners. Lifting heavy saucepans hurt my wrists so please don't stop meals direct, I totally rely on them.
I do not want the meals on wheels to stop service and I am vehemently opposed this without this service I would not have a hot meal and would miss personal contact with anyone. I am 92 in March and live on my own.
I don't believe any if the cuts are offensive to me as a person, because I'm not inclined to be offended. If anybody takes the cutbacks personally, it should be because of their social situation (financial etc.) The biggest difference to me would be the tip in penallta closing, as I regularly use this site, so do a huge surrounding area, it would be madness to shut it. I am already affected by Bryn Recycling Group though, but nothing seems to be done to shut that place down, even though it's having an actual effect on people's health and is being funded by the council, if you wish to make cutbacks, I suggest you stop giving money to them and allocate it to where it's actually going to do some good.

I don't feel this would affect me adversely due to any of these things. However, I do feel these cuts unfairly impact those in the Caerphilly council area who are experiencing poverty and who earn less or are on benefits.
I feel just as a Tax payer it will affect me and my family. The roads,needs repairing if not I as the tax payer will have to pay out more on repairs to our vehicles. I live in Tir-y-Berth and we have already seen the closure of the recycling centre will we have to witness the one in Gelligaer or Aberbargoed go too. We took that cut once you see. so positively for me I would prefer to see no recycling centres open and we can just dump our over spend in charity shops, or mountains as this is where the majority of the population will begin to deposit their waste.
I feel the proposed cuts in the Care Sector are very worrying. The Government's recent National Health initiatives and increased budgets, highlight the need to reduce hospital stays and more help and support directly to the home environment. Perhaps this new initiative will impact upon the Council's proposed cuts.
I had to give up work to care for two disabled family members services and support have been cut transition from children to adult services is a nightmare also respite is a joke
I have a physically disabled daughter and over many years have seen so much waste, and indifference in provisions, the more you try to do for yourselves the worse off you are. Now you propose cuts to services for the most vulnerable in society it is disgraceful. Our daughter has missed out on so much already because she cannot access disabled toilets as they don't cater for all disabled people and many are ear marked for closure. many shops and cafe's in the area are inaccessible to wheelchair users, the council is not enforcing disability act to allow access to all, she can't go along the pavements as there are cars parked on them, forcing her onto the road, an already vulnerable person put in danger and the council or the police are doing nothing about it. We can't even go for a family walk along the foot paths as the gaps for wheelchairs and pushchairs to get through are not even wide enough for her electric wheelchair to get through. And you want to cut more from her life, disgraceful. I feel that by the end of this it will end up a post code lottery as to whether you end up getting any services or not, whether or not your road/pavement gets maintained, so I think what ever you end up doing should be done right across the county, i.e. if you shut one community centre shut them all, so nobody/area is treated differently.
I have a young family and do not wish to be pushed into going outside of the county borough to see shows, visit events, find adequate leisure facilities and means of enjoying our weekends. I want their sports such as football to be played on local pitches and 3G pitches without having to travel. I don't want to have to go to Cardiff or RCT or elsewhere to enjoy events, we have some fantastic events which I'm sure with a bit of time and effort can be managed to come in on less expenditure through increased revenue. I am lucky that I can drive but there are still many who cannot especially young teenagers. Without them to have local activities and events to look forward to they will be looking for tings to do and often causing a nuisance - without the community safety wardens to control this also we are heading down a dodgy path. The increase in litter in the area is extortionate so with closure of any sites for waste disposal this is going to create a total mess in the community. The fly tipping, dog waste and general litter ay the moment is disgusting so why would you reduce this even more. There is just one answer to all this - sort out the issue with the chief executive and reduce what all the local councillors are being paid. Do we need a Mayor ? why?
I have an aunt who I pretty much sole care for, she relies on meals direct for a warm meal each day. Although she lives alone, she does have learning difficulties and struggles to make warm meals. If meals direct were scrapped, I wouldn't know what we would do. I just cannot go down each day. I work, have two young children, run a home and get no help elsewhere.
I have children in school and I fully support my area where I can for social events and feel the cuts would very much affect all of us and the area we live. I feel if is very important to prevent the area from becoming run down and just attracting the wrong attention & gangs making it not a nice place to live. I have lived here for 18 years and already don't feel as safe as I used to
I live in Bargoed and we have seen a rapid decline in the town over the last 4 or 5 years. It is now a very depressing place to live. Most of the cuts will not impact my family directly but they will make an already bad situation even worse.
I live in the countryside, what extra do I get for this proposed increase.

I live on my own and visit the day centre in Energlyn twice a week. Not having this facility would mean I have no interaction outside my own home. They also provide my lunch twice a week. I really enjoy the two trips out each week and as I am in a wheelchair, and unable to go in a normal car, I also enjoy the journey. I would be devastated and very lonely if I lost my twice weekly trips outside my home. I also have meals on wheels 3 times a week. If the day centre closed I would need meals on wheels 5 times a week. If meals on wheels stopped - what would I eat? I am a diabetic so I definitely need at least one nutritious and wholesome meal a day.

I object to the cuts in Street Cleansing, if this is related to refuse collection. We are already on a 2week cycle for our main bin and this creates an environment for vermin to increase. Our bin is full to capacity every fortnight even though we recycle as much as we are able to.

I personally would see the negative impact of closing waste centres with increase rubbish and flytipping when I go on my runs and cycle over Gelligwer mountain and I would Have to travel to Caerphilly to dispose of my waste ! A round trip of 10 miles ! Thanks x

I strongly disagree with the cuts to school budgets. Because of this my disabled (special educational needs) son will no longer have the one to one support he requires to attend school. The LEA for the last 2 years have only funded 15hrs a week support for my son and the school has struggled but managed to make this up to fulltime support as this is what he requires to meet health and safety and toileting requirements irrespective of his extra educational needs. Now my son is at risk of being either put at risk of falls etc and neglect of his toileting needs if i abide by law and send him fulltime without fulltime support or i risk being arrested or fined by only sending him for the 15hrs his human rights needs will be met. By doing this CCBC have gone against the human rights, childrens rights and are also discriminating my son from having his legal right to an education because of his disability. My son was born with a partial deletion of chromosome 7 meaning he has a diagnosis of Williams Syndrome. At the age of 5 he is still in nappies, does not communicate as effectively as a "typical" child, has a number of medical issues, has sensory issues, has mobility issues and also suffers huge anxieties when taken out of familiar places and routines. He has attended his mainstream primary school with full-time support since nursery and not only has shown great progress but he is extremely happy there. After the easter holidays the school can no longer afford to make up the funding to pay for his support so he faces only have 3 hrs a day support meaning potentially hindering his education, ruining routines, putting him at risk and risk of neglect.

I think cutting school budgets and youth centre budgets is awful! Also highways and refuse should be one of our priorities!

I think the closure of the toilets at Caerphilly rail station may have a detrimental effect as visitors arrive by train to Caerphilly.

I think the meals on wheels service will affect alot of vunrable adults in the borough, myself I have older parents who will 1 day need the service.

I think the proposed cuts will affect everyone in one way or another

I was born in 1942 and rely heavily on the meals direct service. I am disabled with Parkinsons disease and my restricted mobility does not allow me to be able to make food for myself.

I will not be affected specifically other than anticipating an increase in litter and dumping that will have a minor impact on quality of life

I work closely with young people and feel the cuts will have a direct impact on their wellbeing

i work full time and my wife is disabled and i also have a son who accesses day service for adults with a learning disability.over the last few years day care charges are going up quite a lot which affects his money.if these services are cut he will face even more isolation from his local community and friends.it also put more pressure on family to care for him while parents work

I would be interested tobl findvout how much money is spent on foubling up on printing everything in Welsh and English and the cost of translators beong present at all meetings. Meetings I attend in Cardiff translators charge £60 per hour.

I'm a disabled single mum who works part time . Your cuts will hit me on every level. You are pushing us single parents further into poverty. And yet we are not allowed the help legally by our low earnings we should be entitled to but too much red tape so I left paying out what 2 parent earningbgfamilies pay out. I should be entitle to free school meals and council tax benefit going by my earnings but I don't and council can't give me a solid reason other than pushing round pillar to post passing the problem to everyone else but deal with the problems yourself. Het you haven't lowered the earnings or capped earning Is fornyou bonus money grabbing top dogs though

I'm worried about libraries shutting, they are a great source of feeling part of the community, and an incentive to get outdoors rather than staying indoors feeling lonely

If meals on wheels were stopped it would impact not only on the health and wellbeing of my mum but me personally as I am not aware of a service that provides a hot delivered meal daily, the only alternative I'm aware of is a frozen meal delivered monthly.

Impact on elderly Children Disability Y Club Clubs that use the centre every week Football weekends Events that uses the centre

Impact on elderly Impact on children Disabled Hobbies Kurling Y Clubs Coffee mornings, parties etc Football Village events Yoga

In this years AGM the councilors voted to give themselves a pay rise for something that used to be a voluntary position with paid expenses. The councilors are now paying themselves for unproven hours more than they are paying people who are actually working for the council. The council has failed to make a decision on the fraud of the Chief Executive. If he is not guilty then he should resume his position regardless of the feelings of the councilors or the workers, if he is guilty then treat him accordingly. You are paying the man an exorbitant wage for no work. Make him attend the council offices 2-4 times a day to sign in and sign out. He has made a fool of the council and you are allowing this to continue. Are you increasing our council tax so that you can continue to pay for 2 chief executives? If you cut the Waste Recycling Centres then obviously you will have an increase of fly tipping and rubbish left around and increase the need for street cleansing because so many people don't care anymore. The grass cutting and highways maintenance is already hit and miss and depends where in Caerphilly area you live. You are cutting budgets for services provided to Social Services, this is very short sighted of the council as Wellbeing, support for struggling families and young people will in the long term increase the number of children being taken into care. The services supporting families can do provide different levels of support because they are not Social Services and are unfortunately, trusted more by families. If you take away meals on wheels, the day centres then you will see an increase on the number of adults with additional needs and older people needing fulltime or residential care because you are reducing their families ability to cope. If you take away family support within Children's and Adult Services it is the people who cannot get benefits who will suffer and who will pick up on arising Safeguarding and POVA issues? If you increase in school meal prices then it's those who are on the borderline of poverty who will suffer. Is someone really going to read this and consider it or have the decisions already been and this is a meaningless, expensive exercise in pretending to listen?

In times like this I'm sure minority groups will accept you taking care of the majority within the borough.

In withdrawing meals direct service my health would probably deteriorate and that would cost more for the NHS long term and I am probably not the only person in this predicament.

It is the councils duty to allow for the continued services I

It may have a negative effect on me as a single parent on a single income.

It will affect all of us negatively how do you expect us to manage you are not being fair to your workers or public

It will affect me personally - council tax proposed increase as I will be living alone on a small income for the best part of 2019.

It will effect me and my family in a number of ways but I'm realistic to know things have to change in some areas.

Just to give you some insight, I employ about 12 people and would find it difficult to continue to run this business without the support of meals on wheels, who help to ensure that Dad's diet is maintained as I imagine they do for a lot of other people - keeping them healthy and out of hospital. I would rather see the grass not cut than services to the old and needy stopped.
keep toilets open as older people tend to need them more as they get older
Leisure facilities namely the closure of Pontllanfraith leisure said would negatively effect all members of our household. the impact is already being felt with the constant reduction of services available at the centre, we have not and will not take up the services which have moved to others centres as they are inaccessible to us due to travel and work commitments.
Libraries are an important part of our culture. Adult services and day care provision, if cut, puts more pressure on parents who are already stressed therefore mental health is jeopardised.
Living in Risca, we don't get much anyway , seems Caerphilly town and area has priority.
Majority of cuts affects all persons living in the borough
Many of the proposed cuts will have an impact on me, my family, friends and neighbours. That's why I have criticised the 'Nil/low impact' observations in the proposed CUTS....
Married, working full time couples. we bear the brunt, of loss of disposable income.
Meals on wheels - it is an essential not a luxury service to the community, it is charged for not free service and should be protected. They not only deliver food to allow independent living, they may be the only people that I see all week and if things go wrong it may be down to them to contact emergency services. As Parliament is boasting more funding to support independent living, this service should be ringfenced as removal of this service be extremely counterproductive.
Meals on wheels effect (my disability) deaf/I've only one ear that is used, other is useless because of eardrum disconnection (too old for operation). Also I'm diabetic, I live on my own and depend on meals for 5 day food and my only help is my niece and she is 75? (Visit once a week). One other sign I can't walk steadily on my feet, I have fallen twice (once in hospital).
meals on wheels is needed please don't
Meals on wheels service has always been a vital service for single people when luncheon clubs were formed it was a place for single people or couples to meet others whilst enjoying a substantial meal. Its a shame that you propose to close this service. Motto - "Don't get old and inform". Community centres will close after they have used any savings to pay their caretaker £8.45 per hour approx. 12 hrs per week. £101.40 x 52 = £5,272.80 per year.
Meals on wheels will be an effective area as my mother already pays for the meals (full amount). This helps with nursing and care homes. Why attack the elderly. It is not their problem that they age with independence and NOONE ages the same way. Ask Wayne David his opinions on the elderly.
Meals on wheels will effect the elderly or those unable. It's a disgrace.
Meals under section 117 - please explain who comes under this.
Most notably the proposed cuts and closures to local community centres. As part of the TYB community council, and former village resident, I have seen first hand the impact this centre has had on residents; both young and old, and can foresee that the potential loss of our caretaker would be detrimental. The centre provides an outlet for many in variety of capacities. The younger generation are able to attend various functions organised by Helping Hands at the centre, they are given many opportunities to mix with older members of the community and thus strengthen community bonds - which I believe is valuable to ensure a respectful ethos. Recently children from the community helped to put up the poppies around the village, and had the opportunity to learn the significance of this act. The feeling of social cohesion cannot be underestimated, it is vital to The centre also houses a variety of clubs Karate, dance, Tai Chi, Parent Network and Bingo to name but a few - these clubs/activities are of vital importance to the members; promoting health and well being, providing support for families, and acting as a the only social outlet for many. At the heart of all these actives though is our caretaker. She works tirelessly for her community from taking bookings, organising events, promoting functions and much more - she is far more than someone who is just there to open and close the door and thus deserves to be paid accordingly.



Mother in law receives meals on wheels as she has lower disc generation and can not stand near a cooker or microwave. Removing the meals on wheels service would mean thatb she would not get a meal that lunchtime which could mean that my wife would have to give up work to care for her full time
My age may be an issue as I am 50?
My Brother who has a Learning Difficulty will undoubtedly suffer as a consequence of loss of Meals on Wheels, he cannot use a microwave or Kettle
My child would be directly affected by budget cuts in education. These children will become future taxpayers and education needs to be invested in.
My mother attends a day centre which is vital to keeping her in touch with different people other than family. She attends a day centre a few times a week which she really enjoys, it would be devastating for her if that centre was closed. I am sure that there are other families in the same position.
My mother is 90 and has Alzheimer's and arthritis. She has been living with me for the past 2 years. I receive no help from any outside agencies, only meals on wheels which we pay for. If this service is scrapped, my mother will not eat at lunchtime during the days I am at work. The only thing I do not have to worry about is finding a hot meal for her when I return from work. I am saving the authorities a lot of money by caring for my mother at home and the only help I have may be taken away from me. Also, there is someone calling in to the house once a day whilst I am out, who I know would contact me if any problems were identified. This service is a lifeline for so many old people it would be almost a case for neglect of the elderly if it were withdrawn as many would have no other source of nutrition regularly. I would urge the council to reconsider, whilst I realise savings have to be made, this service is too vital to lose. In summary, my mother either will not eat at lunchtime when I am working or I will have to leave my job or consider residential care for her. It is no good me leaving sandwiches as her dementia means I would have to phone her at least 2-3 times whilst at work to remind her to eat them. It would also add to my burden as a carer by having to prepare hot meals in the evenings.
My older son has been diagnosed with autism. My younger son has behavioural challenges. The current situation is that the school does not have resources to support both children as much as they or we would like. Funding cuts are only going to hurt those children that do not present as being average and well adjusted. Also, it is my view that teachers and schools require more funding and more help full stop. Cuts must not compromise an already compromised area.
N/a
N/A
Naturally the budget cuts will effect everyone across the county in some way or another but none will effect me for the above reasons.
Negative
Negatively
Negative impact on disabled people and ability to access services
Nil
No
No positive affect seen really.
No, but I would like vulnerability to be a consideration as well as the protected characteristics above.
Non of these Political Correctness areas refer to me but my general well being as a resident would be affected negatively by many of them
None
None.
Not specifically, but as part of the community if one part is affected then it affects us all indirectly.

Obviously the increase in Council Tax will affect me. Many people are having financial difficulties at this present time, including myself. I don't want to pay more tax for less service. The cutting back of front line services is bound to affect me in some way or another but I'm lucky that I can't name a specific area that will directly affect me but I know it will for others. I don't think that there are any proposals that would have a positive impact on me.
Of course increase in Council tax will affect everybody. Less food on the table.
Of course these cuts will affect me as it will every other resident of Caerphilly Borough
Oh seriously none of these should make any difference and you should stop using it as a reason to cut or not cut services. Cut the salary bill for the ridiculous high earners they DO NOT EARN their salary thats for sure.
Parking charges should not be levied on car parks in country parks e.g. Penallta. The health of our community is extremely important and to charge people to access and use these types of leisure facilities is a folly - ultimately putting further stress on local health boards. The Penallta park, I should imagine, is not even policed or monitored, a useless charge all round.
Parking-sort illegal parking on double yellow lines
Paying more for my child to have school meals is a fairly small negative but making cuts to school budgets is not fair on the children. Why should they have a lesser education just because you can't find a way to make cuts elsewhere?
People will be housebound if public toilets are closed Wellbeing budget needs to be increased Income from slashing allowances for council staff councillors
Please improve toilet facilities in Caerphilly and other town and village e.g. putting attendant in buildings.
Please see letter from my son
Please see previous answer.
Potentially in a negative way. My husband has an acquired brain injury, one day a week he attends an Independence and Wellbeing Centre (Day Centre) at Rookwood Hospital, Cardiff organised by Headway a brain injury charity. The review of out of county day centre provision may result in funding being withdrawn and him not attending the IWC. My husband doesn't drive so I drive him to the IWC and pick him up. I work full time but I am able to take flexi. I have asked about a taxi bit I understand in the current climate and the on-going situation that's not likely to happen. The IWC provision by Headway is solely for service users with an acquired brain injury and I don't believe this provision is available in county. Individuals with an acquired brain injury aren't always aware of how their brain injury affects them, let alone their families. The IWC gives my husband the opportunity to spend time with other brain injury survivors and discuss how their acquired brain injury has affected them. Initially he was reluctant to attend but 12 on he chatters away about his day at the IWC albeit he's absolutely shattered. It is the only safe environment where he will not be judged and he can go on his own and I know he'll be safe. We both attended the Headway Christmas party and it was the closest we have been to "normal" in the past 6 years since my husband's brain injury. As with most disabilities, it isn't just the individual affected, it is the rest of the family.
Proposed closure of Cefn Fforest pool
Proposed closure of public toilets is I feel a step to far.
recycling and road upkeep must be protected. No further restriction of waste recycling centre opening hours. More regular emptying of e.g glass recycling facilities
Recycling in Penallta needs to remain due to recycling targets. School budgets can't be slashed any more. Sports centres need to be ring fenced
Reduce the wage of the top council boss and then reduce the wages of the rest of the councillors and they should only have a wage nothing else. I'm sure people in Caerphilly would like to know how much they earn. School teachers say they are low paid rubbish, they earn a good wage and when they retire they have a good pension. And they have long holidays throughout the year. Teachers are greedy. The people in council houses who are on benefits pay hardly any rent and some of them do work cash in hand. They should pay more rent. They got cars and a lot of them go around for their holidays.
Reduction in bus services will have a detrimental effect on me as an elderly, disabled person.

Removing Penallta and Aberbargoed civic amenity will make things very difficult for myself and a number of vulnerable residents who aren't able to travel further to other tips. I wouldn't be happy driving a full car and trailer all the way to Crosskeys and think it would be extremely unsafe.
Responsibility to dependants. Reduction in child services. We've been waiting for over two years to get help for a child who possibly had ASD.
Rydym yn gresynu unrhyw doriadau er ein bod yn sylweddoli eu bod yn annochel. Ond fel y dywedwyd eisoes does gennym ni ddim o'r wybodaeth i fanylu / We regret any cuts even though we realize they are unavoidable. But as we have already said, we do not have the information to comment in detail
See original statement.
Shall we tip all our rubbish at Ty Penallta if no amenity. Elderly can't go without meals on wheels - shame on you. £30,000 for disgusting statue on pengam crossroads, money could have gone to social services, services to the public etc. Stop using our rates to spend willy nelly and use OUR money wisely. Stop paying Anthony O Sill
should not close toilet facilities keep leisure centres open and get more use out of them with schools and old age people
Some of the proposals will ultimately affect all local tax payers. Costs will occur later to resolve the issues associated with these cut backs i.e. clearing dumped rubbish.
Specifically the cuts would impact me as outlined on the first page of this survey.
Spend more on children and adults with autism - there is nothing in place during any holidays for the kids to be able to play in a safe environment and not be judged - the school holidays kill carers of people with disabilities depression set in etc s9meyhing needs to be done
The budget cuts will have an impact on the most vulnerable people in our communities, our most deprived areas and our least enfranchised and engaged groups. More populated and wealthier areas will be able to withstand and even avoid any impact because they can access some services privately or through other means. Our more isolated communities are disadvantaged by these proposals.
The budget does mention funding cuts for schools and increase in school meal prices. I have 2 children and the cost to give them both dinners in school is unaffordable. Surely increasing the cost of school meals will inevitably mean less children will have school meals and even less money will be collected from this source. Also our school struggles with funding anyway so a cut could be catastrophic as there are already rumours of closure. We should be investing in education not taking as this will be the future of Caerphilly and it does not look good.
The cessation of the meals direct service and the closure of local waste recycling centres will disproportionately adversely affect me because of my age, my marital status as a widow, my disabilities (age related mental and physical decline meaning I cannot cook for myself or put out my bins) and impact on my dependency on my son, which would further increase.
The Channel View Centre is the only community centre in the area which is open to all; The very few other centres that can be hired are privately owned and therefore could discriminate on the grounds of ethnic origin, sex, age, religious beliefs or any of the other grounds that you list.
The closing of Channel View Community Hall, Risca will affect me as a regular user of the hall. As a member of Agape Community Church Ty Sign, I use the hall at least once a week. We hold our services there on Sundays, a mums and toddlers group on Monday and a few other meetings too. If the hall closes we have nowhere to go. We ?? on Ty Sign estate and there is no community hall or suitable building there. There are other regular users of the hall now who will also be homeless - soon after being persuaded/encouraged to use the hall.
The closure of Penallta civic amenity site is wrong. We have enough fly tipping now, this closure would make it worse and more cost for the council, shut the site one more day. The closure of public toilets in Caerphilly where tourism is good is wrong. Also people with illness will stay away if toilets are closed.
The closure of the Amenity Sites in Aberbargoed and Penallta will affect ALL of the groups above.

The closure of the household waste sites are going to greatly affect everyone in the area as the amount of fly tipping is already not acceptable but will increase as people can't afford then to pay to have their goods taken away do will dump instead. These sites are used constantly for all sorts of household debris, which will end up on the streets because there is no room in your bins as they have already been cut to every 14 days already.

The concept of closing toilet facilities is appalling as it is a basic human right for everyone in society and should not even be a consideration.

The cuts should not effect services that tax is collected to pay for...

The cuts will not affect me individually on any of the discriminators as outlined above.

The effect of stopping the meals on wheels service will dramatically effect all carers. I use the service so that I can continue to work fulltime, whilst knowing that my father is receiving well balanced, healthy meals. As he continues to remain living in his community in his own home, this saves money for all services. My father enjoys meeting the meals on wheels staff and has established a positive relationship. I rely on meals on wheels for myself and family to go on holidays, which helps our mental health / wellbeing. This needs to be taken into account as all local authorities are part of the Future Generations and Wellbeing Act. Cutting services like this will cause anxiety, loneliness and have a massive affect on the communities mental health and wellbeing. Carers won't have the opportunity of 'doing their own thing' and this proposal gives no support to carers. The Health Services & Public Health Act 1968; Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 - L/A duty to provide meals at home.

the impact of a reduction in road maintenance such as re-surfacing etc affects all users, motorists and pedestrians alike. I imagine all gives rise to claims, which probably costs the council a small fortune. Also a closure of public conveniences.

The impact of social isolation on my disabled mum, if social services funding is impacted.

The increase in council tax will affect me as an individual. I have recently just bought my first house, which is a hard enough task these days. The increase in council tax will affect mine and my partners lives, making it more difficult to pay bills. The increase in prices of primary and secondary school meals will affect many parents, both young and old, both single and together. Not to mention the removal of school lunchtime crossing patrols will put many children's lives at risk. The closure of public toilets will affect many people with disabilities or pregnancies whilst out in public.

The increases will effect every family that's already struggling financial. The loss of services you propose that would effect me on to of the money aspect, would be the loss of a recycling plant and the library.

The mental health and social care cuts might, I'm not sure what is funded by what.

The one individual effect that springs to mind is the one previously mentioned, that of the Channel View community hall. As I understand it, the hall is already scheduled for closure and demolition in the near future. as it stands at the moment, its closure would take away the only place available for our church to meet regularly and hold our services and occasional meetings until our planned project for its replacement reaches fruition. Our church is Agape Community Church, which is essentially 'a church on the street' which does a lot of "hands-on" volunteer work in the community for those in need. On a general basis, I oppose an increase in council tax which I see as increasing the financial burden even further on a community to pay for deteriorating public services and a reduction in facilities

The only purpose of this so called council is to balance their budget but provide front line services for its constituents the arrogant CCBC/Councillors merely look after their own interests, why aren't staff numbers being cut when the services they provided are being axed??

The promotion of Welsh as first language is not good from the council, all services should encourage this. The meals on wheels service has a great benifit and should continue.

The proposal to stop Meals on Wheels is going to affect the people that are elderly, infirm and vulnerable, how can we take this valuable service away from the most needy.

The proposals will negatively impact the elderly, disabled and people with children, undoubtedly. 3 children in school and ANOTHER hike in school dinners. I wouldn't care if they had what I paid for.

The proposed closure of the hall will affect the whole community of Risca in that there is no other building of the same size which is open for booking by all groups, regardless of their ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender re-assignment, religious beliefs, or nationality. All the other buildings that are available are churches or require hirers to be members of a specific organisation.
The proposed cuts will not affect me personally but will affect a large section of the borough and that is unacceptable.
The review of the Barnardos contract would be bad for parents of children with additional needs. The level of support for parents is already limited and to remove this service would be detrimental to people who need the service. While cutting school budgets it's very important that provision for SEN is ring-fenced. I worry as a parent my child will not receive the help needed due to budget cuts within the schools.
The village as a whole will be affected with the budget cut for the caretaker wages.
There are over £2.7m cuts to education and £180k cuts to library. These cuts will adversely affect my family from an age perspective. My children's education compared to older children who have had a better funded education. If we do not commit to properly education our children, then how can we pull Caerphilly from the poverty and deprivation which it resides? Why have we wasted so much money on WBFGA if we are not truly committed to helping Wales thrive?
There is a sheer lack of public toilets as is yet any further cuts impacts people like myself whose conditions need a toilet. We are becoming a backwards society where it will soon have to become acceptable to go the toilet in the street as there is nowhere else to go as basic human rights and dignities can not be met.
There must be an increase in the education budget for schools, If we don't educate our children, who is going to pay for all the services we require, I'm an OAP.
These cuts affect everyone, typical stupid question.
These cuts affect me directly as a widowed pensioner suffering from lung disease, and any cuts in welfare provision will hurt me in the near future.
They will not affect me individually but they will impact those who are reliant on the services particularly those in areas of greater poverty, such as those who are classed as 'just managing' if they have more than one child who has school meals. The reduced DDA budget to corporate buildings could impact those with disabilities - assume the access groups have been consulted?
This closure would be a negative effect on me due to I have disability and am not able to walk far the hall is accessible to me, I would also be effected negatively as my religious beliefs will not be catered for as the church I attend regularly will not be able to meet anymore
This doesn't directly affect me currently.
This will affect all of us, not just the protected characteristics. Negatively more people out of work is not good for Caerphilly. I believe the streets will be undesirable and job growth in the Borough will be difficult to maintain or increase. We need to try and be ambitious and work to increase job growth not decrease it. Negatives: This will affect me personally as I am a carer and the elderly population will be more isolated than before. There will be less money in the pocket, so retail will decline and more poverty on the streets.
Under the disability act for my daughter. Details already given why
We are old age and do not have any reduction in our council tax at all. We cannot get any grants etc. Yet people who do not pay rent get all the help. Why should I pay increased council tax for the benefit of others. I pay enough now!!
We don't see street cleaners, grass cutting or highway maintenance often where we live. The park our children go to is often overgrown and unsightly the street looks messy and road is appalling considering how much council tax we already pay.

<p>We now have a child and I am worried about you cutting front line services that will affect my family. We use the bus on a weekly basis, children's groups at least twice a week. We do our best to ensure our recycling is out on time. We try to lessen our household waste where possible. We go to the tip where possible and request the Council to pick up large items. I can't stand litter bugs and try to keep our area tidy. As a new mum I'm anxious about meeting new people / new mums and appreciate the help that is given to me via Health Visitors and associates. It makes me get on the bus and travel to the classes. It makes me feel better that there are like minded people out there. Down our street we have a mixture of young and old. Some require the local amenities and others can drive further afield. We are lucky to have a great bus service at our fingertips and this means we can reach other services nearby.</p>
<p>What do you propose to cut in Nelson? We have no public toilets, no leisure centre like other villages. It took a considerable amount of years to provide a children's play park.</p>
<p>what the hell has this got to do with anything?</p>
<p>Whilst not impacting me as an individual Action for Children Shared Care Respite funding cuts could potentially impact children with disabilities and their families. No details are provided of the Barnardo's funding but if this relates to parenting courses, support and young carers projects this would also impact on children with disabilities and their families - who widely access these services.</p>
<p>Why are the most needy being hit ? Home care when burning homes are so expensive people should be able to stay home with a good care package . Schools why are children that are just so disruptive given sports time out all payed for ? Surly sending them home is more cost effective while learning them a lesson !!! Close some offices not the skips that will increase fly tipping .</p>
<p>Why has Lansbury Park cost so much? These drunks and druggies don't know if they are in a flat or a tent. Why don't you get off your over paid, lazy, obese backside and go around these council houses and get the rotten pigs to keep these houses clean and tidy. Its out money being used to refurnish these places and the pigs don't care how they live. Think of the clean, decent people that live alongside these rotten, dirty pigs, why do you always put dirty pigs beside clean folk? A leopard doesn't change its spots. Your bin men are a disgrace. The mess they make with the food bins and grass bags is disgusting. Haven't heard of a brush and shovel?? Oh heaven forbid they clean up after themselves. That is called work and they don't do that. The £4 million wasted on these rotten council officers could put a lot of tarmac on our roads and then I wouldn't have to keep paying for repairs to my car so that I can get to WORK. Get your act together and get your staff to WORK. What my gender is, is none of your business. Stop wasting money on printing in Welsh. What I see people around here can't speak English correctly - yes butt, on butt. Its our money don't waste it. You wouldn't be able to waste money if it were a private business. Totally disgusted. What do you expect from Labour.</p>
<p>Why is that a question? Everyone matters</p>
<p>Why is this question here?? Its simply to profile the demographic of survey respondents.</p>
<p>Why should I only speak out if I feel these cuts will affect me as an individual? Education butts affect everybody. The proposed cuts will negatively impact on quality of life for every member of the community.</p>
<p>Will affect the whole of the village</p>
<p>With only one church building on Ty Sign, to close Channel view hall would remove opportunity for the church there to meet on Ty Sign. This church provides outreach projects such as engaging with Tesco for the fair share scheme; running a toddler group and working with disadvantaged families. The church also runs a free debt counselling service, job club and freedom from addiction course, and serves the people of holly road. If there were no place for the church to meet, how could its members be part of the community and therefore authentically serve their neighbours?</p>
<p>Withdrawing meals direct directly affects disabled people who may not be able to shop or cook easily.</p>
<p>Yes I do, I'm a single mum with health conditions effecting my mobility! I can not work due to this and to pay for a rise in double tax is not findable!</p>

yes, as always, it penalises married couples. I know, of quite a few ladies, who are part of a couple, but don't declare it, so they are classed as single. they are getting free school meals, free uniform, and they have more disposable income than me.
yes, married couples. we end up paying more, but are not entitled to any help. I have less disposable income than a friend who claims tax credits.
Yes, my son is visually impaired and requires extra support in school which is now being cut. What chance does he have?? He's already being written off in your eyes with your proposed cuts. The future for him without the proper support.... Surely this is discrimination and against the equality act as you are not providing a reasonably adjusted service for him.
Yes. All minorities are going to be hit hard.
Yes..... See main paragraph
you have wasted nearly 5 million pounds on ex cheif executives and .... who awarded them selves pay rises. as a tax payer i own my own house i recieve no help from the council except for council tax as im out of work at the moment due to illness i dont get help for works to my house you empty my recycling 42 times per year u empty my green bin up 15 times per year as i dnt always put it out until its full same as recycling i dnt put green bags out anymore ive had 20 not returned in the space of 10 yrs after being emptied and you want me to buy more from you i do not think so ,now you want people to increase payments to the council for less services ?? why are there buildings being built or even considered for the council when there are ample buildings around the borough its a waste of money yes it does affect me and every person in this borough who havnt had a payrise in 3 years and yet you still want more for less i have never known a council to waste so much money start at the top and work your way dwn the payscales no one should be working on a salary of over £50.000 on any council who ever they are it kicks people in the teeth when you order us to pay more and then you get a pay rise company car how do you think that looks especially when you are sitting on a surplus of money start dipping into that instead of robbing us blind
You will increase the amount of fly tipping due to the closure of the refuge facilities.
Your budget cuts will affect all areas of life. Why is my ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status of any importance as the cuts you propose will affect people of ALL ages. I worked in local govt for over 30 years and am fed up with councils complaining they haven't got enough money. Just don't waste it which councils have been doing for the last 20 years! I know these surveys will be ignored or "filed" away and the council will increase council tax by 6.95% and implement the cuts. I hope the Welsh Assembly introduce local govt reorganisation ASAP to get rid of councils like Caerphilly. I went to the drop-in session at Risca library and must say it was a waste of time!
Impact on elderly, impact on children, disabled cando use our facility, hobbies, karting, Y club, coffee mornings, football, village events, parties etc, Yoga
Closure public toilets
I am elderly/disabled and living on a limited income. I cannot afford to pay someone to go shopping for food items of for someone to come and cook my meals as the charges would be higher than meals on wheels cost for me
I am 83 years old, living alone, and suffering from Alzheimer's disease. I rely on meals on wheels for a daily hot meal
Disability and age. I cannot cook or provide meals for myself and I am reliant on the meals on wheels service

## How can we limit the impact of any of the proposals

Keep meals on wheels for the elderly in my community. Keep street cleansing so that I and others can enjoy my community. Keep toilets so that people are not afraid to visit the high street as they will have somewhere to go. All the money you've spent on the Chief Officers pay fiasco would save these services. ....

Keep the meals on wheels service

Continue with meals of wheels service, consider not giving councillors expense increase payments, look at savings such as money spent putting flowers/plants on roundabouts, I feel this is a waste.

Revisit cuts but do not put further pressure on our struggling communities. Self funding at centres will result in services being closed.

Don't do them, take time to listen to the residents

- Make greater in-house cuts when considering unnecessary services, material costs, innovations, transportation, funding of brand-new developments, etc. - Ask whether top executives would consider making fair, "voluntary" Salary Sacrifices. Should boom-times come again, they can expect a healthy increase - IN LINE WITH DOMESTIC GROWTH, NOT SOCIAL SECTOR GROWTH. - Consider whether we need so many Representatives in our Council. All that is needed for good leadership is wise and balanced Council, not numerous. - Stop penalising residents by closing public conveniences we pay for and then charge us extra for the privilege (I make reference to the proposed CT increase).

\* Review councillors salaries and negotiate a reduction to help meet the cost savings targets \*  
Stop paying the salaries of councillors involved in the pay dispute

1. I think that the authority needs to look at sponsorship as a form of income - on all vans, vehicles, uniforms, road signs etc 2. The loss of the meal on wheels service is a travesty and cannot go ahead even if the price of meals needs to increase 3. Music service, BMI and the Winding House while nice to have are not essential and need to be reviewed completely 4. Look at linking libraries to leisure centre as Caerphilly LC has done and these have much longer opening hours too 5. Close all leisure centres over the Xmas period - or only pen 1 or 2 of them 6.. Introduce parking fees at all train stations - friends in other LC drive here to park first to access trains to Cardiff 7. Lose the catering function totally in the Council offices - others who work elsewhere don't have this luxury anyway 8. Hand all community centres back to the town councils to operate or other providers 9. Waste Management - reduction in Public Engagement Budget - this is a huge amount and could it not be sponsored 10. Enterprise House - termination of lease - this seems an appropriate decision 11. Deletion of Fynnon seems to be a easy option 12. Lose the community cinema in Bargoed, The Big Cheese, Christmas markets and other events that are non essential 13. Review the number of councillors in an area 14. Start to spend the reserves that you've hidden away and also the money you made from a 400% increase in car parking charges

1. Libraries (smaller) could open twice a week. 2. mechanical brushing could be reduced since costs 143k

A Stop free bus passes

a) Libraries open 2 days a week b) Meals on wheels 3 times a week c) Bus passes for those who are fully retired d) Empty houses, that are left to deteriorate restored for the homeless and single parents e) Street lighting off during the day f) People who vandalise our area, should help to restore what they have destroyed

Activate and support more volunteer schemes across the borough. A conversation is needed with the churches and other community organisations as they are already covering vast amounts of social areas. support local groups in setting up clubs which can be expanded into fund raising activities. eg youth mountain biking - develops tourism

Add 5% to the meals charge

Additional campaigning for a sensible budget to be allocated by central government, I'm certain the people of the county would support such a campaign.

Aim to reduce debtors more, increase fines/penalties, increase commercial income, recover legal costs and penalties from those owing money to the council, reduce energy costs.



Already stated in my first comments, if you address this, then more funds would be available for services
Although the building is old and needs some work the halls committee now have access to finances to make immediate changes. Allow them to manage the hall until the new community resource centre has had the finances raised and built for the community of risca to be able to enjoy, that they can financially access.
Any ideas? Surely that's your job to come up with the ideas... clearly your ideas which you've been paid well for haven't come to fruition and now we are cutting corners to the detriment of our young future.
As a result of the car parking licences, people will be tempted to park in 'parking permit areas'. Either fine the individuals who do this or ensure there is ample car parking places available. Encourage residents to donate recently published books to the library service. Any surplus could be for sale at the libraries.
As already pointed out get the prison service and courts involved to get young offenders suitably engaged in maintenance and cleaning of highways and parks, helping community projects etc. Flags on every lamppost advertising risca summer etc through town high street totally pointless. Reduce council staff sat home while suspended on full pay.
As I said in my views on why I disagree with certain proposed cuts, things like Trading Standards and the community centres could be used to generate income for the council.
as mentioned earlier, implement cost efficiencies my merging services with other authorities
As mentioned in first answer. I really think you need to find another way to obtain more money. I'm sure there are other cuts that can be made.
As mentioned previously I believe the LA needs to engage with neighbouring LAs and become much more efficient. I am not interested in the longevity or existence of CCBC as long as there are services for the community. CCBC will survive but will be providing a very limited, statutory range of services which offer little in terms of value for money and cost effectiveness.
As much as I hate the idea( no one should have to pay for parking in towns) maybe put car parking in the borough up 10p surely that would save a threaten project
as previously noted
As previously stated
As stated previously, you can limit the impact on me and my community by widening the scope of your cost cutting proposals to include things which have been excluded. For example, I strongly believe that the amount of council buildings you have (especially at Penallta) are an unjustifiable LUXURY that we cannot afford. I also believe that chauffeur driven transport for the mayor (for example) is an insult to every citizen who will be affected by these awful proposals. Additionally, Councillors earning £20,000 plus for doing a (very) part time job is a DISGRACE in this financial climate and MUST be addressed. Finally, 'luxury' events like the Big Cheese (for example) cannot be justified at this time and ESPECIALLY as it only benefits one small area of the Borough. By selling or closing buildings the Council could make hundreds of thousands (and probably millions) of pounds and, whereas reductions in Councillor's costs would not save 'millions' of pounds, it would help to suggest that our political representatives and public servants were also willing to make a sacrifice for the benefits of the wider community.
As the first page.
ASs stated on a previous page
Awful if meals on wheels is stopped
be more careful on how you spend your money on if ra structure projects
Be more innovative and meet face to face with community to raise funds in local areas and plough that money back in to that area
Better collection of council tax. Reduce councilors expenses. Sort out the fiasco of paying the councils suspended chief executive for the last five years.
Better management, better money management. Termination of the councillors who took the illegal pay rises. Better management of the abuse by staff for long term sick. Stop subsidising staff canteens. Stop using outside contractors for jobs that can be done by an in-house team. Merge with other councils for jobs like pothole repair - send one team and split the cost instead, for example, three teams to three areas.

Better management, more efficient service, meeting quicker deadlines like other jobs do. Less pay gap between staff and management, less annual leave saving jobs .
Bite the bullet. Raise council tax and spend it wisely.
Bring the Antony O'Sullivan debacle to an end. Reduction in staffs working week from 37 hours to 36 hours. I agree with the increase in parking fees within the borough's car parks. Introduce parking fees for after 6pm in Blackwood as the cinema proves very popular after 6pm and could generate quite a bit of income!
Bring to a speedy conclusion the ongoing dispute with the ex-chief executive, and save some money. Do not reduce library services, the library is much appreciated by the community.
Build a power generating waste recycling plant. NOT an incinerator.
By all means increase council tax at a reasonable rate. No one can disagree that at these times we all need to help and after having a few years of no rise, it isn't too much to ask to pay a bit more to keep services
By refusing to implement the austerity policy.
By sacking Mr Sullivan and others - why should people face cuts when they are paid for nothing!
Can the reduced budget for highways management be used better to maintain the roads before they get too bad? Make repairs whilst issues are small before they become huge potholes and are more expensive to repair. Introduce cuts and changes slowly so that people can adapt. Combine services in one location to save money but keep the facilities we need.
Can't you just have a hot dinner and not include a dessert, or increase the price slightly?
CCBC vehicles are often taken home and possibly used by employees, this may be looked at in the future, or monitored, cost of fuel, wear and tear, only essential vehicles e.g. getting employees who work due to heavy snow, should go home with individuals.
Change the set-up of the Council, make it more efficient providing the area's needs.
Charge penalties for those that do not do any food recycling or any recycling at all.
Hospitals/doctors to charge those that fail to turn up for appointments.
Charging for parking permits where the resident have nowhere else to park their vehicles is a disgrace! The "illegal" parkers are the ones who should be penalised. What's going to happen when carers and health care workers have to park outside a client's/patient's home?
Close unmanned amenity sites and maybe charge more for hire of community centre rooms
Closing two public amenity sites is one of the worst things CCBC could do. Penallta site serves many surrounding communities and provides easy access via the industrial estate. If savings are to made here then reducing further the number of days open would be the better option.
Closure of 2 amenity sites will only encourage fly tipping and that won't be cost effective.
Closure of community skips will mean more and more rubbish to be dumped
Closure of public toilets and community safety wardens ceasing would be acceptable to me. Also minor reductions in grass cutting would be OK.
community centres are very much needed
Community response team and community centre caretaker duties could be partially covered by local volunteers e.g. retired ex-maintenance workers/craftsmen. More staff level reviews - effectiveness reviews??
Could you get those doing community service in to help with cleanliness, gardening, painting fences?
Council should never been in a mess like this
Council tax increase is a DISGRACE especially when cutting services and public have already paid for the disgraceful stories from management with hidden pay increases and was this a once off. Talking about a decrease in road maintenance - is there any at the moment as Caerphilly has probably more pot holes than any other county. New Council offices but where has this funding come from ? Would it have been better to stay in old offices to SAVE money.
Average council pay rise is 2% so how can the council ask for 6.95% increase, perhaps Chief Officers should take a reduction in pay especially after the debacle and on-going legal costs and suspended pay for the officers involved.
Cut all discretionary services (ie: non statutory ) in order to protect statutory services. Meals on wheels services and social care services to be protected.
Cut back on top managment

cut councillors costs
Cut down on multi language printing... Saving on printing in welsh, english or other languages... Savings on printing and paper. Un- necessary advertisements....i.e. Recycling, waste notices
Cut down the beaurocracy, the political correctness. Make sure projects like the Caerphilly roundabout are properly managed and the companaies do not need to work all night when there is clearly no one on site during the day. Cut back on floral displays and the terrible council newspaper. Stop putting sculptures and decorations in parks. Stop providing 'over 50s' facilities ... make it ' over 70s'.
Cut the amount of service vehicles which cost a absolute fortune to run and sell the council's houses to gain more funding
Cut the managment structures, and the number of execetives down before cutting services, my tax is not for high earners to waste...
Cut the salaries and allowances of councillors and senior staff.
Cut upper management and sell off your hq
Determine budgets for Education, Social services, Highways etc. and delegate the distribution of funding to those paid to do it and oversee the implementation of it.
Do not cease the meals direct service. Increase the charges - the current charge is very low and I would use the service even if it doubled in cost. Ensure that every community in the borough continues to be serviced by an accessible local waste recycling centre.
Do not close leisure centres or reduce services for the elderly. Invest in ways to encourage more use of leisure centres. Have an independent review into how the council spends its money and where it is wasted in things like administration and over spending on road improvements
do not close public toilets/do not close public libraries (essential for old people especially). in towns there are many empty shops - reduce taxation on shops plus have free car parking for town shoppers and people will shop in town. this will mean more empty shops will be occupied - more people will be employed and therefor more money in the council pockets.
Do not make cuts in areas where people are most vulnerable with little voice of their own.
Do not make these cuts. The council does not need to. It can us the extra £1.3 million it has received from Welsh Government
Do not raise council tax. You will have a protest on your hands if you do! The residents have no confidence in ccbc.
Do not reduce highway maintenance, or town centre maintenace and cleaning.
Don't close the recycling centres! If these facilities are cut surely the council will reintroduce the weekly waste bin service and offer free pickups for larger items - why should your constituents pay extra for having other people pick up waste when this Isa service that's being paid for through tax.
Don't close the tips. Spend less on the main council building. Limit expenses for councillors...?
Don't do it
Don't do it.
Dont cut budgets on schools. The children are our future and the future communities.
Dont do it, review high level wages and make cuts there. The people who look set to loose their jobs are the ones at the bottom end of the payment scale. The ones doing the front line service. How much money has been wasted recently on creating point less, poorly worded questionnaires i. e leisure services. That money could be better used.
Draw a line of the ex ceo and pay it off to avoid a growing legal bill that is now embarrassing
Efficiency drive at the council, we hear nothing about reducing the pay of coumcil executives and managers, cut projects like the awful Caerphilly rounabout project. Stop spending on supporting new housing developments and infrastructure when there are plenty of houses already in the area. Stop assisting Wind Turbines spending and unchecked growth in this unrequired blight on our county.
Employ people that have an awareness of the community and less of a self serving attitude.
Employ some competent staff that isn't so frivolous in what and how they spend tax payers money on
Encourage headteachers to look at the number of non-teaching managers in a school, deputy heads and head teachers £110,000 before any teaching is done

Ensure that these proposals have not arisen due to poor decision making. Who is providing scrutiny?
Ensure those aged 60+ and/or disabled are not adversely affected.
Even if this proposal needs to be tabled - which I am amazed at, then surely there are other options that need to be considered first:- * put the prices up and limit / remove the subsidy * extend the service to provide a tea time (meal) service - this could generate further income * look at an alternative delivery model - has this been looked into?
Every year you salami slice the budgets, a little here and a little there. And come next year when you announce more back office savings, you'll salami slice again. Why couldn't you make the cuts in year one and be done with it. But no you'll be back next year making more savings in the same departments as this year. As a cumulative total over years this doesn't make sense for the bigger picture / cost. The savings should have been made in year one - be ruthless, be radical, be done with it.
Everyone has to live within a budget, even if it means going without. Why cannot socialist councils do the same?
Expand the customer base for meals on wheels as the more you cook for reduces the cost per meal, integrate meals on wheels with council staff kitchens (if council staff can get a carvery for less than £5 then £5.50 to deliver it to the needy should be possible). Normal meals £4.30 to privileged council staff and there is no intention of cutting that service.
Fairer distribution of funding for disabled people adult and children start by checking how much funding is being given to some care homes as some seem to be able to go on holiday abroad a couple of times a year they are out most days of the week and they're given priority for services and families are left with nothing while I appreciate the duty of care but people hear the carers bragging how they are going on holiday abroad and they out all the time also the poor work done by contractors and subcontractors they are really shoddy and work has to be redone so if you paid for decent people you would save in the long run
Find other ways of funding. Cut back on the number of councillors.
Funding for community safety partnership needs to be reduced there are too many staff members and their impact on safety is non-existent. The police and housing Enforcement offices do all the work.
Funding from private investment. Cuts to statues etc and Christmas lights etc.
Funds could be available to maintain existing public toilets and possibly reopen others now closed if issues as I list below were to be implemented with money to spare.
Get rid of hangers on ! Too many bosses for bosses but it's always been the same and won't change . The higher wages take a pay cut . Start fining people for litter dropping and dog fouling get the traffic wardens back fine motorists illegally parked there's money to be made here !
Get rid of the EX chief executive and cut the annual salary of the present chief executive and that's all your cuts in one go. I don't think you realise the resentment in the CCB about both of these issues.
Get rid of the ex chief executive or reinstate him, this will save the council approx. £100,000 a year. You can disregard any suggestions he makes. Ensure that any further top posts within the council are fixed term or 2 year contracts so that the council can get rid of a bad head of department easier. Reduce councillors wages and pay them £8.95 an hour when they attend a meeting and if a meeting is three hours only pay them 3 hours not let run into overtime unless urgent or pre-agreed. Stop wasting money, if you pay a contractor to do a job and they don't finish it or don't do it properly don't pay them, it's common sense. Have you seen the mess the contractors have left in some of the council houses you own in Bargoed. Is someone really going to read this and consider it or have the decisions already been made and this is a meaningless, expensive exercise in pretending to listen?
Get some external consultants in to review each area and actually take their advice. Run the council as a business rather than a "jolly". I would be happy to consult.
Get some of the rent free and council tax free people pay towards it. I have paid all my life and I think our council tax is high enough. Start to recoup some off others to help achieve savings not the ones who always pay.

Give me and others a decent pension, or reduce the requirements for me to claim benefits to supplement the pension I have. The leaders of this country and community live in gold lined luxury at the expense of my previous generous taxes and contributions to the UK coffers whilst working for 49 years.
Grass verge cutting can be extended by say a week. BUT it is time that cut grass is removed, currently there is always a mess left behind which has a detrimental effect on pavements and road surfaces.
Has anyone considered voluntary or community initiatives to deal with, for example, getting rid of graffiti, painting park benches in people's local areas. Same with cutting back overgrown bushes etc and weeds. I've no doubt people would assist if they felt they were allowed to. This is a small job if lots of people take responsibility for their own local areas. It could be a one day a month initiative where people help to keep their own areas tidy - just a thought anyway. Basically a tidy towns day! Also, how about a donated resources drive for schools? I imagine lots of parents would happily contribute a small amount of item such as a pack of A4 paper, pencils, whiteboard pens, new books, rulers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, arts and crafts stuff, etc etc maybe once or twice a year to help reduce school spend on things like stationery or even to bolster resources if they understand money could then be targetted elsewhere and why and how it would help. A resource request day. Again, just an idea.
Have local recycling facilities, allocated spaces in each village/town, where we can recycle saving on the use of door to door Waste/Recycling collections, most villages have waste land, it would require a little investment initially but in the long term would save money. Return of the mobile library. Motion sensitive street lights so they could be turned off, and only come on when required.
have the top 20% value salaries been reviewed as these will by pareto constitute 80% of the total salaries and therefore a reduction here by heads or salaries would make some savings those of us in the private sector always have our pay evaluated when there is cost savings to be made
Having a household budget to take care of, please do not waste the money you have to run the council.
Help us secure funding for the new building
How about phasing in reductions of the grossly indecent salaries paid to heads of departments, council leaders and management as a whole 6.9% increase in tax, 6.9% DECREASE in management salaries
How about revisiting the inflated salaries of your highest paid executives? In future stop your chief executive from awarding his/herself pay rises during a staff pay freeze. How much tax payers money was wasted pursuing a legal case against O'Sullivan - £3 million plus?
How about the chief executives take a salary deduction? Limit the amount of litigation that has gone on in the council due to embezzlement by higher ups? Do not pay excessive amounts to staff? Stop giving hand outs to people who are so lazy and refuse to work? Give schools more support which would help younger students in the future? Stop giving people brand new cars every few months due to a fake disability?
How about you stop paying suspended staff ,get rid of them ,and go to court and take the decision of an unfair dismissal committee. To bring an end to this situation.
How realistic is it to reduce school budgets, given the increase in the new houses being built and therefore increasing the need for adequate school budgets? I have been told by people whose children attend the new secondary school in Oakdale that it is not fit for purpose. Given the amount of traffic on the road, surely the highway maintenance needs at least to be maintained
I am concerned about further cuts in social services but also the reduction in funding for 3rd sector organisations who are playing an increasingly important part in filling the gap in services e.g. reduction in funding to Caerphilly Winter Night Shelter Scheme for homeless.
I am concerned about the complete removal of Meals on Wheels. Agree 117 commitment but there are a number of older and disabled people who rely on this service - there is potential for increasing demand on Social Services if this is implemented - I am not clear about the impact assessment? There are alternatives to the in-house provision which is expensive - have these been considered?

I am happy for less grass cutting and cleaning. Surely some flyers asking the community to run some volunteer schemes would be better if we stress the need for cuts in these areas so education and health are left un harmed?
I am Welsh, but not a Welsh speaker. I am not anti-Welsh speaking, but perhaps funding can be saved with the help of less publications, forms, etc being produced in both English and Welsh. I feel that all residents should be given the option to receive communication in just English. I am sure the whole Council is completely bombarded with negativities surrounding the ongoing financial fiasco of the Chief Executive case. Ending this would save the Council and Council tax payers considerable money. But probably a bit too late to make much difference.
I appreciate that this is a very challenging task but would strongly recommend exploring budget cuts that avoid potential direct impacts on the health and wellbeing of children and their families.
I believe the general public should be asked to help in service delivery where applicable .Provision of library services for example could be provided by people in an arranged basis.
I believe the receipt of documentation in the welsh langauge should be optional and council's should put pressure on the welsh assembly in this regard
I can see no ways in which the proposals can be limited to lessen the impact on the community. I would however, very much like to see an end to the senior officers pay row. I question the integrity of an executive who can sit back and enjoy his salary for doing nothing whilst the authority struggles greatly financially.
I cannot see how closing the 2 recycling plants at Penallta and Aberbargoed can be cost effective/saving. At the moment most people use these facilities which must save the council thousands as there is less "fly tipping". People in this area also take their garden waste to the recycling plants. People will not want to travel long distances which could result in a huge increase in fly tipping which the council would be responsible for. May I also add that the staff in both centres are hard working and extremely helpful. If CCBC are inntent on meeting their recycling percentage the closure of these 2 sites is NOT the way to go.
I disagree with the proposal to close the civic amenity sites at Aberbargoed and Penallta as this will lead to a massive increase in fly tipping which is a blight on the countryside and will cost the council dearly in clearing it up. Also closing for an extra day is a very bad idea. Lets protect our precious environment.
I disagree with the reduction in finances for rights of way. Many more people are walking these days. Repairs to/and extension bicycle routes should be ?? more vigorously.
I do not live within Caerphilly CBC area
I feel decisions should be taken with the long term in mind, not only thinking about next year. It is important to consider the knock-on impacts of any changen which could be more costly for the council. We should continue to promote the services that are available so that they are fully used i.e community centres linking with libraries.
I feel I have outlined it in my previous post - some things could increase more perhaps (i.e. less subsidising of council meals, increase in parking charges and weekend parking hours, payment of permit parking - which would also encourage people to use less cars). I do not support the closure of both Penallta and Aberbargoed tips, and I believe reduce service hours / days or only closing one of them is far more feasible. Without both of them, there is no central point between Blackwood and Caerphilly.
I feel that savings can be made if we made more use of the voluntary sector. There is a significant number of 60+ who still want to feel useful after retirement. The roles of community centres caretakers, park and countryside wardens, those that currently maintain war memorials, cemeteries, remove graffiti are all jobs that could be undertaken by volunteers and save a considerable amount of money. I personally would support a 7% increase in Council Tax to cover the cost of meals on wheels - this service should never be removed. It is vital to some of the most vulnerable in our community. An invaluable service.
I feel that some of the proposed cuts impact the most vulnerable - such as the removal of Meals on Wheels service and reducing options for FSM pupils. Also the proposed closure of public conveniences is extremely short sighted and in my view disproportionately affects disabled and elderly people who may currently feel able to go out in the community as these facilities exist .

I have been let down several times by council workers particularly the education department and services for my son, if your staff were actually qualified and knowledgeable in their field the issues would not have arisen. I have used a solicitor to rectify the issues. Stop paying additional money to Chief Executive such as the £242,000 pay scandals which has hit the press..... I'm sure this would also apply to several other departments, this would clearly limit the impact.

I have no idea how you employ staff but in regards to this can you not propose an opportunity for a decrease in hours. From previous experience I have found that offering staff to reduce there hours can not only benefit a company struggling but for those with children can result in them paying less for child care.

I have not seen the impact of having community safety wardens and extremely rarely see them out on the street maybe a phased reduction to lessen impact on where they are working

I have read that higher pay scale workers have been asked if they would agree to a freeze in wage increases or cuts, lets be honest no one is going to agree to this. As an employee of CCBC we had job re-evaluations to break down our job descriptions and our wages set accordingly. How some of the higher pay scales can be allocated wages against their job descriptions could be looked at maybe?

I see schools still hold £2m in reserves (Welsh Government statistics) and year on year have not spent a considerable proportion of what they have. Schools budgets could be cut further to reduce these reserves - if the schools holding money back don't spend it they either don't need it or they're badly managed and the Council should intervene/ Why has the authority not sacked its disgraced CEO and his cronies? Large sums of money have been wasted and more is going down the drain with no end in sight.

I strongly object to care home fees for people who are lucky enough to have their own house and have worked and paid NI and income tax all their lives when there are people in the care homes that have sponged off tax payers all their lives and get exactly the same care for nothing.

I think an annual fee of £20.00 for a buss pass would be a good idea. To apply all allegeable users of a pass. I know a pass is invaluable for getting people out and about and contributing to improved health.

I think CCBC needs to show greater connection with people and respect for their grievances. It needs to focus on creating a culture of pride in the county and encourage others to volunteer in their own communities to take some of the burden off budgeting for certain services. If people are disillusioned and feel not listened to, they get resentful and won't care

I think that a review should be carried out of salaries of all upper level council employees, as during difficult times like this it is obscene that vital services are cut before people making far above the 'living wage' are asked to justify the money they make and consider taking a pay cut to help make the savings. As a teacher working (for far less money than some council employees make for work far less demanding) on average a 70 hour week every week to try and cope with the increased work load funding issues in schools have produced, I do not think this is an unreasonable consideration. Why should our children lose out when there is a better way that simply requires a little unselfish self-sacrifice from those with the power to make a difference?

I understand that the management committee of the hall has access to funds which could be used to keep the hall open.

I would like you to consider the environmental and financial impact of closing 2 recycling centres which might lead to more fly-tipping and more need for cleaning up afterwards. Also the impact on the impression Caerphilly makes on visitors and investors if roadside grass verges and open areas are not maintained to a high standard.

I would suggest you have one recycling vehicle picking all items from my property every week not three vehicles one after another.

I've worked in the steel industry for my entire career and have experienced numerous cut-backs to budgets and facilities. Looking to go further in finding efficiencies in ways of working and looking hard at relationships with significant suppliers of goods and services to ask them to share the pain in an appropriate way may be able to create some off-set

if all the councillors who are sitting in the R.V.D.C chambers were paid a realistic amount of what they are worth we could save a substantial amount of money. what councillors are paid is a ridiculous amount. some are just there for the money they hand in there by their fingernails rather than lose out.

<p>If MOW are stopped how many people using the service would need other services such as packages of care - this would need reviewing. Day centres could be reduced in some areas but continue to support carers as a form of respite. Hanging baskets of flowers in summer are not essential. But the upkeep of grass areas and roads are important or could impact on how clean the County is and maintain its current standard. If roads are not maintained it could cost more if roads need major repairs.</p>
<p>If the Council think of no other way to save this scale of spending, then the Management Committee of the hall would be prepared to consider taking some or all of the running costs in order to keep the Community Centre open. We would wish to negotiate with the Council the most effective way in which this could be achieved, for example by the Council negotiating insurance cover centrally, with the appropriate 'share' of that cost then being paid for by the Hall Management Committee.</p>
<p>If we lose ESF funding then maybe cutting some or all of community programs could effect a large portion of the deficit. Maybe the Welsh Government could financially support the more essential of these programmes and projects or they could be self financing.</p>
<p>If you close 2 recycling centres open the rest 7 days a week.</p>
<p>If you have not properly analysed the likely impacts (from the so called professionals), how can I offer a comment on limiting those impacts. The vagueness of information shared makes this a difficulty task. As mentioned earlier, sort-out the excessive senior exec costs, members and direct business overheads, would substantially reduce the cuts/impacts on the front line (much lower paid) staff and functions that are in much need in our communities.</p>
<p>If you must save the £6,500 that is affected by this proposal, then the Channel View Management Committee has substantial financial reserves, and could take over the costs of insurances, caretaker etc that form the bulk of the saving you propose. Your officers will be aware that an independent charity has made significant progress in planning and funding a new Community Hall and Resource Centre to be sited on Holly Road, Ty Sign. This would be run by the charity at no cost to the Council, and would more than replace the facilities offered in the Channel View hall. It would also, in due course, enable the Channel View site to be released for housing development. Active support for this proposal by the Council, including keeping Channel View hall open until the new building is complete in 2020 would be the most positive way forward, and would be a very positive 'PR' coup for the Council.</p>
<p>If you want to cut things, obviously look at the ones with LOW impact. You have a difficult job to do and this seems a way to make it easier. You have to make decisions and if its LOW impact, perhaps that's the way ahead.</p>
<p>Impose parking fines, major income there. Please reply</p>
<p>Increase community tax! With the bridge toll payment ceased. Hopefully this will bring tourism and business into Wales thereby bringing work/business and tourism into Wales. Look at second homes in Wales, put a higher community tax on this aspect. Do not cause "chaos" by which you may feel you'd have more control. This does not work - we intelligent people see through this as is demonstrated in "Parliament". TAX the people who have the money - look towards the Welsh Assembly and audit the spending in that establishment.</p>
<p>Increase council tax by 10% which will mean less cuts</p>
<p>Increase in Council Tax</p>
<p>Increase in fines for littering . Cameras to pick up cars littering should be implemented.</p>
<p>instead of cutting essential services and jobs look at middle and upper management and the wages they are on compared to lower paid workers. flexi time where staff can accrue extra leave.if somebody is doing their job while absent do we need them in first place. outside contractors to be used instead of bigger firms who charge more</p>
<p>Instead of reducing the spend on street cleasing have persons who have been in trouble with the police do it. More community service may teach them a lesson not to do it again.</p>
<p>Instigate an internal audit of how to manage accounting and litigation . Auditor General Wales would be happy to help</p>



Internal investigations need to be carried out as to the detrimental impact that continuing to pay senior leaders within the council is having on the authority as a whole as opposed to punishing the residents of caerphilly council who continue to bare the brunt of this expenditure. It is a complete outrage that this continues whilst mainly are literally living on the bread line. Perhaps more strategic cuts of senior leaders to alleviate how 'top heavy' the council has become would free up thousands of pounds when there is no need for their positions in the first place - it continues to be the front line dedicated staff who are the first to lose their jobs.
Introduce a small charge to dispose of municipal waste at a HWRC rather than closing them.
Introduce heavy fines for illegally parking on double yellow lines and illegal use of Blue Badge parking bays.
Invest and support, provide knowledge and expertise to create social enterprise to address public services.
It is not apparent whether library opening hours are to be considered in library savings. If they are, maintaining late evening and Saturday opening is essential to avoid excluding large numbers of people in employment. If public toilets are to be closed, information for residents and visitors (e.g. signage in town centres and easy to find online information) on availability of other toilets will be crucial. Without this, some people will be unable to use town centres, damaging the economy/local businesses as well as affecting individuals.
it is not my job to come up with these ideas.
It seems to me that the Council only seem to work as far as Ystrad Mynach, areas further up the Valley seem to be hit more. It would be appreciated in these areas if the Council was seen to be putting more effort in supporting the communities further up the ~valley.
Its obvious, be transparent to the public and admit your severe failure with your executive pay scandal. That is the first port of call to claw back the "millions" of deficit you now face. Maybe stop giving pay rises, voluntary or not, to already high paid management and expect to pinch pennys off the "lesser" folk?
Keep leisure centres open
Keep Meals on Wheels!
Keep Penallta and all these sites open. This would help stop unsightly and unhealthy fly tipping and reduce carbon footprints. We pay Scandinavion countries to take our rubbish which they then burn i to heat their homes and businesses. Why isn't CBBC using our taxes to build similar units and using the energy for this purpose.n A far better use of our money than paying an absent Chief Executive
Keep the Amenity Sites open.
Keep the meals on wheels service as it is, removing it will cause suffering and neglect as far too many people rely on this service. It's not enough to propose food boxes be delivered from places such as Wiltshire's farm foods or other packages as some of the clients can't move from their chairs or beds to even make a drink let alone heat or prepare a meal for themselves.
Keeping the toilets near the interchange open will allow visitors to feel welcomed to Caerphilly as opposed to making them use public houses to go to the toilet. Caerphilly needs to feel like a place that welcomes visitors instead of feeling ripped off.
Less unnecessary admin.
Let the management committee of Channel View community hall take on the responsibility utility of expenses for it's running costs. Closing it would cost you more to demolish it/stop vandalism.
Living in Brithdir these proposals do not affect the village as we are ignored. The village is the forgotten village.
Look again at the proposed budget cuts and why is the council in such a mess with all the council tax that coms out of each village, should cover the wages of each community centre caretakers.
Look at creative ways of maintaining library services without closures Do not close civic amenity sites. If necessary reduce the number of days they are open and utilise operatives in other areas on closure days.
Look at the above notes
Look at what savings can be made by reducing the amount of councilors.
Look at your offices which seems to be spread all over the place sure you don't need them all

Lower peoples wages! They are ridiculously high and are able to claim expenses for personal expenses rather than just for what they need to do their jobs
Lower the price of our leisure centres inline with private gyms and I'm sure it will attract more people. Close your final pension salary scheme.
Maintain the parks in a more environmentally friendly way with letting grass grow and not using herbicide.
Make a promise not to push lower paid families into poverty
Make all of the cuts in one go. Close a non statutory service, rather than trimming it one year and trimming again the next year and so on. That sort of thinking is so lacklustre, and makes me think in years two and three when further cuts are beng made the following If these additional cuts are having no impact on the public why weren't they made last year etc. If cuts are made this year, then why weren't they made last year. Or is it a case we'll hold back some cuts for next year, and yet holding back, is and additional cost to us the council tax payers.
Make changes to the councils wages and staffing where far too much money is spent on ridiculous wages and pensions
Make people take their dog poop home with them. Emptying these bins and the cost of providing them would save a fortune. No more Christmas lights total waste of money and are non essential items. Stop staff giving themselves pay rises.
Make use of your emergency funds that are not used in your financial year, this would limit the impact on your budget.
Making a charge where possible, in deciding on price taking into consideration charges being made by other local authorities and also the private sector. For example bulky waste collections, pest control. It's also about encouraging and supporting individuals and the community to take responsibility - whether it's taking home their own rubbish rather than expecting a waste bin to always be on hand to picking up litter in their own communities. It always seems to be somebody elses responsibility. Could money be saved by turning down the heating thermostat by just a degree in Council buildings.
Maybe make lots of small increases on lots of different things instead of large increase on single thing eg: 10p on school meals, 10p on car parks, £2 a week on council tax etc. Also, are there ways of making more money in small ways? Eg I live in Thomasville and the council grass cutters cut all the front lawns as it's mostly elderly people, I can't mow my back garden and it would be great if they could run it over with their big mower occasionally in 2 minutes and I could pay them , plenty of people would use this.
Maybe solve the two problems of loneliness and school funds shortage by having people within the community help out in as many ways as possible
Maybe the council should stop paying long term sick and they would save a lot of money.
Maybe when dustmen come around it would be beneficial for them to not drop as much litter from bins that they empty. This would then save street cleaners time and money cleaning the area. (Not a criticism, they work very hard, just feedback.)
Never cut budgets on childcare as it affects parents abilit to work and be valuable members of hr community Never cut schools budgets as this is our next generation and they need to have the best education Never cut budgets to OAP as without them we wouldn't have the life we live as this time many of our old people lived trough the war they deserve our reaping not neglect
No idea. How about not overspending on the Cedar Tree roundabout?
No pay rises!
none
None
Not stopping meals on wheels.
Pass some of the costs for street cleaning, especially outside pubs and clubs etc. to the owners or managers if able to do so. Look closely at fees and rent for Caerphilly Homes tenants. Large amount of money being invested in the properties via WHQS. The tenants should maintain their homes and gardens to a good standard to reflect this investment and any costs associated with repairs, if not routine, should be passed on to them if possible. There should be penalties if the properties are not being looked after.
Pay cuts for high earning council workers who clearly do not earn the ridiculous amounts that are payed

people are penalised by other large families, many also claiming benefits with several children who do not work, while others go out to work. the amount of benefit fraud is massive.
petition the welsh government and Westminster regarding the living wage. local authorities have grade 5 posts who earn over £10 an hour at the top of the scale and yet cleaners and untrained people are earning less than £1 an hour less!! it's ridiculous you have skilled workers having next to nothing more than a cleaner / litter picker etc. it's ridiculous
Plan project properly to avoid over spend and listen to the people advising!!
Please do not increase council tax by 6.95%, this is a huge increase, especially for our struggling community. Please do not remove the school lunchtime crossing patrol, and please do not close all 5 public toilets. We need more awareness of small, local businesses and reasons to shop small. We need more markets, more town events to bring money into the economy.
Please give further consideration to the services you offer to residents of the Penallta estate. The Civic Amenity site remains one of the (very) few services that we benefit from.
Please refer to my first comment.
Please see initial comments about process reviews and working with other local councils
Please see my original statement
Possibly involve local community groups in litter picking particularly school children Levy heavier fines on fly tippers and others who choose to pollute our borough with litter. Do not close local waste amenities sites, just moving the cost from running the sites to recovering waste left by fly tippers
Pretty much stated in the last 2 boxes
Privatise leisure centres
Promote the meals on wheels service more and remove the proposal to cease service to non-section 117 clients.
Provide fewer and fewer services with no pro-rata reduction I staff!! Not fulfilling vacant posts?? Huge reduction in services, but vacant posts!! They quote "could increase performance if post filled"!! Magic.
Put pressure on welsh assembly government to increase council budgets. Welsh assembly waste money which could be diverted to local communities. On the whole you are doing a VERY GOOD job in very difficult circumstances please keep up the good work. Keeping us residents healthy and safe.
Put speed cameras up. That's a massive revenue generator. Need to attract more high class retailers and they don't come unless Caerphilly is an attractive and clean place to come to. Chewing gum and cigarette ends everywhere, every day. You can continue to keep the highways and byways decent then as you can increase business rates for a nicer more comfortable place to eat and shop. Charge everyone entry for the Caerphilly cheese festival. Say 50p each person. It's not a huge amount of money.
Question - when CCBC take over parking enforcement in April 2019 - Will CCBC receive the police authorities budget needed for carrying out this task, or will they (the police) continue to receive the same allowance they get from the authority? This could be a double whammy.
Re closure of amenity sites, perhaps some can close for an extra half day per week. Closure will encourage more fly tipping which seems to be getting out of control. Utilise offenders who have been sentenced to working on 'pay back' schemes. Train them in health and safety to clean up streets and fly tipping areas. Wellbeing activities need to continue so as it will have less impact on the health service and should be encouraged not reduced. Dave Poole should resign as he was one of the members present when chief officers pay rises were sanctioned.
Read the details provided in the first page of this survey.
Reduce expenditure in the form of leafleting, news printing etc. design joint assets for schools to utilise to share costs.
Reduce opening times
Reduce or completely stop financial support to non essential events, sponsorship or anything else that does not link to the core services the council should be providing.
Reduce other services. Turn off every other street lamp - cancel Christmas - stop organising frivolous events. If you're on a budget then act like it

Reduce the amount of spend available to many families who have never ever worked yet have all this money given to them. How is it fair that some of these families are having new kitchens and bathrooms fitted and can afford 2 week all inclusive holidays abroad when they have never worked.
Reduce the frequency of buses. So many of them are running empty for large parts of the day.
Reduce the large bonuses given to councillors to reflect the reductions in other areas.
Reduce the number of wards so we have fewer councillors getting paid a ridiculous amount of money for doing very little. Direct some of the money that is always spent in the south of the borough up to the North of the borough where nothing is ever done except cuts to council provision. The communities of the Upper Rhymney Valley have poor services already and will feel the full force of these proposed cuts. They will add to the geographic isolation and level of social and economic deprivation even further. Pontlottyn has no community centre, no library, no decent shops, no flying start provision and nowhere for the old age pensioners to go during the day if they are lonely or isolated.
reduce the recycling collection kerbside as most of it is sent abroad to land fill. reduce expence by 50% employs and councillors. charge council employs to park the car at council office. reduce wage of people employ by the council earning over £40,000 year. civil parking enforcement is this another wat for council raise money for the year I think so and it will hit businesses town and local retails and another case from the council
Reduce the salaries and pensions of senior councilors to a more acceptable level. Reduce the vast number of councils in Wales.
Reduce village/town councils reduce number of councillors in multiple councillors wards, have number of councillors base percentage of people voting
Reductions to Street Lighting Why do road junctions have to have numerous lights surrounding them. ? eg Caerphilly, junction at rear of St Helens School and Llansbury Link Rd has 6 columns all within 50' of each other. Likewise the roundabout on Van Rd Caerphilly with entrance to Park and Ride has half dozen around it, some just lighting a vehicle hard standing ! More lighting than one gets on the M4. When these roads are busy, it's during day light use. When travelling around the Borough I notice many lamps are hidden high up in tree foliage. Birds now enjoying 24 hr daylight. The above situations will be repeated many time throughout the Borough and if given attention could lead to much longer term saving in cost and reduction in CO2. Action Rather than send Staff driving round aimlessly, at premium night rates, to survey all the roads, get local Resident Involvement. Encourage residents to get out after dark to survey their locality and report in using the Column unique I/D number to a webpage/site where they think the above features are. Then Staff can go directly to these locations saving mileage, etc. to survey the reported situations to see if warrants taking forward.
Regarding the reduction of mechanical sweeping. I feel the streets in our area are absolutely filthy especially during the winter months. Leaves are left to rot in the gutters - blocking the drains - and causing flooding. I am 77 yrs old and find my weekly walk to shops to get my food a nightmare - trying to negotiate slippery, wet leaves is not easy.
Remove all non statutory services in order to maintain statutory services
Remove non essential services, and waive your annual pay increases for a year or two. That should make a difference.
Remove Penallta Civic Amenity site from the list of potential closures.
Remove them and increase council tax by more than the 6%
Replace street lights with LED bulbs; better light - cheaper to run as original lights need replacement Incinerate waste to generate: electricity for sale to national grid Use sewerage to generate gas to generate electricity Waste management : Charge £20 £30 for van to use tip pay on the day £10.00 for trailer Open up sport halls for: plays, concerts, fashion show £5.00 per person £3.00 OAP, disabled, children Charge information points for charity and organising £40 per day Have car boot sales monthly in car parks school w/e
Request volunteers and local group participation -particularly for tasks which are currently outsourced, or where services (that may face cuts) will reduce the service level currently provided.

resolve the debate with Anthony O'sullivan which has already cost the authority nearly 4 million pounds. why has it taken so long to resolve and why is he still receiving full pay. would the previous amalgamation of local authorities result employments terminating and posts being able for reappointment.
Rethink the proposals on waste management which will adversely effect many and find other means of dealing with this service efficiently and cost effectively.
Revisit cut, do not put further pressure on our struggling community. Look within the management side to cut back (wages, bonuses etc.)
Revisit cuts, but do not put further pressure on our struggling communities Stop spending on internal investigation involving chief executive and pay rises to senior officers Stop looking at the low and within the council, just sort out the high end of the council within the management side you want to look at, bonuses (yearly), pay rises, cars, expenses
Rubbish collection is a vital service. Would it be possible to merge the general household and recycling collection into a fortnightly collection so that household waste takes place one week, recycling the following week. Extra bins could be provided for households with more waste.
Run CCBC as a private company would operate. Reduce employer pension contributions. There used to be the argument that council staff get paid less than private sector counterparts so the pension made up for it. This is no longer the case. Actually discipline and sack staff who abuse the sickness policy. As a minimum you should only offer statutory sick pay. Reduce the HR staff headcount by actually getting managers to manage their staff. Cull the numerous directors you have. Not needed. Automate your manual admin activities. Massive cost savings here. Independantly re-evaluate all functions and roles again (which was done about 10 years ago) and streamline operational services. Actually listen to what these experts say. Corporate workforce would be halved.
Run the services that the community desperately needs; Go into the red and put pressure on the government to put the money in where it's needed
Save money from the areas CCBC waste it !
Savings:- reduce number of Parish counsellors with their wages and also the extra they get for attending committees The wages that have been paid over last 5 years and settlements which are still continuing to staff who have been removed from office for irregularities i.e. Electing huge wage increases when other staff had their wages capped. This has made the Caerphilly Borough Council a laughing stock throughout Wales. Counsellors increase in wages, they should only be paid 1 wage and not for attending meetings for committees surely that is part of their role to attend and they are paid a wage. Do we really need so many counsellors? Daily fees for co opted persons are excessive Overnight stay allowances are too high
say no more to these cuts /stand up for the people you represent by saying to the governments enough is enough
Say you do use the money that the council has stashed away, the council is not a bank

School maintenance budgets may be better based on need, not number of pupils. A school under 20 years old and asbestos-free should not require (or be allocated) the same maintenance budget as an older school. There's too many schools in the same geographical area, each with separate governors and senior management teams. For example, Hendre and Bedwas Infants and Hendre and Bedwas Junior, could easily become Hendre/Bedwas Primary schools respectively, similar to Cefn Fforest Primary School, with infants and junior aged pupils being in separate buildings but with 1 senior management team, savings thousands of pounds in terms of staffing costs and enable sharing of maintenance budgets based on need. Also centralise maintenance budgets of schools rather than leaving head teachers who specialise in teaching children to make decisions on construction related matters for which they have no expertise and subsequently are unable to make sound decisions and know what is a reasonable cost for work. Contractors appointed to construct, maintain, extend or renovate CCBC premises require better monitoring, particularly after work completion and before payment to ensure the work is to an acceptable standard and has, in fact, been completed. Otherwise further expenditure is required to rectify failings or work not actually completed but discovered too late. Additional monitoring of contractors also required to ensure legal compliance during work to minimise risk of significant financial penalty if HSE Inspector found failings. I suggest an audit be conducted of how many people use libraries over a period of several weeks to work out an average cost per user to keep a library open. If a service isn't being used then it's not viable to keep open. Closure of civic amenity sites needs to be supplemented with effective measures to reduce risk of flytipping, such as covert and overt CCTV in 'hot spots' and opportunities for the public to request additional bulk collections (for a small cost if necessary) so that un reputable waste collection companies that then dump collected waste are less likely to be used by residents thinking they are doing the right thing. There's very poor community spirit in the Borough - offer grants to support voluntary groups that could provide services that will inevitably be cut, such as for providing transportation and company for immobile residents, litter picking, keen gardeners to prune overgrown bushes etc. Community groups should be encouraged to create local pride in local communities. Consider hire or purchase of a drone (with CAA licensed operator) to enable assessment of the roof of buildings, and other areas otherwise requiring expensive and time-consuming means of access (eg scaffolding) - they are comparatively much cheaper and could be used across several service areas, including visual inspection of roads for pot holes and damage without requiring a temporary road closure if operated from the road side (making use a zoom camera). An assessment should be done of potential costs having to put right things that failed due to cost savings. For example, increase in criminal damage and social disorder if community support service is ended, more costly repairs from poor planned maintenance; significant increased insurance costs, and costs of fines, legal fees and other underlying costs associated with legal non-compliances for data protection, health and safety and environmental laws that the LA could face civil and criminal charges for.

Scrap all discretionary ( non statutory ) services eg: public events;Community Safety Wardens;

Sell surplus land/buildings including unused residential; Be more amenable to planning apps, taking commercial view Increase fees for planning, special refuse collection, Stop paying officials who have been suspended Don't compete with private sector Cut car park charges to encourage high st use and occupancy of empty shops - may reduce income short term Don't use consultants;

Should have been brought in gradually starting about 5 years ago to fill the massive deficit which obviously hasn't just occurred

Simple do not implement the cuts. Reduce councillors pay, cut down on the number of managers and finally pay off the former chief executive. The money he's been paid would certainly protect a number of the services you are proposing to cut.

Simple do not reduce any of the services and amenities mentioned. Turn the lights off in the ivory tower aka Penallta house, get rid of the Mayors car improve public transport he can take the bus. Those two things alone will raise a couple of grand.

Soccer and rugby self manage their relevant pavilions and take over lease on their fields Stop departments purchasing £300 desk fans in summer Dyson fans Put the tree main bus to work (LOL) 90k waste of resources Better use of staff i.e. 2 grade 6 working together, then interview for another grade 6 to manage a team of men (grade 3 could have replaced grade 6 allowing small saving) possible friend in high places (LOL)
Sort out the remaining of the 3 .... council employees who gave themselves 20% pay rise. Reinvestigate the case as there's no way there wasn't a case to answer to - .....
Sort out the situation with the chief executive officer which is impacting on every resident in the Caerphilly CBC area and making CCBC the laughing stock of the whole country.
Spend money on essential services and stop unnecessary services. As mentioned earlier the expense on a ,Mayor is unnecessary. Despite what councillors might think, a mayor is a financial waste and is only a councillors perk. Car Parking should be looked at. I know parking will be a council responsibility after April. A charge on parking spaces for residents will generate significant funds. Spaces should be limited to cars and M/bikes not Company Vans. CCBC could introduce parking sites for these vans and lorries and put a substantial charge on companies for these types of vehicles (£3000 pa) . There is potential to generate substantial funds and help solve a growing problem.
Start with looking at lowering wages of those who don't do the work they should.
Stop charging for collection of household large items, as this will help prevent fly tipping and as a result will not cost to clear up the mess. Keep the recycling centres open even if you cut the open hours e.g. 10am - 4pm, Sat 9-1, Sun 9-1. KEEP ABERBARGOED OPEN.
Stop cutting the needy and the " average Joe" and cut your big wigs
Stop funding crooks !!!!
Stop over payong your councillors and members if staff on suspensions
Stop paying £1000 or more a week to the chap you suspended about six years ago (that would help).
Stop paying a salary to the ex Chief Executive, absolutely disgusted by the way this situation has been handled, All involved in the meeting where his salary was agreed should have been removed from office. This situation has made a laughing stock of CCBC
Stop paying and / or try to claw back millions and millions of our money to Anthony O'Sullivan, Nigel Barnett and Daniel Perkins.
Stop paying Anthony O Sullivan . Use the money to improve all facilities.
Stop paying councillors/higher members of the council ridiculous amounts of money when they don't actually do anything. Maybe streamlining the way you work now.
stop paying debts it is a lot of money writing off £8m when there are good honest people trying to pay their council tax and rents. why should the people that pay have to keep footing the bill of the ones that don't pay. plus still paying Anthony O'Sullivan all that money. start using money wisely and not wasting it like you do.
Stop paying executives and andmsteeamling your services into one area. What happened to the sale of Pontllanfraith offices?
Stop paying for legal expenses or the old chief exec who was found not guilty sometime ago in a court of law.
Stop paying staff who are not in work how can you justify paying wages to a chief executive who is not in work and also paying someone to cover him. This also was the case for the other 2 members of staff.
Stop paying stupid amounts of money on paying ex members of staff. They do not work there any more (suspended on full pay???) Performance related pay for councillors? Maybe make community councillors a voluntary position? Proper budgeting
Stop paying such over inflated bonuses to senior members of the Council!!
Stop paying the 3 criminals you call councillors that are currently suspended!!
Stop paying the CEO currently on garden leave and sort it out - it has gone on far too long.
Stop paying the disgraced employee on garden leave asap. Use the money to support the elderly who need it most.
Stop paying the people at the top who have been suspended fire them already then you would save plenty of money

Stop paying two chief executive salaries!
stop raising council tax each year. Review what effect the services being cut such as day centres would mean for carers. Review if cutting meals on wheels would impact on the number of packages of care to support older people and how many would require additional support if this service was not available.
Stop spending money on pointless people and projects
Stop staff using work vehicles for commuting. Properly review projects with a cost benefit analysis, rather than spending for sake of spending between January and April to max out budget allocation.
Stop throwing good money after bad at the fraud scandal, draw a line and end it NOW before more money is wasted. To cut meals on wheels is disgusting, why is it always the working classes and elderly that suffer the shortfall?????
Stop wasting money and ask residents just how they would like you spending tax payers money on changes like the above which cost me an increase in petrol costs due to the stop/start in having to queue for 20mins/45mins to get from Peters Pie traffic lights to Pwll Pant roundabout.
stop wasting money for a start the housing works that are coming from the wqhs are not coming from your budget thats a seperate scheme. Sell off all company vehicles mayors car cheif execs cars etc instead of renting and leasing bring back your own fleet of vehicles its cheaper give power to the communities to look after parks grass cutting etc then go back to you if repairs are needed, if repairs were done correctly in the 1st place you wouldnt have to do the repairs again look at hawthorn wat a debarcal disgusting works. clean debris cut trees back make sure drains are cleared in summer time so they do not have a knock on effect in winter. Give your tennants and private owners a bigger say in whats going on in what work needs to be done ask for volunteers to work with the council even if its painting community centres cutting grass low maintenance work etc which frees the council workers to do bigger jobs its not rocket science. you have cut grants so people like myself cant access them because you have changed the rules its not fair. people like myself are left out once again. change the attitude on your staff and the public will give them respect i have been chasing a repair on my mums property for the past 6 yrs and still waiting all the rent she has paid over the years is disgusting for what she gets you need to start listening
Stop wasting money ie cycle lane St Cenydd Rd as the school children have never used it.
Stop wasting money on chief executives. We have had enough council tax increases over the last few years. Enough is enough now.
Stop wasting money on inefficient council buildings, councillors wages, Christina Harri's wages and all 4 of the top jobs under her she created and obviously Anthony Sullivan's wage.
stop wasting money on the poor repairs you are using contractors who may be cheap but the jobs are so poor it has to be done again. make the funds for the disabled be distribute better as there are some care homes who seem to get a lot more than others and people who look after there own disabled adult and child cannot get what they do
Street lighting needs to be increased so council can put more lighting on roads at night, as many roads - lanes are dark at night.
Surely all the recycling being done by all the householders should generate income for the council
The Council has a lot of buildings - perhaps they should consider sharing resources with other public bodies (health, fire, police etc) so they can dispose of some of their buildings. And end the pay dispute of the Chief Executive which is costing the Council and therefore the public millions. Literally millions. Do a proper assessment as to how services can be delivered differently and get on with it.



The Council need to produce a longer term strategy that sets out and consults on its proposed approach over a 5-10 year period. Have an honest conversation with residents. Many of us know and sympathise with the challenges faced by local government but a degree of honesty and frankness would be appreciated. If you need to cut discretionary community services, think about how residents can be equipped to pick up what's important to them. This may require an invest to save in the long term mentality. For example, if you intend to step back from maintenance of parks and recreation grounds, you need to be open and give community groups/sports clubs the opportunity, support and some investment to get ready to take up the mantle. this may take 3-5 years. The council needs to transparently demonstrate how it has considered, achieved or discounted merger or shared services with other local authorities. The proposals are completely silent on this and the absence of this type of mature strategic thinking is a concern for residents. The council needs to resolve the outstanding dispute with its suspended CEO. At a cost to the resident in excess of £5m the ongoing debacle (and the fact you're paying 2 CEOs) is not acceptable. Think of the impact that £5m saving and the absence of Mr Sullivan's ongoing salary, not to mention legal costs could contribute to savings. Try some innovative approaches. Would removing town centre car parking charges and sprucing up town centres bring people back? try it out in a town and evaluate. will more people shop locally, occupy shops, and spend money with small businesses not major retailers. Try it in one town? Improve the quality of your consultations, so that residents are faced with all be it tough choices, rather than no choices and be open about areas like shared services and explain why you've discounted them.

The Council needs to seriously look at the services they provide and clearly identify those that are not needed or essential. What is the Council's core business? Are the Elected Members clearly informed about what is core and statutory and what is not? The list of proposed cuts and savings appear to be just the easily identifiable and not necessarily the ones that should be made. Why don't you consult on what the residents believe the Council is about and should provide? This is not a proper consultation in my opinion. First of all the Council should publish clearly where the money is going to so that residents understand what is provided and express a proper opinion on what they believe should not be provided. How much is spent on waste collection only as opposed to how much is spent on treating the different types of waste? How much is spent in keeping clean each different ward (dog bins, street sweeping and cleansing)? how much is spent on each school? how much is spent on highways maintenance (network) routine and each improvement and how much is spent on the big infrastructure components (e.g. Chartist Bridge)? How much is the council spending on Senior Officers positions (not the ones about the scandal, which are actually published already)? How much is spent for each Adult Client of Social Services and how much is spent for each looked after Child? Residents need similar breakdown about Housing, Leisure Services and Libraries etc. And if the Council cannot easily determine the breakdown above they should put in place a proper accounting and performance monitoring process that can provide it. In summary we the residents don't know where the money is going to at present so first of all you should clearly tell us that and then ask us to give our opinion on everything, not just a small list you have previously selected without clearly publishing the criteria you used.

The Council should identify ways to make the county a more attractive place for the construction of 'executive' homes as well as 'budget' homes. Executive homes bring in a greater council tax receipt which can be used to mitigate the savings which need to be made.

The encouragement and organisation of volunteers or voluntary groups to assist in bridging the gap between services being reduced / cut by the council could help maintain services whilst also bringing communities together. Simple things like the public helping to cut grass within their community that would have otherwise been cut by the council, litter picking groups, park maintenance groups etc.

the general public opinion is if you as a council were not wasting money paying out wages to people who are no longer in post when this money would be better spent on services

The idea of cutting street cleansing / litter collection is not justified as far as i am concerned. I live on gilfach estate and it looks terrible at the moment with litter and full bins all over the estate. This will soon turn into a health hazard. I think there needs to be a campaign to prevent litter in the first place by way of higher fines for people who see it ok to do this. This money can help reduce the budget and make the place more attractive and clean
The impact has already been felt over the last few years. I'm afraid I don't know how to limit the inevitable impact and as per my previous comments, things are already below an acceptable level. There are only 2 ways to improve things - either to get more money from Central/Regional Government and/or extract more money from the local population.
The long running dispute over pay rises for senior officers will have cost over 4 million pounds by next March. This is a disgraceful indictment on all councillors of whatever party Labour & Plaid mostly this money could have ensured that a lot of essential services you are now cutting could have gone on / shame on you all.
The only answer is to review the inefficiencies within the Borough spending activity. A radical approach would be to review your procurement activities and ensure not only value for money, but ask suppliers to contribute to the wider community where they can ie. employ XX amount of persons in the Borough to obtain the contract. Keep jobs local, procure local.
The public needs to be given a clear, simple, understanding of the Council's accounts, how many people it employs and the effect of the councils 'pensions' responsibilities on the budget, too.
the public toilets are a need that should be nurtured not done away with. for the public to be deprived would be vandal - in combination with the community centres - wise not put the toilets in the centres - not close them
The reduction of street lighting could be addressed by using solar power to power the lights rather than electricity. Agreed that this may be expensive to fund initially but there should be government grants out there to fund the cost and the long term savings would be phenomenal.
The Welsh assembly to release more funds. Ccbc staff that are under investigation to stop being paid until they are found guilty. If found not guilty wages to be back dated. I understand the rules around this but it is a unprecedented case and rules need to be re addressed accordingly
There are many savings proposals that affect residents especially those losing their community centres and closure of public toilets. The most significant proposal which I would like to see removed is the closure civic amenity sites at both Aberbargoed and Penallta. Closure of one I can accept. No preference for which one to remain open. Closing both will result in an increase in fly tipping.
There is a village hall in Penybryn- run extremely badly by a "committee" consisting mainly of one family. The family are well known for their less than honest behaviour. They have asked residents to object to any reduction in their funding. In my opinion remove all committee and prevent them or their family from rejoining. Do a audit without warning them and you will be shocked at what you find.
These days new estates are built with a community building. This is a need for Ty Sign, there are plans in progress for a new hall. Please allow us to use our hall until the new hall is available. There is money in the hall account to cover costs, so please just withdraw funding and leave the hall open. Then all the groups will still be able to function. The site cannot be used until the scouts have a new building - the new hall - as they have a right of way. There need be no costs to CCBC for the hall as there is money available for this. Please let us keep our hall.
This proposal to stop Meals Direct is ludicrous think again!!
To close leisure centres that are very well used is such a negative. All the children that are encouraged into sport, you are taking this away from them in their locality.
To involve the community more & listen to what their concerns are, everyone just passes the buck therefore people just lose faith in the council & police and stop wanting to put themselves out when they don't get the help when they need it
Too many councillors being paid to attend a talking shop. Doing nothing being paid.
Totally absurd to consider reducing spending on road repairs; roads are in a bad enough state already. INCREASE spending on carriageway/carriageway repairs.

<p>Transparency. Don't just consult when you think its a Sure thing. You have your little meeting and think its enough as you have given people the opportunity to speak knowing dam well that most people are either not aware this is happening or feel it's not the kind of meeting they are comfortable attending. You see the response things get on Facebook so use It more constructively and actually pay attention to the feedback. Caerphilly should be thriving with all the business, tourist and housing money paid back in yet we face increases all the time. Something is not right.</p>
<p>Trim some of the budget from the vast managers salaries and stop paying a former director to sit at home doing nothing.</p>
<p>Try expressing your opinions to central government or the Welsh government. They have got us into this mess. Why, as a resident, should I suffer the consequences of inadequate people who cannot govern. I understand the councils position but sorry when hundreds of millions are given away to other countries in aid can you not understand support your own first, homelessness, poverty, its all at breaking point. Increases cannot go on. We are not all Richard Branson or Amazon's Jeff Bezos on £103bn with company wealth of £600bn. Shut all care homes, just go back to Victorian days, slums, taskmasters, rich stay rich, no increase in pensions, no living standards. Enough is enough.</p>
<p>Try sorting out the Chief Executive pay fiasco</p>
<p>Turn heat down by 1degreeC in every council/gov't property (hospitals/offices etc) remove 30% of strip lighting also convert all govt buildings to solar or wood burning energy (invest to save) stop spending on velothon, reduce spending on big cheese and fireworks on welsh language - everything bilingual stop ?OJEU? procurement processes- reduce waste and add value back in Use alternative day service provision, that is more cost effective. My neighbour mentioned shared lives?</p>
<p>Use more contractors Speed cameras on Nantgarw Rd Highways review waste of money A468 Cedar Tree</p>
<p>Use some of the monies that will be collected from illegal/improper parking throughout ystrad mynach and surrounding areas yo help pay to keep them open.</p>
<p>Use the in house staff you have effectively, instead of putting services out to contract with private companies. You have a highly qualified repairs staff plumbers,electricians, builders, gardeners etc etc so why not use them why spend millions on giving contracts to private companies when you have the staff to do the jobs, at times much better and obviously cheaper because you are paying these people wages anyway. Use your leisure centers to there full potential. Have dinner clubs for the elderly, the vehicles for transport are ther just not being used and there is definitely more than enough empty space with cooking facilities to do this several times a week.</p>
<p>Waste management - can't see that closing civiv amentity sites at penallta and aberbargoed will save money in the long run, just have to pay extra on collecting it to where ever it has been dumped.</p>
<p>We already have an impact on our village, more houses being built and no extra facilities in place.</p>
<p>We have had austerity for nearly a decade. Enough is enough!!!!</p>
<p>We live in a permit holder only street a d the amount of people that park here who don't have permits is unreal. If this was no it over more closely then I believe fu ds would be raised. But instead residents will now have to pay for the privilege of parking on their street and yet who will enforce and fine the ones who don't have permits?</p>
<p>We want to reduce obesity and bring back values within the community- this will not happen without community facilities or leisure centres. Caerphilly have not got the capacity to run, e.g. swimming lessons as it is, Cefn Fforest is a far better pool for teaching. Look at the services as a whole and reduce the man power, there are numerous council buildings that are way over staffed.</p>
<p>We will have less support for so many things in the proposal, I cant see how the damage can be limited.</p>

Well by letting other community centres or buildings in the area to be used for the events Channel View Community Centre uses it for at the moment; If the knocking the building down is so important. More and more shops are being left due to rates. Why don't the big shops get transformed into a community centres. Not only that we are seeing traditional churches turn into dance places etc. Why can't we use other facilities to turn into a community centre.
What about turning street lights off after 11pm u ti. 5 am, on side roads?
What has happened in the council for this to happen, when these centres was put up the communities was told they were for the village and not a making money centre, so the impact would be a major blow on the whole of the village as there is nothing else in the village.
What impact is there going to be? So small they are not even worth mentioning.
When decisions are to be made about where vast sums of money are to be spent in one particular area, the residents of Caerphilly should be told in advance and given the chance to have their say.
When difficult choices need to be made. Leaders tend to give a limited choice suggesting they are the only choices available. We are sure there are many other areas whete savings could be made before vital services are cut. Many of the proposals suggested will just add to the social decay that already evident in our communities which will lead to further problems fir all of us. The cabinet needs to really look hard at where money is being spent. The savings made by reducing a number of low wage employees does not compare to savings made by reducing one highly paid manager or councillor.
When litter is removed from the A469 I have in the past counted up to 15 operatives working on a weekend (time and half) removing the litter plus lorries putting down and picking up cones etc. Some operatives can be seen 3 abreast on a verge barely 1 1/2 or 2m wide. TOTAL OVER KILL. a great deal of the rubbish in the verges is to large to come from cars and must therefore come from skips not properly covered. Are the people responsible recharged??? Are council contracts properly managed?? How can costs on the Caerphilly roundabout contract almost doubled??? (keeping 2 lanes open??? Bad management.
When you stop meals on wheels for the elderly and put meals up in schools the elderly with be affected and the children. My family can't afford much and that meal may be the only warm meal they have.
Where's the cuts at Caerphilly Council building, too many staff throughout the offices and perks.
Why dont all the top bosses in the council take a pay cut, that would save the council millions of pounds, they dont earn what they are being paid.
Why have CCBC not outsourced they're highway maintenance, street cleansing and design consultancy services? The outsourced model has been followed by almost every authority in England and delivered substantial savings and efficiencies in service. We cannot afford to maintain an inefficient and costly in-house facility and are 10-20 years behind our English counterparts in terms of efficiency.
Why not turn off street lights at mid-night when most residents are in bed. Employ a traffic warden, fines from the numerous motorists who park illegally, could be wisely spent on repairing pot holes.
Work more closely as a council, stop departments giving work to contractors when there are service areas that can do the work.
Yes Use the genral fund that has millions of pounds waiting to get spent. Sell buildings that is not being used
Yes don't continue to spend (waste) money on an investigation that has already been wasted and those councillors have already been found not to be guilty of any wrongdoing.
You "the council" have suspended on full pay two executives for a number of years. It is time you terminated their employment. This would keep safety wardens employed. We don't see police on walkabout, but the safety wardens are easily visible for concerned members of the public to approach with their worries. Closure of two civic amenity sites will mean more fly tipping costing more to the public than the savings you propose, this was evident when a charge of £75 was passed by you for vans to empty their rubbish. Playground maintenance, where else are our children meant to play, prob be left with one swing in one park and a seesaw in another.

You can limit the impact of your proposals by looking at making your own staff redundant in areas where there are too many staff in a particular area or department of the council.
You can stop all of these cuts, and turn to creating wealth by investing and creating opportunities for business to thrive in the county. It is the only way forward. In 10 years time, when there is less and less coming from Westminster and Cardiff, will you still keep cutting? By then there'll be nothing left to cut.
You can use your large reserves which I believe are the second highest in Wales and the increase in council tax to maintain the services that you provide. We must not forget the continuing and profligate waste of money in the handling of the dispute with the officers of the Council.
You could charge a little more for meals on wheels so those that can afford it if this would help fund the service. Open library for reduced hours. Offer community centres to community councils to run or charitable organisations out of their own budgets rather than council budget.
You could consider the use of volunteers for some aspects of the work required (with union etc input) i.e. school crossing controls.
You could cut costs by making sure that when any letter is sent to residents asking them to complete a questionnaire, the said questionnaire is actually enclosed with the letter!! The cost of duplicate letters being sent out is, I feel very wasteful!!
You could cut expenditure by accepting that the majority of people in the borough speak English as their first language and not sending out bilingual papers, etc. If people are given the choice of having information in either English or Welsh instead of both, you will straight away cut costs by using half the paper and ink and help protect the environment.
You could possibly cut back on areas/places in Caerphilly Borough that you have been generous to in the past. Then, you could possibly limit the impact on areas that you tend to neglect, such as Risca. You could have solved the issue of the suspension of the Chief Executive (on full pay) a lot sooner. This could have saved millions of pounds of the tax payers' money. It is outrageous that this is still on going after 5 years. I don't think CCBC realise how unpopular they have made themselves because of this one issue. Members of the Council, particularly Senior staff, should consider a pay freeze in these times of austerity. Lead by example.
you could start by setting up more food banks and hostels, get them run by the voluntary services. Then when they are over run you can call upon the tax payer to give time and money voluntary too. Get the churches to do breakfast, lunch and dinner clubs then recreational days, craft sessions wellbeing sessions all for free. As we are a country that is giving to others so why not too in our communities.
You just need to look at the chiefs and what they are being paid - its the menials that get paid far less that are doing the work. Cut the hours that staff work - everyone could work 35hr contracts to avoid having job losses altogether and losing essential pleasures that our communities need.
You need to consider the impact holistically rather than just by individual saving. You also need to provide projections for residents as whilst there maybe no alternatives to such increases and cuts, how will this impact be felt in the longer term- will it mean the same next year? The proposal doesn't offer alternatives thus whilst the strict meaning of democracy appears to be adhered to, it doesn't give choices. If residents do not agree, what then???
You need to stop wasting money and stop paying your managers ridiculous amounts of money
You've reportedly wasted millions on the fiasco concerning senior executives at the Council, sort that out. Sell some land. The old bedwellty school site, oakdale and pontllanfraith school sites. Sell the old IBC site.

## Reduce Spending

- reduce street lighting in areas considered 'no danger' to public - consider more renewable energy alternatives for any new infrastructure - I note that schools have 'mobiles' rather than telephones - can't see how this is cheaper? - Decrease bus service expenditure - keep vital routes open only - Review concessionary passes with Welsh Government and ensure 60+ up to retirement age start to pay for bus service - ridiculous if they are still in work and using concessionary pass at the expense on a 'vulnerable' group e.g. disabled, visually impaired
- Executives
-Council wages -Jobs where people are employed by the council but could be brought in by agency and only used as and when needed. -street lighting during the early hours (Free council tax abolished all pay). Less spending in council, less employees.
* Highway maintenance * Street cleansing * Tourism / events e.g. Big Cheese and town centre events * Council stationary supplies * Agenda papers for committee meetings - online only and encourage councillors to use laptops in meetings * Hospitality - e.g. mayoral function
> pay for council members. > grass cutting - the Caerphilly bypass must has to be the most worked on area in the whole of Wales. > taxis for children who have been excluded from local schools and relocated.
2 executives suspended by you.
A nominal charge to use refuse facilities could generate good income (as little as £3 per visit with the option of a day ticket). Ensuring all council run carparks that are pay and display, have debit card facility to increase flexibility and use. Close all public toilets, but introduce a tax/levy on business ensuring access to their facilities for the public. Introduce many more speed cameras and generate income from the high number of speeding offences in Caerphilly county borough. Fine people for incorrect waste disposal, fly tipping, dog fouling, littering, offensive behaviour etc. in a more regular manner. Allow people to purchase single parking places - this could be extremely lucrative. Assess the number of your own staff, and the pay levels of senior members to increase efficiency and bring them in-line with todays economic pressures.
Accreditations (ISO) and awards (Parks etc) Energy usage (by invest to save schemes and greater use of technology) Civic functions, such as meals with other civic leaders Challenge the number of activities carried out to meet 'statutory requirements'
Additional corporate spending if you have employed benefits such as company vehicles. Etc
Administration, particularly in the Education Department and schools . Welsh Language services.
Advertising council events Councillors spending scandal (this is another disgrace)
Again you wish to increase the cost to service users We already don't get quality for what we are paying for
All literature being bilingual.
All non essential services
All public events.....that do not produce a clear andmajor financial gain for council coffers.
Allowing people to remain in council homes after their partner or parents die. There are numerous people living in three bedroom homes in their own and the rent and council tax are being subsidised. Finding them accommodation suitable for their needs would create empty homes for families and in turn reduce burden of rent and council tax subsidies.
Allowing staff to flexi time (Office Based staff), which then impacts on their leave allowance.
Already commented on where savings could be made.
Amalgamate councils/get rid of half of the councillors
Any employees who receive above minimum wage.
Anything that does not have a positive impact on the residents of Caerphilly. I would like to see a full annual expenditure list from the council.
Areas that communities can take responsibility for with possibly half the funding been given to the community projects?
As above
As before high paid workers workers in general reduce contracts to 2hrs less each Councillors

As my first page comments, reinforcing the need for LAs to work together for better use of resources, expertise and costs with gradual migration of services to joint delivery with a plan to avoid compulsory redundancies through re-training and natural turnover.
As previously stated.
Ask ALL senior staff and councillors to take a wage reduction for the next 2 years to cover the cost of paying the remainder of your staff the living wage they more than deserve. Reduce all corporate catering. Stationery and equipment - join forces with other local councils to buy in bulk to get a better deal from suppliers and stop using high cost suppliers that take advantage of the fact that they have secured a tender for a specific period of time. Weed control spraying on pathways.
At the moment transport has gone up with using trains, when actually the trains themselves are old or the lines they are on aren't updated. Money seems to be taken but customers don't see an outcome.
Attractions such as Llancaiach Fawr, enforce a minimum offset of running costs or total self subsidy through its own profit/income generating activities.
Banners on lampposts.espsedially where those are changed seasonally.
Big cheese - no need for it to be all weekend and it always rains anyway! Christmas market - no need for road closures that inconvenience the entire town for the entire weekend - again it always rains anyway! Paying for people to stand around as stewards?
Big pay rises for the big earners.
Blackwood Miners' Institute Llancaiach Fawr
Bosses
Bryn Recycling Group.
Budget realignment - vacancy management Staff meals Events Visitor centres
Building developments - e.g. hospitals, schools, so that investment in staffing or expertise is affected.
Bus passes or start charging them
Bus passes pensioners are the richest people around with most spending 3 months in Spain during the winter.
Buying green land in the area for housing. Or at least ensure you are profiting a lot more from the greedy developers.
Caerphilly County vehicles - retain vehicles for a longer period and replace less frequently.
Car parking charges and crate parking in all areas; for one hour in Blackwood is 50p, Ystrad Mynach on the other hand is 40p, Nelson has free car parking, same as Cwmbran (Torfaen). This can surely be looked at particularly during the run up to Christmas and the New Year with access to free parking in towns such as Blackwood, Bargoed, Caerphilly to compete with Cwmbran for example with its free car parks that encourages shoppers and visitors to go there.
CCBC transport. A better mix of leased and owned vehicles, Better management of use of vehicles to prevent vehicles being unused all day while outside houses where work is being done. One vehicle servicing 2 or 3 jobs.
Central services but having shared services/merged services with other local authorities. consider fewer councillors (not sure if this is possible)
Certain social care users and encourage families to be more active in caring for the vulnerable.
Landscaping, cleansing, etc - encourage group volunteering, perhaps for non-monetary rewards.
charge by the people in the house. this is clearly related to the resource demand on the council. 5 people produce more wasre than eg 2 or 3. 5 people who may have some or all who smoke have a higher demand on fire servicex than eg 2 or 3, same for police and libraries. it is a disgrace that families of lesser number pay more to cater for larger families that introduce a lesser demand on the system
Charge for prescription Charge for the bridge Cut grass less regularly, still to be cut, but 1/2 as much
Chief executive wages
Chief executive who has been on paid leave for 6 years - why has this not been resolved?
Christmas decorations Executive salary increases

Civic amenity sites by setting up system of recycling goods or selling them, not everything that is dumped is broken etc Recycling collections - push Welsh Government to introduce system of returning plastic packaging to shops. Re think use of buildings - could Twyn visitor centre be amalgamated into library and provide toilets in library. Perhaps initial outlay for building restructuring by long term gain. Can public libraries be incorporated into schools? What other services can be amalgamated into same building? If services aren't being used in high volumes then you have to ask if viable to keep open for the few. Such as Pontllanfraith leisure centre. Better facilities would attract more customers but is that council responsibility? Stop automatically producing printed literature bilingually, make it opt in for preferred language
civic occasions and unnecessary staff, stop making up positions and agencies that are supposed to give support but never do
Cleansing office staff reduction (family and friends)
Collection of large items, Car parks, Building offices or industrial units etc where private sector can compete
Collection of recycled waste to every two weeks. General household waste to every three weeks. I live by a main road and notice gritting taking place during the winter months late afternoon if a frost is forecast. This happen, all be it the road may be dry and no precipitation forecast ???
Combine the Food waste & Recycling waste to one collection vehicle. with separate compartments
Committee and Council Meetings.
Community police. Street road sweeping . Street lighting .
Community safety wardens are a waste of funds.
Community spaces & parks. Is there an opportunity to work with community groups, sports clubs and schools to take a shared responsibility? Not to completely remove Council services but better allocate them to areas of high footfall like town centres & high risk locations such as main roads. Work with communities in smaller locations.
Consider all major projects and revisit the spending and the quotations, look what is needed. You must give people positive results not continue to blame other people not continue to cut services. List and tell people what the planned projects are for the next 5 years Give everyone a chance to look at this Produce a 5 year plan Think out of the box
Consider how much funding could have been saved if Caerphilly Cedar Tree roundabout had been completed on time. The overspend on those works due to lack of management and (seemingly) half-day working on many of those employed to undertake the works, would have adequately covered the cost of retaining the civic amenity site at Penallta...
Corporate buildings by reducing the amount of buldings that you maintain!!!!!!!!!!!! Install LED bulbs in street lights - However, stop installing the ones you currently use, as they are a waste of your time. Try walking up LLanarth road or Elim Way Pontllanfraith at night and ask yourself - I ordered these useless lights!!! Review of Staffing model in Libraries - Why wasn't this carried out years ago!!! Which other departments have not had a staffing review?
...ion within the council
Coucillors.
Council employees using council transport for personal use. Reduce the ridiculously generous sick pay for council employees
Council executive and managers pay. Reduce committees Efficiency drive in the council. Reduce coucillors allowances.
Council Executive officers - especially those suspended with pay.
Council leaders salary and bonuses
Council leaders, £3.5 million wasted in the salary scandal why do the residents have to carry this monumental mess
Council management role salaries.
Council members; fancy council buildings.
Council newsletters - and especially translating everything into Welsh which adds to production cost.
Council offices
Council run residential homes which should all be placed in the private sector as these provide a service at a much lower cost than council run residential homes.



Council staff pay and expenses. Do not spend millions on a new council building in ystrad mynach and do not pay ... council members hundreds of thousands of pounds while suspended.
Council staff wages. The fat cats.
Council wages, council sick pay policies, free school meals for those who do not need them (means test it).
Councillor expenses. Look at your pension scheme. Stop spending money on making teacher taking early retirement (VR) and re-hiring them 1 month after (this happens far to often).
councillors
Councillors
councillors - there are too many councillors being paid, they could cover bigger areas.
Councillors and senior officers of CBCC
Councillors and their expenses
councillors expenditure
Councillors expenses/salaries Fireworks displays and Christmas street decorations
Councillors have agreed to spend an extra £242,000 on an investigation into pay rises for senior officers. Labour, Plaid Cymru and Independent councillors clashed over the probe involving Caerphilly council's former chief executive Anthony O'Sullivan. The investigation, which began in 2013, will have cost taxpayers £4.1m by 2019 . Proposals for more cash for Mr O'Sullivan's salary and legal costs were moved by the council's deputy leaders "with the utmost regret". Mr O'Sullivan was suspended, along with his deputy Nigel Barnett and the head of legal services Daniel Perkins, after the Wales Audit Office declared their pay rises were unlawful. It was claimed they agreed to give themselves a 20% increase when most other council staff faced pay freezes.
Councillors pay
Councillors salaries and allowances. The budget for civic events. Any subsidies with the catering department at Ty Penallta
Councillors salaries Fireworks displays and Christmas street decorations Finalising the financial issues involving the chief executive's post. Either reinstate him or sack him even if taken to employment tribunal. We are paying for two chief executives at the moment.
Councillors salaries Reduce the number of managers
Councillors wages and expenses
Councillors wages. Dont give them a pay rise like the rest of the working population.
Councillors who are a shocking waste of public money and corporate events which only benefit the south of the authority?
Councillors who are suspended and receiving their full salary etc!
Councillors, managers, chief executive?
Councillors' pay.
Councilors expenses.
Counsellors
Counsellors wages and bonus. Grass cutting as they make more of a mess than when they started. Doesn't need to be done on a weekly basis. Road works as caused more problems and traffic build up than if it was left alone cedar tree roundabout complete waste of money, ystrad new roundabout and road to caerphilly dangerous and slow. One flow of traffic at a time through watsville from discs, huge build up of traffic .
countryside Park parking as more expensive than towns and longer so contradicts government supporting healthy living
Craft fairs The Big Cheese
Cut the amount of service vehicles which cost a absolute fortune to run and sell the council's houses to gain more funding
Cut the Cabinet by one member and save £37,000. Also reduce the number of Councillors because we do not need so many. The Officers make the decision and the Councillors agree with them.
Cut the number of councillors down

cut the number of councillors reduce the restaurant facility at Ty Penallta There is a man who appears sporadically on every floor in Ty Penallta and dusts the plants, do we actually contract his services? if so can we cancel that contract HR sending out letters to employees home addresses when we are based in the same building Having to complete manual DBS checks every 3 years, can we switch to the online update service Offer staff the option of working a four day week, if it can be accommodated in their service area, saving on staffing costs
Cut top management
Discontinuing the use of private companies to do jobs in house staff are already employed to do. Plumbers,electricians, gardeners, carpenters, builders etc etc.
Dodgy councillors who are still on the payroll after awarding themselves pay rises. Either sack them, or if they cannot be charged, force them to either do their job or resign.
Doing structured gardens layouts on roundabouts etc. Cut grass less allow wildflowers and Meadows to grow. Encouraging bees and wildlife.
Dual language literature ... ask people what they want to receive...
Employing Directors, if the CCBC management is not working restructure from within instead of employing further directors on large salaries. Appoint an independent company to carry out a review of everyone's role within CCBC, especially management to identify posts which are not required, CCBC has too many managers in areas and not enough workers at the coal face, who will be the ones that will be axed as this decision will be made by the managers. The review would have an initial cost but would make savings, unless of course CCBC carryout this function with a team from within, which would be a waste of time. Councillors, why do small villages need councillors, an MP can look after a vast area or Caerphilly but the likes of Fochriw, Pontllytyn and Abertyswg need their own individual councillor. The number of councillors could be reduced by amalgamating small villages adjacent to each other under one councillor. Street lighting, crime is rife in the valleys so lighting for housing estates is essential, but on main roads between towns and villages, every second lamp post could be turned off.
EOTAS budget can be reduced. Currently £830,000 on just over 300 pupils. That needs some serious looking at - particularly when expertise within the County exists to assist with tatt reduction. ethnicity; sex; translation services (excluding Welsh as it is one of the two official languages of Wales); Cabinet members
Events (Big Cheese)
Events!!!
Exec pay and non active council pay. Policing
Executives, management numbers, number of councillors...
Executive officers within the council. There appears to be a titanic bureaucracy at Ty Penallta eg in the Education Directorate we have an Chief Education Officer and a Director of Education. It is time for a massive thinning out of the chiefs. I am certain that major savings can be made in this area.
Executive Salaries
Executives
Expenses of ccbc staff
Expenses,
external contracts, agency staff, reduce councillors
Extraneous expenditure on street furniture such as banners from lampposts and flower displays in town centres (specifically Caerphilly Town). All very nice but hardly essential.
Fat cat salaries, councillors "expenses" which leak more like median salaries.
Floral Displays in towns
Flower planting
flowers and constant painting by hand of railings in the town centre the workers who do not do their jobs correctly ie road sweepers, etc
Flowers in Caerphilly
Flowers, parks, council promotional material, badly organised building and road projects,
Former CEO legal case Council office landscaping / gardening Investigate staff and service merger with neighbouring Councils. Consider seriously the Senedd request for fewer Councils in Wales. Convert Street lighting to LED and consider switch off between 24.00 and 05.00

Free outdoor activities for children who are too badly behaved to attend school. Educating pupils at home unless there is a physical medical complicated medical diagnosis. Number of taxis collecting children to go to schools unless a significant disability as in wheelchairs etc and not for children who have other conditions. Most of these families are claiming DVLA and this is supposed to be used for transport costs~ have people in the area with brand new cars for their children who have Aspergers but have a council paid for taxi taking them to school everyday!!!

Free school meals - surely not every family who are entitled are that desperate for it? Not in my experience... Don't close the recycling facilities as you'll just get people fly tipping more. Start charging people for incorrectly recycling. Turn off every other streetlight. Turn them off altogether in certain areas? Scale back the resurfacing on roads - controversial but I feel that sometimes roads aren't that bad and they get resurfaced. Have a serious look at wages within council and if people's jobs aren't worth that amount or are surplus to requirement, eliminate it! If you look at reports in the press on the amount of money councillors and council staff get paid, it's criminal. Not to mention the staff on suspension on full pay. It's beyond a joke. This is why taxpayers get angry when you propose a rise.

Garden waste collections during the winter

General overheads including staffing costs. Internal costs need to be tightened substantially before looking to increase council tax, there still appears to be plenty of slack in the council system for savings. You only have to go past roadworks or maintenance people out in the street to see the amount of time wasted standing around talking etc! this would not be tolerated in the private sector so why in the public sector? Just before Christmas I was in Penallta car park where 2 council workers sat in their tractors at 9am for over an hour talking to each other.... good example of public money being wasted! Cut internal departments and place work out to tender. Architectural departments, engineering departments etc could be removed, reducing capital outlay, reducing office and staff overheads, reducing pension contributions, reducing NI contributions, reducing IT infrastructure, reducing software costs, reducing insurances etc. Put the work out to competitive tender and have a handful of project managers to look after any projects. As the council are doing less now are all of the department needed? Could the work be outsourced?

General waste collection

Get legal process sorted and stop paying council officials who have been found to do wrong, save money for the people who need the council services

Get rid of the ex chief executive or reinstate him, this will save the council approx. £100,000 a year. You can disregard any suggestions he makes. Ensure that any further top posts within the council are fixed term or 2 year contracts so that the council can get rid of a bad head of department easier. Reduce councilors wages and pay them £8.95 an hour when they attend a meeting and if a meeting is three hours only pay them 3 hours not let run into overtime unless urgent or pre-agreed. Stop wasting money, if you pay a contractor to do a job and they don't finish it or don't do it properly don't pay them, it's common sense. Have you seen the mess the contractors have left in some of the council houses you own in Bargoed. Is someone really going to read this and consider it or have the decisions already been and this is a meaningless, expensive exercise in pretending to listen?

Giving bonuses! And massive pay rises!

glanhau strydoedd ond codi dirwyon baw can a thaflu sbwriel / cleaning streets but raise dog fouling and littering fines

Government "Welsh Assembly" buildings and salaries - look at auditing this establishment! Childcare - some families 2 incomes!! Other families use grandparents - hence the elderly are needed and stay in good health to provide this service for "working" parents. NHS why do we have to pay for IVF through our taxes when there are plenty of poor children up for adoption!

Grass cutting and litter picking. Meals on wheels should be family supported aswell as community for their service.

Grass cutting could be limited in certain areas.

Grass cutting street cleansing and highway maintenance. I say this as we don't see any improvement to local roads and as stated already our local park is always overgrown.

Grass cutting. Targeted cutting can be introduced in certain areas. Library services (limited opening for example)

Green bin (not food) collect every 3 weeks instead of 2.

Half empty and pointless new council buildings!
Head Offices at Tredomen. With new technology a large percentage of corporate staff could work at home.
heads of services, councillors
High earning council workers
High ranking officials salary's and litigation.
High salaries for the most senior council employees
High street banners
Higher management salaries
Higher salary bands of individuals In the council. Over employment of administrative roles where front line staff who help and are crucial to families in the community are overlooked
Highways:- This service is at the moment sub-standard and cuts would make it rose. Funding should be from road tax not council tax. In your proposal you expect more insurance claims, this would push up costs of insurance long term for no real gain.
Hospitality, scap your news paper. Less new equipment, look after what you have.
Hosting local events
Housing benefit/council tax reduction.
I accept that the proposed cuts are thought through. Just remove the moneys that are still being spent on gardening leave payment to senior execs. These two things do not lie comfortably together.
I always notice how much better-maintained our highways are than even the most affluent areas of Cardiff's, and have always been rather proud of this. Thank you so much for your work in this regard... Perhaps it would be alright to reduce spending a little here, and encourage the public to pick up some of the slack, perhaps with schemes such as one whereby residents adopt a section of grass verge to care for and plant (for example). This could be pleasant for those without gardens, and incentivised with competitions. Schools could be given sections of park or the raised beds in the towns to look after, and the children could learn a little about gardening this way. Perhaps if we're encouraged to take more responsibility for the upkeep of our open and/or spaces, we'll take more pride in them... And it could create social groups, helping to give people a sense of belonging.
I cannot support cuts to any area of spending nor can I support charging for services that should be comprised withing the CT already levied. Perhaps re-instate proper parking/traffic enforcement and generate income from illegal and inconsiderate parking/driving. Risca is beset with it - simply because there is no enforcement.
I don't think you can look this far ahead due to the matter of Brexit - you don't know what moneys will be available to the Welsh Govt. and in turn to the local Authorities.
I feel that this section is unfair. Why should residents suggest ways of reducing facilities which ensure their wellbeing. We have suffered and continue to suffer enough and should not be asked for ways to increase our problems.
I have already done this at the beginning of this Consultation form
I really can't see how you can reduce spending on any areas. They all are important to everyone in the community. Enough reduction as been going on for far too long. Caerphilly Borough and other parts of Wales are like third world countries. The Government (London) and the Welsh Assembly must be told that enough is enough. No more reductions!
I suggest further initiatives for achieving 'economy of scale' should be introduced especially in the education sector.

I think spending £80 a week on someone to open and lock the cemeteries is ridiculous. Merthyr Council has to do stop doing this due to cut backs and they are now considering Volunteers. Could either have Volunteers or one of the Cemetery workers do it. Brithdir Cemetery for example Dosent need opening by this person during the week as that's where the Cemetery workers start their day being that's their base so they open it. I'd Happily do Brithdir Cemetery to save the £80 a week. I'd rather see that money go towards either more Cemetery workers or save anymore of them being made redundant as they work really hard in all weathers. How about getting rid of outside contractors that you get in with the digger to dig the graves. You could use in house staff and equipment instead. Another suggestion regarding the Civic sites maybe either reduces the days again. I know being shut one day a week already didn't go down too well I'm sure residents would be more happy to have the 2 Civic Centers that are being considered to be closed part time than no Civic Centers at all.
I will not comment on this question. Councillors, how many 33 in Caerphilly. I suggest cut all to a committee of 5 people who can make decision. The possible savings $25 \times 30k = 3/4$ million? High streets are dead. Lights are out on highways, have we got to suffer any more.
I would fight the reductions in spend across the board. We are a deprived part of Wales. CUTS have a massive impact on our school communities, children's services, provision for the elderly and vulnerable etc. Cuts to leisure services etc have an impact on the health and wellbeing of those sections of society in most need of the services.
I wouldn't like to comment as I have no idea where the money actually all goes to how could I propose a solution. Blowing smoke....
Ideally nothing, but I'm unsure to what level Libraries are now used. Therefore my view would be on this
In house expensive, millions wasted on investigations
Incompetent council leaders / executives
Increase not reduce. Reduce number of councillors. Downsize from that ridiculous glass building.
Inefficiencies in the way the Council is run generally including procedures and processes.
Instead of taking from the needy you need to look at it from a higher lever and see what cuts can be made from Councillors and Leaders their claims and expenses, reward those that do the most for their constituents and less for those who do less. It is not only the public who should be made to address this shortfall, Let the public see that everyone from the top to the bottom are all making an effort. Look at the amount of Employees all doing the same job in each dept and make cuts where necessary.
Interim Directors Corporate Directors Service Managers Reemploying people who have enhanced pension contributions and massive lump sums i.e. teachers Hospitality, stop paying for the use of Bryn Meadows and other non council owned facilities
Is it possible to change in-house servicing to out of house servicing like catering, legal, transport, technical?
Lansbury Park
Legal costs and gardening leave for ex-staff.
legal costs and pay for ex-chief executives Areas of low growth within the county
Legal fee and wages of a chief executive who doesn't actually work for us.
Legal fees barristers, insurances so maintainer roads and pavements etc.
Leisure centres, libraries, and public transport.
Less council buildings. Emalgamate services in buildings
Let us have sensible highways spending instead of futile Caerphilly roundabout schemes with highly questionable benefits. Reduce tourism spend. Reduce Xmas lights and other decorations. Scrap paying chief executive salary!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Whilst suspended. Reduce cabinet talking shops and reduce number of councilors and their allied expenses. Don't need that many.
Libararies Civic Amenity sites - Last year etc, I said close them rather than, a day at this site a day at that site etc. The height restrictions at the sites are a waste of time. When you drive in check that the height restriction bar is in place. If not just wonder how much did that cost. And especially at Pontllanfraith wonder how much the dual entry gate bars cost and yet only the one gate is ever open!!!
Libraries

Libraries, leisure centres
Libraries, since most families now have access to the Internet.
Libraries: Close minor libraries and keep Caerphilly Library and Bargoed Library as the two main libraries supporting the whole of the Rhymney Valley Free Bus Passes: Reduce the cost of free bus passes by upping the qualifying age to 75
Libraries. These could be opened on a part time basis, or even reintroduce a mobile library service to cut the number of branches opened. You could also have recycling bin services fortnightly instead of weekly.
lighting
Lighting council buildings out of hours. Providing air conditioning if you do in your buildings-open a window like the residents. Reevaluate wages and reduce top earning incomes. If you need to ask the public how to reduce or remove services then clearly someone isn't doing their job correctly.
Listen to residents before spending our money.
Litter picking, maintenance of green spaces, etc by involving the community. Hold tidy town sessions encouraging residents to do their part. Communities can do extraordinary things with support and motivation.
Local members meeting allowances. Local members expenses.
Look at other councils e.g. Brighton & Hove for their initiatives on stopping library closures and engaging with businesses to share toilet facilities.
Looking beyond 2020, I repeat, The public needs to be given a clear, simple, understanding of the Council's accounts, how many people it employs and the effect of the councils 'pensions' responsibilities on the budget, too.
Management and middle management
Management structure in authority?
Management structures example but not restricted to Leisure services
Management within the council
managers
Managers - a reduction in front line staff has not led to a reduction in supervisors
Massive salaries for executives. Ridiculously high salaries being paid when the Council has to reduce spending.
may I suggest any cuts needed start from the top down after all its leader is on 1/4 million. reduce the number of councillors. D M Easterbook
Mentioned previously. Charging where we can wherever we can.
Middle management
Middle management at the council
middle& senior mangement wages. also need more redundancys,
Military/nuclear power
Money spent on ensuring the Welsh language is forced upon everyone should be used in areas that will provide better services for everyone in Wales. In this time of austerity preserving the Welsh language should take priority.
Monies from permit holders throughout ystrad mynach would help pay for sites to stay open. Charge people for parking in streets around the bingo hall in ystrad Mynach for improper/illegal parking, blocking main road with picking up and dropping off twice every day. If they used car park provided this would also help costs.
..... Anthony O'Sullivan, Nigel Barnett and Daniel Perkins.
MPs and councilors massive wages, make money up by fining more people parked illegally or in mother and baby spaces with no children probably get 15 million in a week, reduce public transport services at non peek times
Need to have a list of what you spend on before I can make any suggestions
New houses as infrastructure unable to cope with existing new builds.
No
Non essential road works, such as the Pwll y pant debacle should avoided or at least the limits of the contract should be agreed with any contractor so as not to cause the issues it did. Caerphilly businesses closing will not assist the situation since CCBC will be unable to collect business rates if the hnts are empty

Non essential vehicles, vehicles not used to provide a “front line” public service.
Not having buffets, teas and coffees at meetings. Use more environmentally friendly lighting to save on money on energy Less meetings so less travelling and more done by video conferencing
Not to print so much to use less paper and ink Increase council tax.
Not needed meetings, excessive expenses.
Nothing
Nothing you've cut services to the bone already.
Nothing... Go into debt like the rest of us
Noting
Office accommodation - seek to rationalise floor space, look at more agile ways of working and return to community based approaches as oppose to the glossy (and expensive) large central office. Invite other bodies to rent floor space in offices to minimise cost burdens for all.
Office space - utilise more agile working for staff Marketing in paper format - leaflets etc
Offices Stop payments to Former employees who have given themselves pay rises! Cut payments to councillors just for attending meetings
On management
On senior council officers and staff bonuses.
Over-paid executives
Paid councillors
Paper - go digital in all offices, stop so much printing and utilise social media.
Paper wasting within council Events budgets, visitor centre Management, pay rises, bonuses, free cars, free food within meetings Stop spending on internal investigation involving chief executive
Parks
Pay of Council members, council buildings, salaries of long term suspended council employees.
Pay rises and bonuses for the already wealthy within caerphilly county borough council.
Pay rises.
paying employees that are on suspension leave , using Barristers in courts, I am sure that there are a lot of tax payers that cant afford to take on a professional body like yourselves. so we are saving the borough there.
Paying executive offers who are currently suspended. Transfer all bowling greens to the clubs to privately manage - this sport offers limited participation to the community and costs a significant amount of money to provide. Work with Newport Council and increase costs at Gwent Crematorium from which you gain an increase in your annual income. Consider building your own crematorium. Promote parks for large event hire - fun fairs, circuses, car rallies, music festivals and generate more income.
paying for Anthony O'Sullivan, and a new car parking space for the acting chief exec
Paying wages to employees that aren't actively working or are suspended for any reason for prolonged periods of time.
Pension contributions
People at the top who disrespect their positions stop wasting money on free papers you send out find out who has internet they can read it on there stop wasting paper sending the same letters to 2 or more people who work at the council and live at the same address stop wasting money in blackwood building a new marketplace and shops when what's there doesn't get used
People on benefits or low incomes to pay for leisure services like we all have to. There are plenty of free services like park runs and walks they can access to improve their own wellbeing or physical health. If they need support their are charities such as Mind or community care services that can support with this
people who continue to have children when neither parent has any intention to work and support themselves (as they are 'better off' in the benefits system) supported by the council by not having to pay the full council tax, when those of us in full time work who pay the complete council tax are therefore about to be worse off?
People with more than 2 children.
Please refer to my first comment

Pointless road works such as the roundabout in Caerphilly that cost a ridiculous amount of money! Stop replacing perfectly fine kitchens & bathrooms in all council houses unless there is a particular problem. As homeowners we definitely do not get to change our kitchens & bathrooms as often as council houses & they are still fit for purpose. Also, when services such as plumbing or repair works etc are being contracted out perhaps ensuring the contractors are working full days as they are being paid for rather than a few hours you will find they get far more work done in less time!
Pointlessly hiring cars/vans and putting your logos on them just get plain vans not brand new 18 plate vehicles.
Posh cars and big lunches better checks on contractors and subcontractors and charge people in the council houses for work which you know they have caused because their attitude is they care little about there conduct or the property
Potholes etc, by using one vehicle to find the damage and repair instead of 2 or 3 vehicles i.e. one to paint around the hole then one or two then to repair.
Printing - multi language printing, paper cut down councillors expenses/ fact finding trips/meals... Pay increase. On compensation claims, payments suspended employees pay
Printing of documents/information in English and Welsh, establish preferences of service users and half printing costs. If non responsive issue in English. Review long term residential care arrangements to ensure they remain valid.
private contractors and use in house staff like carpenters builders etc. xmas time in day services close service for break instead of opening for onecday.it does have implications for carers and parents though
promotional leaflets expenses for councillors providing council workers with more work clothes than they need. Replacing th clothes too quickly
Promotional materials. Admin. Complex and unnecessary schemes. Simplify!
Property - Does the council need all the properties it occupies which need heating, lighting and staffing
Providing documents in both English and Welsh when majority of borough speak English. Elect to have documents in preferred language.
Public engagement (other than consultations) e.g. encouraging recycling, use of leisure facilities, stop smoking etc
public transport (bus services), Council housing improvements - those living in them now have no incentive to work, as everything they need is given to them
Putting new fencing when there's nothing wrong with old, putting new pathing where very rarely anyone walks, putting up signs to number each row of houses, we have managed for 50 years without them so why spend money on them now?



<p>Re-structure pay grades for senior exec's (reduce - at least top 4 tiers - paying more doesn't always attract the best candidates - proven in many other countries/places/communities). Prevent recruitment of short-term career chasers. Appoint people to posts based on credentials, capability, capacity and ability to lead, manage, challenge, resolve and 'get the job done' - not simply on academic attainment and 'yes persons'. All decision makers and employees should have a vested interest in the communities they serve (i.e. live locally). This will also benefit the environment by minimizing transportation, keep people on their toes, improve productivity; outputs; accountability; transparency; reduce costs; add to quality of life, and secure continuity and longevity and install pride. Management misinterpretation of Acts, Strategies, Plans, Policies and their applications (i.e. prevent disparities in business applications and in particular where it affects the treatment to service teams/staff). Publications, management functions and regulatory controls. Only publish what's necessary (keep communications punctual, to the point and with a clear message - stop trying to justify the cause!). If operating in/with a 'trustworthy workforce' where true empowerment of staff occurs, allowing entrepreneurial expression, less checks on the checkers would be required, productivity would improve and allow more focus on dealing with root causes and prevention rather than 'responding to fire-fighting matters' or 'forever chasing ones tail'. Top slicing of budgets for support services v delegated budgeted services (e.g. schools) - Challenge value and effect of existing structures to ensure service provision is in the best possible place to minimise waste and achieve the best outcomes for our future generations. Reduce/cancel 'client - contractor' arrangements (and their admin burdens) where the contractor simply does 'in-house' work only (bring them back in as part of the mainstream service). This would not apply if the contractor trades on the open market to bring in additional resources for the authority from outside environments. Utility and street lighting costs - industrialised/urban and built environment have become accustomed to the privilege of having well lit streets in recent years, which is a non-statutory requirement. Turn off every other lamp where there is an over-population of illuminations. Turn them off between the early hours. Put less in when delivering replacement programmes. Make better use of technologies to use 'phased or sensor controlled lighting systems'. Bring back-in to LA control, school busses, instead of contracting out at substantial cost (state/regional/collaboratively run?) Re-evaluate 'estate/building' management and controls for; The physical properties stock use and functionality, their locations, utility costs, maintenance costs.</p>
<p>Recycling bins could be emptied fortnightly thereby reducing costs. Rerouting the lorries to start their pickups at the tops of steep hills and picking up the waste as they descend could save on fuel and wear and tear.</p>
<p>Reduce the number of council employees taking their vehicles home</p>
<p>reduce councillors expenses, stop the remove the possibility of councillors to attend one meeting, sign in, and then be excused to attend another meeting.</p>
<p>Reduce Councillors wages and do we really need the amount of Councillors that we have for each Ward Reduce expenses claims if we all have to make sacrifices and cut back Collect refuse fortnightly</p>
<p>Reduce spending on Garden Leave</p>
<p>Reduce spending on the things that are a waste of money.</p>
<p>Reduce the amount of council tax reduction to claimants by 5%. Increase council rents by 5% Charge a contribution to council house repairs. Charge a maximum of £1 per item for prescriptions Reduce council employees pay and reduce drastically staffing levels</p>
<p>Reduce the earnings and allowances paid to our councilors to reflect the times we live in.</p>
<p>Reduce the number of councilors and the expenses they claim for attending meetings.</p>
<p>reduce the number of time council house have their kitchen and bay replaced</p>
<p>Reduce the rates shops have to pay. Perhaps this would stop shops closing.</p>
<p>Reduce the salaries and pensions of senior councilors to a more acceptable level. In addition, suspension of councilors on full pay is a disgrace and complete waste and disregard for public money. Reduce the vast number of councils in Wales as this is highly unnecessary. Look to improve the vast inefficiency within the councils. Ensure contracts awarded for maintenance etc are competitive and comparable to private sector.</p>

<p>Reductions to Street Lighting Why do road junctions have to have numerous lights surrounding them. ? eg Caerphilly, junction at rear of St Helens School and Llansbury Link Rd has 6 columns all within 50' of each other. Likewise the roundabout on Van Rd Caerphilly with entrance to Park and Ride has half dozen around it, some just lighting a vehicle hard standing ! More lighting than one gets on the M4. When these roads are busy, it's during day light use. When travelling around the Borough I notice many lamps are hidden high up in tree foliage. Birds now enjoying 24 hr daylight. The above situations will be repeated many time throughout the Borough and if given attention could lead to much longer term saving in cost and reduction in CO2. Action Rather than send Staff driving round aimlessly, at premium night rates, to survey all the roads, get local Resident Involvement. Encourage residents to get out after dark to survey their locality and report in using the Column unique I/D number to a webpage/site where they think the above features are. Then Staff can go directly to these locations saving mileage, etc. to survey the reported situations to see if warrants taking forward.</p>
<p>Refuse collection. 3 weekly for green bins Grass cutting</p>
<p>Remove community safety partnership funding or significantly reduce. Community safety wardens need to be removed.</p>
<p>Remove the entertainment budget for the Council and it's members. Why is there a need to provide expensive feasts , buffets and free bars for anyone? The removal of salaries for Councillors. They never used to be paid a salary and pension, only expenses and did just as good a job, if not better. Dismiss the absent Chief Executive and reduce the salaries of the top level of management. You are already charging for every service the council has ever provided. unless you have never worked and are on benefit.</p>
<p>Remove the stupid expenses they all claim from the top down and give back to the hard working tax paying customers</p>
<p>repairing buildings that are no longer being used getting the job done right in the 1st place instead of going back to do it Agency staff staff discounts food etc car parking etc grass cutting ask for volunteers or give the land if its small enough to the houses it backs on have volunteer groundsmen to do the job investing in overseas investments to bump up the pensions of ur workers</p>
<p>Review council salaries, especially 'senior officer salaries' with the aim of reducing these costs. Reduce the amounts of benefits paid to councillors.</p>
<p>Road schemes that do not work. Council houses all having facelifts, new .... windows, doors, roof, guttering, boilers, kitchens, bathrooms, pebbledashing, etc, Provide help to residents who chose to work and buy a house and give our villages a facelift from funds to improve the look of our houses, if a regeneration scheme was provided and all residents was dealt with in the same way to improve their house and boundary walls etc people would be willing to pay more council tax</p>
<p>Road signs - clear of bushes and cleaned instead not replaced</p>
<p>Roads - this is what car tax pays for. Just fill in pot holes and marks signs. We don't need multi million pounds worth of traffic changes that are made by people who can't drive. For example - the left hand lane on the way up to the Cedar Tree roundabout is too narrow when there is constant traffic in the lane heading up to the A470. God help if there was a truck in that lane (a lot of the time there is) it's too narrow. Useless advertising - use the internet or have an overall paper sent to residents on a monthly basis.</p>
<p>Roadworks</p>
<p>Roadworks no one asked for Maintenance on roads and buildings and BRIDGES that were not designed and implemented correctly in the first place</p>
<p>Sack Mr Sullivan and others £4.1m and rising!! Absolute disgrace, only the vulnerable are suffering with cuts.</p>
<p>Salaries for CEO and deputy / pensions</p>
<p>salary. increase spending on public services.</p>
<p>Schemes like insulation lansbury park, how many years!</p>
<p>School lunchtime crossing patrols. Having been a lollipop lady, few pupils go home dinnertime and primary school pupils should be collected by a parent.</p>

School staffing by merging schools located in close proximity so under one senior management team and governors. Maintenance of buildings for aesthetic 'nice to have' reasons, to enable savings made to be used for premises in need of repair or costly but long term financially beneficial maintenance.
Schools and school initiatives, encouraging the PTA to fundraise to meet the shortfall.
See above - also volunteer garden/planters maintenance.
See previous box on grass cutting and spraying
Self entitled people who refuse to work.
Senior council worker salaries and benefits for members e.g. lunches etc
Senior Management
Senior management salaries reduction (remember the last errors made in this area)
Senior management wages
Senior staff salaries
services which can be either totally outsourced to private companies or by merging services with other local authorities with the effect of savings by reduction of management overheads. Take more opportunities to enable workers to reduce hours to reduce staffing costs bill
Sick pay.
Smaller libraries allowed to open 2 days a week Meals on wheels, 3 meals a week instead of five
Some street lighting turned off after midnight Lights in council buildings turned off to save costs e.g Ty Penallta Small charge for staff parking
Sort legally the incident with the past chief executive as this is costing the council silly amounts of money thus needing the increase in our council tax rate and our services to be decreased. Do we need the amount of councillors in our county, I believe that other council's have a lower number of councillors thus saving money.
Speculate to accumulate. Don't waste money on refurbishing leisure centres and community centres only to close them down and libraries.
Speed cameras and speeding vans this is completely unnecessary you are targeting easy money and then dealing with all the hassel when people are challenging their fine.
sport projects
Staff and councillors salaries and expenses including jolly boys away days and evenings for pretend training and team building.
staff costs, councillors etc.
staff in the offices
Staff on suspension
Staff welfare Motor vehicles Fleet vehicles Remove catering in tredomen house Charge staff for parking
Staff, cut levels to suit pathetic level of service. Councillors - scrap them. What purpose do they serve in the modern age, why can't the hundreds of council employees do this work?? Jobs for the boys.
Stop giving management pay rises who waste money left right and centre all your ridiculous buildings you don't need fancy buildings you need to stop wasting money and expect Joe public to pay for it
Stop giving staff such large pay increases and stop paying money to those suspended etc while investigations are still on going.
Stop offering pay rises for high positioned roles within the council and stop taking from the vulnerable
Stop paying Anthony onsullivan etc for work they're are not doing. Reduction in the amount of councillors for certain areas, surely one is enough! Reduction in management, some departments have 4 levels of management for 20 staff!!! Reduction in wages of councillors and senior officers (ccbc should all pull together in these times). Yours planning on getting rid of people that work for ccbc and live in Caerphilly then insult them with putting up the costs of school dinners and council tax. The blow wouldn't be so hard of jobs were protected.
Stop paying people that are suspended and still getting wages when schools, NHS and elderly people are suffering.
Stop paying the 3 criminals you call councillors that are suspended!!

Stop paying the chief executive that will save millions.
Stop producing Newsline. I have been resident on Cwm Calon Estate for 5 years and have never had a copy delivered despite several requests. Recently I have had copies posted to me which is an unnecessary expense. The information can just be made available online and at all Council facilities. Clearly it's distribution currently is poor so many will not even know that it has gone.
Stop incurring costs on putting banners on lamp posts with insignificant messages like use the high street . This has absolutely no impact other than serves to annoy - complete waste of money and resources.
stop the waste on some of the perks the members of the council get and sort out the ones who are on the higher pay getting other perks
stop wasting money on fanciful proposals to turn Caerphilly Town into a tourist trap, with little or no tangible benefits to the people who live there 24/7 265 day a year
Street Cleaning: Much of the litter and rubbish we find on our streets and country side is of containers and packaging from fast food takeaways. Make shops and business's take responsibility, put a surcharge on the product to help pay for the cleaning-up of what is basically their mess. Make householders responsible for the cleaning in front and rear of their properties, with heavy fines for non-compliance.
Street lighting by 50%
Street lighting, reduce number of council office buildings, management posts within the council.
Street Lighting, turn off all lights after 9pm during winter months and use motion sensitive lights (if possible). Libraries and bring back and reinvent the mobile Library.
Street lighting! Convert all of the lights to LED as most of the street lights still haven't changed
Suspended chief executive salary
Suspended management, consultants, luncheons, taxi fares and general perks
Tarmacing rear lanes painting of footpaths with tar
The 3 men who have been suspended on full pay. These men have done wrong but are being treated as hero's. Sack them or just stop paying them this ridiculous amount of money. Same old council "JOBS FOR THE BOYS" Shame on you!!!!!!
The above may save on money spent before teachers have to lose jobs
The amount of council staff that sit around most days in cleaning\highways\bin lorries doing nothing. Don't pay council staff full sick pay - most take the piss!
The amount of council vans turns up to do a job. One driver could have two passengers instead of one deriver one van
The council currently seem to charge quite high fees for some services and nothing for others. Would it be of benefit to lower the charges for some things like replacement bins and introduce charges for others at a low level so as to get a regular and increased flow of money into the council without the charges being so high as to prohibit people from paying them or refusing to pay them.
The council must focus on what it must do in law and not nice to do extras. The budget proposals appear to be tinkering with small changes to many things
The council offices
the lorries that spray the side of the road, cannot see the point
The number of managers
The option to ?? and email this survey back to the council would help save on postage.
The role of mayor, is a pointless and outdated role. The road closures for street festival must cost a fortune and create little revenue. Statues and stones placed in random places.
The salaries of the Chief Executive and Heads of Service. Cut the funding for Councillors too.
The top councilors and tribunals, why are you giving yourselves so much and letting vulnerable people suffer?
The way that you are going will leave very little left to be cut and making the need for local councils to become surplus to requirements.
There is nothing left to cut.
This is too individualised to respond to.
THIS IS YOUR JOB

This should be as a result of an analysis made by the council clearly publishing the criteria you used (not just a small list you have previously selected without a due process). Please see what previously stated.
Those individuals in senior posts!
Too many men on each Refuse cart. Do you need three men picking up bags filled by the litter pickers
too many people claiming they cannot work....get them working
Top pay grades at CCBC.
Traffic management, rationalise services into existing highway maintenance Corporate services Buildings
turn off street lights "expenses" budgets - 1% pay cut for senior council management
Un-needed or unproductive staff. You could automate so many processes using technology
Unecessary services and highly paid employees. Millions of pounds have already been wasted building Ty Penallta which we know cannot be undone but it is difficult to see why we should pay an increase in Council tax when we have cut our verge outside our house. For example do the lights in Ty Pennallta Council offices need to be on at evenings and weekends when the offices are closed
Unnecessary buildings belonging to the council
Unnecessary grass cutting on areas that are rarely, if ever, used. Also, during last summer's drought grass cutting was still being undertaken. Move Council employees to other areas when not needed in a specific area, i.e. grass cutting. There should be more distribution of labour throughout the Council. For example, we have recently seen two Council employees clearing a small area of pavement, being observed by a further 6 employees sitting in two Council trucks. This was unacceptable and a complete waste of money. Reduce the number of Local Councillors, thus reduce spending, especially on expenses. Compared with many Local Authorities, Caerphilly County has excellent rubbish collection facilities. Perhaps reduce the recycling collection to two-weekly.
Unnecessary road works
Unnecessary roadworks.
Unnecessary spediture for luxury meetings which include over-indulgent meals. Maybe they could get meals on wheels!! Councils sending letters out without questionnaire, resulting in second letters having to be sent (with a questionnaire).
useless monuments such as the one at Pengam traffic lights only have newsletter on line do not print and send out
Useless statues or monuments. Errors within admin teams i.e. this letter was sent out out twice with missing forms. Ridiculous pay rises and wages.
Vacant council property. if its not used rent/sell it off.
Vehicles to be used in case of inclement weather peripheral buildings
Verge cutting (unless blocking view) this will help wildlife thrive and save money
Wages
Wages and sick pay. If you were to make anyone off sick have 3 days unpaid before they were given full sick pay this would save a vast amount of money and would reduce absenteeism. If anyone is genuinely sick they won't care about losing 3 days pay. In the private sector people have to wait 3 days before getting SSP so there's no reason why it shouldn't be applied.
Wages of people at the top of the hierarchy, including the famous "3" who have cost the Borough a great deal of money.
Welsh classes, change welsh language act to reduce boredom, printing everything twice. Majority of people in wales are English speaking. remove lunch times school patrols. Increase public conveniences not close them. Retain all waste management no closure of waste amenities sites.
Welsh Language (sorry)
Welsh language standards and the money spent training council staff in basic Welsh.
Welsh language!!!!!! All aspects!!!!!!
Welsh Road Signs
What

What do you have left to cut? If you are willing to cut services like meals on wheels and eating into social services and frontline staff what do you really have left?
Why don't you remove payment for lunches, chauffeuring and payments for when Councillors attend meetings. They don't need to have free lunches etc.
Within the council offices
Workmen standing around doing nothing. Going to leisure centres and several people sat in reception doing nothing. can we cross reference some of these jobs so they pick up additional workload?
Worthless committee meetings, strategy meetings and remove (albeit sadly jobs) which are duplicated in some services If Caerphilly still has one remove the mayor service as Torfaen has done saving 50000 a year
You are fools to think that removing any services is going to save you money. Short term maybe. In the longer term, you're just messing up and already strangled community. Invest - reap the savings in the future.
You could reduce spending on teenagers and people who could help themselves but choose not too
You need to look at your own payroll before you start cutting back community budgets your highest paid staff and their court cases.
Cut the amount of county councillors within borough, whilst I know the recent pay rise awarded to them plus leader and deputy were given by WAG how about all them taking a pay cut as a goodwill gesture to Caerphilly Borough residents who are being asked for 6.95% increase in Council tax, but to get less services. Residents are becoming more disillusioned with this council most of them only sit at 1 meeting every 6 months
Management vacancy, visitor centres, free school meals, paper wasting within the council, events budget, management (pay rises, bonuses, all free cars, stop wasting money at management level
Chief Officers and Councillors, numbers of these could be reduced
Chief Officers – take their 20% pay rise away from them. Reduce the numbers of Councillors and reduce their salaries as they have other incomes as well. Reduce the Leader's salary from £48k per year to £10k. Reduce the Mayors salary. Schools – why should their budgets be ring-fenced and protected? It's not fair on other services

## Remove Spending Completely

Anthony o'Sullivan (sack him altogether)
Stop spending more money being put into the chief executive and other debacle. All this is happening whilst CCBC workers had a pay rise for ????
Remove payments for teachers who can't get to work because of snow. Other staff don't get paid or have to take leave when they can't get in.
Events budget, Management vacancy and yearly bonuses. Car park charges and fines. Remove all free cars for management and all spending on internal investigation involving chief executive. Pay rises to senior officers (stop wasting money on management level)
Spontaneous programmes which penalise Residents e.g. Stickers you put on bins and extra routes to remove waste once failed collection occurs
* Anything that is a discretionary service * Staff restaurant * Office of mayor * Newslane - produce it electronically only * Tourism events e.g. Big Cheese * DVDs in libraries
2 suspended council members? On full pay for 4-5 yrs cost £4,000,000 WHY
A mayor which is a nonsense.
A wasteful council
a) People allowed bus passes who have properly retired, and not still working b) Waste Management - mechanical sweeping c) Lunchtime school crossing patrols, because the majority of children stay in the school premises
adult education
Again management
Again you need t 5 year plan What will your budget be for the next 5 years List all proposals, projects see what can be combined Be open with your thoughts
Agencies who charge a lot for their services. le support staff and substitute teachers. Get rid of these and have a central hub. 1 website which incorporates all the staff required for the job. Notice boards, information points, job vacancies etc can all be reached via internet. Jobs vacancies emailed and a portal so they can upload documents ie CV and recommendations. This would put the power back to the Council and save hundreds of thousands of pounds.
All the above
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Anthony O'sullivan!!!
Any budgets relating to the Mayors office should be reduced to a minimum and possibly remove the role in its entirety - see no purpose to it. Does not add any value to the delivery of services.
Any non statutory Welsh language activity. Only deliver Newslane electronically.
Anything that is not a necessity.
Anything to do with granting Wind Turbine construction or growth, no building to be allowed. Unequired projects. Supporting building developments and industrial sites - therecare enough already.
As above
As above - or run the council without a chief executive.
As I said above.
Away day's for training staff . Abolish hospitality spending . Freeze IT for 2 years
bad contactors big cars and poor care home improve there standards to be fairer
Bailing out senior staff who should have been let go a long time ago
benefits of all kinds when people are not working.r
Big Cheese event-is this all outlay or any profit?
Bilingual publications Blackwood Community College by transferring users to local Community Centres, etc Crumlin Institute by transferring users to local Community Centres, etc Under-used sports pitches
Bilingual signage and literature
Bonuses, councils are not for profit and therefore bonuses should not be paid to high earners or managment for any reason.
Bryn Recycling Group.

Building unnecessary buildings to house your staff, just rent a place. Making "improvements" on roads which will probably end up worse because of the silly lights which will cause more traffic.
Bus shelters, surely just a sign is sufficient, the purchase and maintenance (which in my observations are constantly vandalised) must be costly. Not sure if this is a central government issue, but remove free bus passes for the over 60's, this is a luxury CCBC can't afford surely the money would be better spent on centres for the elderly.
Cabinet members should be reduced in numbers. Reduce ward members.
car parking charges in country parks
Car parking within town centres. Town centres are struggling to survive, increasing car parking costs will only drive more people to out of town centres that have free car parking. It's a vicious circle, the council charge for car parking, people move shopping habits out of town, town centre dies, council tax for shops reduces and the council sees a drop in income. Take the short term pain, remove car parking fees and enhance the town centres thus boosting council tax income. For example I would personally much rather buy my meat from a local butcher, but I am not willing to pay extra for the meat as well as paying for parking. If car parking is at a premium then reduce the number of parking restrictions in the local area... so many streets now have resident parking bays, disabled bays, yellow lines! It is all adding to the demise of the high street as we know it! Reduce council tax to fill more vacant shops, surely it is better to reduce council tax for all shops, promote the town centres, get more shops occupied and thus slowly boost council tax from more occupied units? Offer council tax breaks for retailers who to occupy town centres and boost tax for out of town retailers.
Car parks at parks, you want to encourage a healthy population so why charge?
CCTV as when you want to view footage told nothing will be seen it's no good having a deterrent when a person is harmed, harassed, property being damaged etc. As residents of this Borough we have to call upon neighbours or businesses to try to find justice. Leisure Centres having a disabled daughter as a family we cannot use any of the facilities as they are not properly suited to all. waste of resources. Parks have no young children and so many are a health hazard and insurance claims waiting to happen. waste of resources. I have personally tried to use the outside gym equipment on the showfield however not all the equipment work when I approached the relevant department was told they had had them looked at and there was nothing else they could do. waste of resources. Public footpaths as the amount of space for people in electric wheelchairs have to pass parked cars that are on half way on or now over recent weeks on the pavement fully is absolutely disgraceful. They are having to put themselves in danger so make everyone walk on the road. Public toilets these are not fairly useable to all it is about time the council took in equality for all for people that have capacity and can access the communities around them, however only on a short term basis if you cannot walk or stand independently then you cannot access anywhere for more than 4 hrs. Then you have to return home to use a toilet cause by passing it on the cafes restaurants hotels etc these are not accessible either. .... so if she has to go home why not everyone. However the able bodied person is still able to use a toilet no matter what.
Channel view by giving the cost responsibilities to the management committee
Channel View hall in 2020-21, once the proposed new hall is complete.
Chief Executive Anthony O'Sullivan - you should have done this years ago, let him take CCBC to court and then just paid the amount he would have been awarded for wrongful dismissal. Caerphilly Visitor Centre - Can't believe CCBC are funding a coffee shop as they don't have brochures out for visitors anymore. Rent the building out to Costa or Starbucks! Get rid of the Mayor and everything that comes with it Reduce the amount of Councillors Sell off land Put Leisure Centres / Attractions into a Trust Look at your sickness policy.....don't pay staff for the first 5 days of sickness Look to cut top management first before cutting the workers - you have way to many chiefs!
Chief Executive Dispute Councillors / Cabinet pay increase (appreciate it's an independent review recommendation but still) Internal bureaucracy - this is not said lightly. Time = money, private sector know this but public sector don't seem to. Leader / Majors Car - do you really need this?
Christmas
Christmas lighting.



Christmas decorations for council buildings - christmas trees etc.
Christmas fayres     Big Cheese
christmas lights
Christmas lights and decorations:- Would result in reducing carbon footprint as less electricity would have to be produced.
Clean up of dump grounds see below.
Close libraries if these cannot be run by voluntary groups.
Close some council buildings or if appropriate transfer them to their users eg sports pavilions
Community Regeneration Community projects - 53% - Why only 53% reduce it all!!
Communities Match funding Pot   Mailroom - Remove it completely. You save £4k for a van. How much would you save by removing staff. You free up office space. Move another department there. Too many corporate buildings - Ty Penallta was never big enough!
Ilancaiach fawr             Remove all funding!!   Bus routes - remove subsidy - If the bus routes aren't used why subsidise it.   Reduction in Community Regeneration Fund - Remove it completely.   Reduction in music service - why only a reduction.   Why does the service exist! Does it have a manager and building costs too! If the teachers in schools are not good enough to teach music, remove them, they are being asked to provide music for our children.
Community safety partnership not required you have police, trading standards, tenancy Enforcement and environmental health that have the powers you don't need persons with no power just sitting in meetings.
Community Safety Wardens
Community safety wardens     Monuments and public sculptures/artwork etc
Community Safety Wardens and Community Safety Team.
Community Safety Wardens Public events Gimmicks
Community safety wardens.
Community Safety Wardens.....the Police should be dealing with antisocial behaviour.....afyer all, our council tax includes a precept for Policing.   According to your own council website Community Safety Wardens were introduced to support Police NOT replace them.....however, with no Police foot patrols the Community Safety Wardens have no one to provide support to ! This role is therefore defunct and should be permanently removed.   It appears from what I hear that Councillors use the Community Wardens as if they were their own "Private Police Force"....if this is true,this cannot be right and cannot be allowed to .continue
Concessionary passes for people between 60 and state pension retirement age
Consolidate departments so less high earning council workers
Consultants because if your service heads need to employ them they shouldn't be in their highly paid jobs
Continuation of chief executive's post.   Pay him off as we are now paying for two.
Continuation of chief executive's post.   Pay him off once and for all.
Continuing to pay Mr. O' Sullivan who has been suspended since 2013! Hopefully by 2020 this issue will be put to bed.
... CEO's pay.   Banquets, lunches, ridiculous expenses within CCBC
Council gender initiatives which should not be the prime objective of the council and should not be funded by the majority of council tax payers for a very small minority.
Council hall -   hand maintenance to the committee
Council house improvements. Ratepayers have to pay for their home improvements.
Council memberships CIPFA   APSE
Council staff expenses.
Council staff pay rises.
Council staff subsidies in restaurants.
Councillors
councillors and chief ex saga
Councillors and Governors expenses
Councillors being investigated
Councillors Christina Harrhy All the hierarchy   Anthony Sullivan All the legal costs you've wasted The 11 million you had in an Icelandic bank

Councillors expenses and things they can claim. Ice rink in Bargoed
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Councillors on suspension!
Councillors who don't do anything. Gardening leave. Private contracts.
Councillors who have failed to serve their public.
Councillors. Don't make any changes to waste collection - keep the same bins, at same frequency.
cut the role of mayor and deputy and the mayor's car
demolish all buildings that are not being used sell the land on get rid of all leased vehicles from leasing companies and agencies agency workers bring back in house workers get rid of all agencies working within the council stop pay rises for the next 3 years then review after that period and only implementing a 1% increase for anyone who is working on a wage on £18000 and above all away across the board Freeze payrises for next 5 years on anyone who pay is over 30000 a year for 5 years freeze pay rise for 10 years on anyone whos on 50000 a year . If anyone is on more that £60000 a year cap the pay so no pay rise at all its not needed. Electronics computers etc phones mobiles etc stop paying for them al together car park charges should not be charged in town centres giving the town centres the chance to rebuild themselves Stop upping rent on retail shops Stop rebuilding blackwood market its not needed shops are lying empty dont build more
dim / nothing
Discounted meals for all council employees. Including schools and all offices.
Disgraced ex council members
Do not allow sub-contracting, it is not saving money, it is costing money.
Do we need a Mayor, could we manage without. Subsidised staff canteen.
Dumping materials at the tips. Fly tipping flourishes in the county because the tips are badly organised, badly run and charge too much.
Enterprise house - terminate lease
Erecting statues around Wales.
Events Visitor centres Staff meals Chief executive and senior officers pay rises, bonuses
Events, let private enterprise fund them.
Events!!
Executive members of CCC who do nothing to support the community.
Families that can afford children's lunch meals. Many families have 2 incomes - 2 cars - holidays taken 2 x year obviously they can afford these luxuries. "Means test" wealthy families. Day care - ? Why don't mothers stay at home and look after their children - households appear to have both parents working just to pay for childcare.
Filling natural loss jobs in CCBC. Cut back. Introduce performance related pay.
Fireworks at castle
Flowers in Bloom: this is a total waste of public money and should be scrapped; the money saved can be used to ensure vital services are not effected.
former council employees who have been found to be unworthy of the trust given to them.

Free bus passes as most elderly people can afford to pay bus prices , or bring in means test , like certain people get free dental treatment and optician. Community police as they never around when needed or difficult to contact when there's issues. We never knew they still existed. If they are still in areas where needed ,more engagement with community is needed , life long skills courses for children/ on how to behave properly. Free leisure centre use should be abolished as it's being abused and general public who are paying customers are losing out . Leisure centre is a business, not a charity case . Plenty of free fresh air exercise outside, eg walking groups. Volunteer jobs , meet up groups etc, plus us working class can afford a swim hour so can retired people.
Free bus passes how much is it costing start charging
free school trips for people on benefits - that is an utter luxury. this year, I had to tell me child no, as we couldn't afford it, yet another lady was able to take her child, as she was on benefits. I was so upset, for my little girl
full pay for suspended personnel.
Garden leave of CEO, sort it out.
Gardening leave Stop having to pay to park in Blackwood no wonder the town is dead it's a rip off to pay. Cwmbran don't charge and that's a fantastic shopping town
gender reassignment; LGBTQIA issues - the list gets longer every year.
Get rid of the ex chief executive or reinstate him, this will save the council approx. £100,000 a year. You can disregard any suggestions he makes. Ensure that any further top posts within the council are fixed term or 2 year contracts so that the council can get rid of a bad head of department easier. Reduce councilors wages and pay them £8.95 an hour when they attend a meeting and if a meeting is three hours only pay them 3 hours not let run into overtime unless urgent or pre-agreed. Only provide Welsh language or any other translations on request when sending out leaflets, put a line in Welsh at the bottom of the sheet saying "Os hoffech hyn yn Gymraeg, ffoniwch ***** am gymorth lle bydd rhywun yn gallu delio â'ch cais yn Gymraeg." or something similar. Stop wasting money, if you pay a contractor to do a job and they don't finish it or don't do it properly don't pay them, it's common sense. Have you seen the mess the contractors have left in some of the council houses you own in Bargoed. Is someone really going to read this and consider it or have the decisions already been and this is a meaningless, expensive exercise in pretending to listen?
Govt official visits, Govt chauffeurs, and transport
Grass cutting except where there are road safety issues.
Grass cutting such as Dual Carriageways Grass embankments, Outer perimeter of sports pitches. Unless it became a road or public safety issue.
Having 4 men to collect my rubbish who sleep in the van for 6 hrs not working (money wasted)
High street banners Seek out employees who go sick , you keep their jobs open while they must be laughing behind your back working elsewhere
Hospitality - meals for council members etc.
I cannot support cuts to any area of spending nor can I support charging for services that should be comprised withing the CT already levied. Perhaps re-instate proper parking/traffic enforcement and generate income from illegal and inconsiderate parking/driving. Risca is beset with it - simply because there is no enforcement.
I din not know enough to comment
I would stop pay the suspended ex-chief executive, this would save well over £25000 pounds, this would be a big saving.
Internal investigation involving chief executive and senior officers pay rises
Lamp post flags Useless posts
Lansbury Park
Legal fees, suspended staff.
Leisure - look at a trust model
Leisure centres.
Leisure Centres. These can be privatised.
Letters to MPs with opposing views to the council
Libraries - combine with community centres.

Libraries - if not a statutory requirement - close them. I said it years ago, CCBC has too much office space, that needs maintenance, heating, staff employed to look after the buildings. People who are the head / deputy etc of that building. Ty Penallta was never built big enough, it should have had an additional floor built because all Caerphilly staff should be there. Move staff from Tredomen house into this new floor and the floor is full. The result you don't need to pay for the upkeep of Tredomen house and the associated running / maintenance costs etc. This is then available for sale.

#### Librays

Local events! While I understand the idea is to bring people into Caerphilly with these events, every year Caerphilly seems to be having more and more that require large road closures. These are a cost that shouldn't be spent and a saving by not hosting so many. Last year from the ones i can remember we had: 10K run Velathon Big Cheese Fireworks Christmas Market Food Festival When i moved to the area, I believe we only had the fireworks and the big cheese. These events annoy motorists and cause mass congestion in Caerphilly. Any event that does not provide the council with more in income than it spends setting it up, and policing it shouldn't be put on.

Lollipop ladies as so many parents drive and park outside schools isn't this outdated

Look to outsourcing leisure services as other authorities have done successfully. Can seek to subsidise certain categories of service users.

Lunchtime school patrols. Parental choice for child to go home~ parent is obviously at home so should collect their own child.

Make all car parks individually self financing with regard the maintenance costs through car park charges. Surplus car parking revenues being diverted to the passenger transport budget.

Making everything in Welsh with only such a few speakers!

#### Management

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#### Mayor

Mayor, chauffeurs and council cars they can drive themselves

Mayor, grants to business. If you want to set up a business (we are self employed) then it's up to you to support it. Why should the council purse pay for a shop sign and a resident who relays on meals on wheels go without.

Mayoral office The CCBC newspaper.

Middle management staff throughout council departments. There is no legitimate business reason, for example, why a team leader & also a manager should be needed for certain roles.

.... Anthony O'Sullivan, Nigel Barnett and Daniel Perkins.

Na

New council offices, super schools

Newsletters, most go in the bin, set up a page on all social media platforms to keep people Informed instead.

Newsline Fireworks

Nil

No

no subsidised meals for council staff

Non essential vehicles, vehicles not used to provide a "front line" public service.

Non impending issues

Non profitable leisure facilities, abundance of gyms and health clubs in the area

NONE

None.

Nothing

Nothing

Nothing everthing is important

Nothing needs to be completely stopped. This is false economy e.g. stopping youth facilities could increase crime.

Nothing other than perhaps unnecessary publicity. e.g Why is money spent on producing banners with the CCBC on them and then pay for them to be put up. and taken down from lamp posts.
Nothing. 4.1 million has been wasted on 3 individuals in Caerphilly so far. How do you think the public feel over this issue.
O'Sullivan and Poole
O'Sullivan
Old fashioned and outdated functions, such as Mayoral duties and its associated costs (car, chauffeur, office, overheads). Make any necessary related functions (e.g. Public Relations) part of the Leader, Cabinet, Chief Exec, Corporate Management Teams functions.
On over paid staff
On paying the salary of the suspended chief executive and either sack him or pay him off.
Over staffing
Paper wasting within council Management level, bonuses, free cars etc Spending on internal investigation involving chief executive and senior officers pay rises
Parking permits!
Pay freeze on councillors
Pay increases /disputes
Pay offs for staff
Pay rises for senior managers
Paying 2 CEOs their salaries!
Paying council executives bonuses.
Paying Gordon leave for years on end as an ordinary person would have been sacked.
Paying money to the former Chief Executive - Mr O'Sullivan. He's has enough of the tax payers money! His costs are needed in more important places i.e. social services, education, roads etc, etc.
PAYING OF SUSPENDED EMPLOYEE PAY, while on suspension. Paying compensation for claims and dismissed employees.
Paying ridiculously high wages to those at the top and make a fairer pay for everyone work better.
Paying the suspended chief executive! Paying Bryn quarry huge amounts! Corporate lunches!
Payments to senior execs on gardening leave.
People resigning and receiving full pay for years! That would same thousands of pounds!
People that are suspended don't pay them at all.
Please refer to my first comment
Poop bins for dogs.
PR
project that have no impact on our community like street art
Promotional materials
Providing letters or documents in Welsh. This can be requested by each individual if needed. If people are welsh speaking in CCBC they also speak English so there is no need. If it is required then it can be requested.
Public engagement (other than consultations)
Public toilets Reduce staffing levels at recycling centres as it's not needed
Public toilets.
Random disgraced councillors
Rationalise and redesign council office buildings across the county. Close all un-needed buildings and sell them where possible (there are far too many). This will create a significant income as well as reducing operational costs. Cease chauffeur driven vehicles. Sell off council 'official cars' (e.g. mayoral vehicles) Cease 'luxury' events (many of which ONLY benefit the town of Caerphilly) such as the Big Cheese, Farmers Markets and such like.
Recycling. No point with all the cuts people will fly tip.
Reduce number of councillors.
Reduce spending on consultants fees, if your project managers can't do it, then they are not project managers

Reduce the number of councillors and amount they claim.
Remove spending on Garden Leave
Replacing kitchen and bathrooms every two to three years
Replacing lights with the new supposedly energy efficient ones - they may be cheaper but at what cost ? They provide limited lighting and pose dangers in some areas - in my street where there is a car park for residents use the new lights only cover the front of the car park and not the back which is adjacent to shrubbery and the train line . As such many residents do not park there as its too dark and dangerous and park on the street - which has double yellow lines - and cause additional hazards which they feel is safer for them than parking in a dark and secluded spot.
revised stationery and replacement clothing
Rouge landlords
Sack the suspended ex Chief Executive and find ways of recovering the 5 million pounds wasted on this farce. Sever all payments to external education support services. They are sub standard and are truly parasitical in that they drain money from the education service with little or no return. Schools can probably manage very well without them. This service is also a massive bureaucracy. Major savings to be made in this area.
Salaries of staff that are on gardening leave while being investigated. Far too much money has been spent on the investigation and also keep the people in question on a salary that they should not be entitled to. Draw the investigation to a close now and reap the rewards, before we have to have another council tax rise next year or cuts of similar proportions.
Salary for chief exec on "gardening leave"- a travesty.
Salary increases / bonus payments for people at the top
School meals should be funded entirely by parents.
School Uniform grants
see above
See above
See above.
See above. Need more information on number employed, costs involved, including pension liabilities to retired staff.
See above. Stop paying criminals!
see comment on previous page
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See previous
See previous comments.
Senior pay scandal by removing those responsible from office.
Senior staff expenses
Senior staff on gardening leave
Sick pay
Sick pay Antony blood o sullivan
SPEED CAMERAS AND SPEEDING VANS TRAFFIC WARDENS YOU ONLY NEED 1 IN TOTAL
Spend as usual
Spending ridiculous sum of monies for the investigation involving Anthony O'Sullivan. This would save the council a massive 4.2 million. Without leaving vulnerable people without!!!
staff meals must be self supporting.
Staff on suspension
Staff that no longer work for the council. Inappropriate spending
Staff who are suspended.
Statues which do not serve a purpose
statues, consultants& compaNY CARS.COMMUNITYS FIRST
Stop paying people who no longer work for you. Stop the use of company vehicles out of hours, leave the vehicles at the council buildings.
Stop paying the suspended chief executive of Caerphilly council now.

Stop paying the suspended Chief Executive. If it is later found he is entitled to any money let him take CCBC to court to prove it. I feel there was justification for immediate dismissal due to gross misconduct. Remove any subsidies from the staff canteen and make it a profitable enterprise, thereby increasing your income by a small amount.
Stop putting flowers in Caerphilly town centre in the summer, what a waste of money.
Stupid meaningless signs on lampposts in Ystrad Mynach Distribution of the Council Newsletter and revert to online only issue. Former CEO legal case Christmas decorations in the towns throughout the borough
Subsidies to Bryn Quarry and other like businesses.
Subsidised Canteens?
Subsidising council workers meals.
Surface dressing on roads. Repair the roads when needed, dressing them provides very little improvement to residents.
Suspended Councillors
Suspended management
Suspended staff
Teaching council employees welsh
team building, councillor expenses and payment, and higher earners set a cap on what you can earn and base it on the people who you serve in this area. Make council tenants contribute to all repairs and turf out those with a month rent overdue. Have you seen the state on the inside of your properties done by tenants? Town council in Risca complete waste of money.
Thats a silly question.
The cabinet staff and let councillors actually perform the full roles they are elected for.
The Council entertainment budget. An unnecessary luxury . The salary of the suspended Chief Executive. Salaries and pension contributions for councillors.
The councils luxuries.
The court cases of your highest paid staff.
The free newspaper - is it needed?
The Mayor's car and civic dinners
The ongoing dispute with the remaining of the 3 bent CCBC employees.
The pay scandle in respect of the higher up still on gardening leave. The situation has surpassed ridiculous
The posted council newsletter
The shambles of the Ex Chief Executive still receiving a salary. Free lunches, CCBC organisations and schools charging refreshments against their budgets should stop as this is a charge to the tax payer.
The top managers and gardening leave and pay rises live like the rest of us
Theatre provision, the arts and music service.
There is no sense of getting to grips with a fundamental ??? of what is the Council for - this is salami slicing budget without any sense of leadership. Why is the council also appearing to run lots of its own services when a joint approach with neighbouring authorities might be more efficient? Also, why is it proposed to close community centres, the council could instead give them to charities which could run them instead.
Things that are less important like planting flowers and concentrate on things like parking in the area as nowhere to park.
This should be as a result of an analysis made by the council clearly publishing the criteria you used (not just a small list you have previously selected without a due process). Please see what previously stated.
To look again as I feel an unnecessary charge to park a car when attending country parks in the borough. For years many people have parked and walked around Pen-Y-Fan pond, Bryn Bach Park without paying to look at the scene of beauty and for visitors, I feel it can put people off from going to these places.
Too much spent on Lansbury Park when they do not look after their houses
Tree bus 6 week inspection - vehicle never be used
Twinning spends with European countries

Unnecessary services and highly paid employees. Look at ways of making money rather than save it. Make parking free in towns like Cwmbran which will attract more people to spend money in our high streets. Use young offenders to pick litter, prune trees ect. This will save money, improve our communities.
Unmanned police stations. I'd like to see the charge for policing removed from council tax as there are never any police patrols in the area. The new station remains empty - waste of time building it. Put it to another use and make money from it.
Unnecessary events that have proved unsuccessful in the past. Don't bid for events that will prove expensive to the Council
Useless statues or monuments
using private buildings and use council buildings instead
wage increase for senior members off staff....caerphilly councillors
Wasting money on plaques to former leaders. A totally unnecessary expense.
Welsh language
Xmas decorations (short term) Flowers/ flower beds Doing up council houses (short term). If things inside need fixing etc then that's fine but if the outside of the house does not need work then do not do this. it may appear scruffy but if it is practical then do not change windows/ paint/ pebble dash etc (this would be a huge saving). Spend this money short term on key services.
YOUNG PEOPLES LIVES EDUCATION EDUCATION EDUCATION
Your failings ie your ex chief executive. Events such as cycle race that disrupt the economy of the area for one day if the costs are too great to host them at this time.
Yourselves. .... Anything that doesn't have a direct, positive impact on peoples ability to work for a living, their physical activity levels and environmental health. Clean up South Wales. .... Nobody has any pride in where they live and CCBC are enabling that terrible attitude.



## Charge For

Charge to use public toilets 10p or so
I really don't know that CCBC could charge for any more than already being done
Management cars, food within management meetings, stop wasting money for top jobs
People dropping litter – fines, people fly tipping – fines
Libraries
Get officers out in the street to issue fines for littering and fly tipping as the whole county is a mess!
Use of Leisure Centres by senior citizens of whom I am one, charge a fee of £1.00 for each session used i.e. swimming etc
- Local Pick-Ups of Bulky, bagged waste - Limit what people can put in General Waste Bins at Local Civic Recycling Amenities. Every single time we go, person after person goes to no other point but the General Waste. A greater awareness of what and how people can recycle (even at Supermarkets, e.g. Stretchy Plastic recycled at Bag for Life Points at Tesco, etc) and alternatives to General Waste. This type of campaign would be most welcome and could save the Council a great deal of money. If there were charges, this would deter people from lumping it all into one bag.
"School initiatives". Why attack the elderly who have paid their worth by their taxes and both world wars!! Ask for more voluntary work. There are a number of over 60s ready to help. NHS charge for IVF why is it on the NHS (certain number of attempts). Amen!
* Blue badge applications administration * Green waste collection * Use of computers in libraries * Increase charges for Registrars' services, licence applications etc * Requesting books in libraries
* I'd be happy to pay a small fee to using the community recycling centre providing the fee was used directly to improve the service and funds its staff.
£1 per person for admission to recycling centers to help with cost (possible gate with coin machine) charge a £1 per day parking in council car parks
£1 per prescription of medicine
A £5 per head annual charge for bus passes I am sure is quite affordable and would raise a good sum.
A list of options would be useful here.
A slight increase in the cost of meals under the meals direct service would be acceptable and far preferable to ceasing the service completely.
Actually charge for littering and dog fouling, people would be less likely to do either of these if the changes were actually enforced.
additional for day centres etc stop subsidising leisure membership charge cyclists to use the roads - they aren't liable for anything as they have no road tax, licence, registration!!!!
Again do not know enough to comment
Already charging for everything they can.
any service for people for those who are not working/contributing, this will make people think more so before increasing load on the system unless really necessary.
Anything that is a choice and not a necessity. Libraries, social activities, any Council subsidised non-revenue producing community ventures.
Anything that is not statutory
Bespoke business advice / Primary Authority relationships with more businesses. Assistance with introducing no cold calling zones etc. to neighbourhoods. Use of community centres - promote their use to outside companies/groups. Increase charge for stray dogs.
Big Cheese, Velothon. Greater charges for land and house developers. *Nearly 20% of cuts are coming from education and libraries!! Do you have any children/grandchildren?
Bin collection!
bins, schools (to a point), leisure facilities, keeping all green land.
buffets put on for training courses/conferences. parking outside penallta house.
Bulky waste collection. Pest control.

Bulky Waste Increase fines for littering
Bus passes. The privilege of disposing your dog waste. Dog tax should be brought in.
Cancelled appointments
Car parking at council office sites to bring this in to line with public car parks.
Charge £1 - £2 per visit to all utility sites and cancel the proposed closure. (Justification - People will spend the £1 travelling to the other sites further away and in so doing will also damage the environment)
Charge Council staff using THEIR Council VEHICLES for transportation to and from their depots to their homes
Charge for what? You are creating a community that cannot afford to survive in reasonable conditions as it is. You think they can afford extra expense. Lunacy!
Charge for: Greater fines on fly-tipping/environmental crime etc Greater use of restorative justice for street cleanliness etc / maintenance to make up for removal of this in budget Advertising on council properties / roundabouts Don't under sell Council Land Overnight stays in Llanchiach fawr - could it be a B&B? *Careful with charges as this is not a profit making organisation and should be about quality of life.
Charge Full price for staff meals no discounts, no fuel concessions
Charge more for businesses to get rid of waste?
Charge more for leisure centre subscriptions.
Charges for some Social Services provision are far less than in neighbouring authorities, in spite of the fact that service users access benefits to pay for care and support.
Christmas
Civic amenity sites / rent for houses / parking at hospitals
Cleaning up after irresponsible dog owners, managing anti-social behaviour (on the spot fines?)
Cleaning vacated properties. Damage to property.. Missed appointments.
Collecting large items such as fridge freezers and mattresses.
Collection of furniture / fridges etc etc to be charged for. At the moment it seems council tenants on the estate can just dump their large items on the roadside and they will be collected. Myself being a tax payer i get pretty annoyed at this. I have to go to the local recycle site to dispose of any items, otherwise i would be fined.
Collection of garden waste
collection of household furniture
Concession bus passes o a p bus passes
Consider establishing charitable trusts for leisure etc
Consider providing Welsh language as and when requested. Save paper, money and other commodities. Fortnightly refuse collections on all bins.
Council staff at Tredomen to pay car parking fees get of council workers expenses payments
Council workers to pay for parking in the council offices, this would make money for the council. Workers could car share which would also be good for the environment. Other workings paid for parking.
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Councillors parking Excess tax for councillors that earn over £30,000 a year + increase the council tax for second homes for the councillors.
Councillors perks,

Cut costs first. Start empowering staff to get the best price for goods purchased (where better than national contracts). Remove inefficiency in your operations and then see how the budget looks before taking the easy option of charging for more services.
Day service to become a profitable service. People would pay to attend. Increase costs. Day care for children costs so why not adults
Definiely NOT rubbish collection or disposal. Do not charge .. to remove or dispose of rubbish because they will tip it all over our lovely countryside. Build toll roads, I'd gladly pay for an empty road. Other than that, pay for services fron council tax, that's what it's for. If there's insufficient income from it then you are WASTING too much of OUR money.
DISABLED BLUE BADGE I AM DISABLED AND IM HAPPY TO PAY FOR THE PRIVILEGED OF HAVING A BLUE BADGE
disposal of items to civic amenity sites - not so much as to encourage fly tipping - but a fee in line with running costs. Charge for public toilets
Dog fouling increase. Horse fouling should be a charge.
Domestic House clearance - some of this may be useful for the furniture recycling service
Garden clearance - remove large items - paint older peoples fences when you are painting in the area Treat the council as if it was a business not a charity and make the services you already provide pay. Provide an honest reliable service, house rewiring, plumbing, all these will provide a profit towards your shortfall in the budget and you may be able expand these services.
Don't we already pay for services through our council tax?
Employee carparking
Ensure that when land is sold off for redevelopment a realistic price is obtained for it
Entrance to events such as the Big Cheese
Events. A small entry fee to the big cheese for instance.
Everything
Executives
Extra on car parks Extra on school lunch Extra on council tax (£2 a week) Mowing back gardens of private houses Dog fouling fines Litter fines
Extra on school meals but make better quality.
Fine for littering/illegal parking
Fine those who park on main streets , double yellows etc in town centres ... there are many car parks available .
Fireworks displays
Fly tipping, littering, illegal parking
Free Friday swimming at leisure centres.
Fresh air
Garden waste
Give money to deserving causes - mental health and social services
Hire of pavilions by voluntary groups. Realistic hire charges for adult sports teams using playing fields.
HWRC waste disposal
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I don't believe there is much left that CCBC don't levy a charge on.
I don't feel anything more needs to be charged
If push comes to the shove maybe introduce a small charge for all Civic Sites to save the 2 that's being considered to be closed.
If you charged for the public toilets that could earn revenue, charged a fee for the community centres and activities provided
Illegal and dangerous parking in Blackwood highstreet
Illegal fly-tipping increase fines. Increase meal costs on meals direct.
illegal parking fly tipping vandalism littering etc

Illegal parking tenants dumping rubbish in council gardens and trashing council housing councillors lunches! Tea! Coffee! Biscuits!
Illegally parking in permit holder only streets when you don't have a permit.
Immigrants without recourse to public funds using nhs services.
Impossible to tell without some reasonable analysis. Staff to pay market rate for meals etc (no subsidies)
In general i feel it is more efficient to collect the required income through council tax than to introduce lots of individually small charges, which then require administration.
In schools charge for extra curriculum activities. charge every pupil for school lunches people on benefits are given enough money to live on the government states. charge everyone to use public transport no bus passes or disabled concessions . charge pupils to travel to school there is no exemption when they start work.
Include any extra charges in the council tax i.e. remove the charge for each refuse collection for large items and just spread it out on everyone's council tax. It may discourage fly tipping and encourage more residents to use the service. I don't think that charging individuals for a particular service works, it should all be included in the council tax.
Increase charge for toilet as long as the provision is of a high quality and easily accessible.
Increase charges for Blackwood town parking for more than an hour
Increase non-statutory charges upon developers including social housing providers. Force developers to pay create contributions to fund local services. i.e. CIL contributions.
Increase parking charges by more than 20p and invest in system to enable roadside parking to become a chargeable event.
Charging communities for littering (larger more pronounced fees on individuals - name and shame) -
Increase the cost of the meals direct service.
Introduce after school clubs within libraries that could require a small fee (£1-£3?) for children to attend. Charge for public toilets (50p?) as it was previously. Monitor their use then & if they aren't used close them.
Introduce some new council tax bandings for more expensive properties
Issue more fines for unauthorised parking, littering and dog fouling.
Just Council Tax.
Keep the penallta recycling site open and charge £2 per vehicle to enter
Key safes and equipment
Kids who steal the bins
Large household items should be charged at £10 per item as other councils in Wales charge for disposal. Fly tipping has not been reduced by offering free collection service so charge instead and save money. We have suggested putting cameras in bird boxes on trees in particular where persistent fly tipping occurs in one particular area black vein road cross keys .to Caerphilly council ,and was told that it's too expensive.rubbish look at the number of fines you could increase the revenue and pay for surveillance cameras in matter of weeks.
large item rubbish pick up increase rent
Library loans small charge
Library's £10 for adult annual membership and free for under 16s
Litter dropping dog fouling traffic wardens get them out . Fine people for smoking in bus stops to
Litter removal from A469 (skip company)
Littering.
Look into all aspects What can we do for other councils, can we provide a service to them Add a small charge to council run events Look for sponsorship Think out of the box How can we make money
Maintenance in council houses. If tenants realise they have to pay for what they break /ruin maybe they'll have more respect for it instead of the usual attitude the council will fix it.

Maximise your empty buildings through Community Asset Transfer, there is a massive reluctance in CCBC compared to neighbouring Boroughs to do this. You have huge assets sat rotting, doing nothing. Empower Community groups to take these on and help deliver the shortfall in funding for some significant services. You have had so many "void" hard to let properties sat on your books for years, not only losing out on rent but also not generating income. Tally this against more people sleeping outside, it makes absolutely no sense. One of your void 3 bedroom houses in Phillipstown (you have many) has been empty for 4 years. The weekly rent you are losing is £95 per week, that equates to £19,760 now realise that you could save so much money by utilising it as a House of Multiple Occupancy saving money for those in B&B accommodation or sleeping on the street. If you utilised one, you would not only save the £5,000 loss per but it will also generate income (3 x Homeless individuals single room rate £53 per week in Housing Benefit) over 12 months equates to £8268, so now, not only do you not have an empty property going to rack and ruin but you are £13,268 better off. Oh yeah, plus if you work out the average spend on B&B for an individual who is Homeless of £38 per night you can add an extra saving of £41,610 per person. How much are we up to now? .....

Maybe a small charge for using Amenity skips and a charge depending on the size of large items such as mattresses etc

Meals on wheels ok (if more money) raise to 30p more per day

Members of staff found to be in breach of requires ethical standards

met am brydiau ysgol / school meals

Minimal fee for toilets Charging a small fee to use the waste centres, I.e. £1 for cars, £2 for vans etc Computer usage in libraries to be charged (tokens) low fees Charge minimum fees where necessary. Small amounts all add up

missed hospital and doctors app non recycling

More fines for litter, vandalism, dog fouling, needle dropping etc

More for house old pick ups fine more people for dumping litter, charge more for property building service such has building regulations assessments.

More for leisure facilities.

More for parking Library Leisure centres etc

More for parking wardens in town centres.

More traffic wardens to charge for double yellow parking and parking in bus spots.

No

No extra charges should be imposed. Residents of CCBC pay enough in council tax.

Nominal annual charge for bus passes.

Nominal charge for annual bus passes for senior citizens and all other eligible classes

Nominal charges for bus fares for older people

not turning up for apts.gdp and nhs unless proof can be obtained why not turned up higher charges for fly tipping. remove charges for small vans at recycling centers. but reiterate no business waste unless household. only

nothing

Nothing

Nothing else. You should be rolling back charges as it is! Think of how costly it is to administer charges. Ridiculous.

Nothing extra

Nothing left to charge for. We are already paying top prices for education, police, refuse collection, leisure and fitness centres, etc etc.

Nothing more.

Nothing positive, like what can we INCREASE spending on??

Nothing, every household pays council tax, which keeps rising, we already pay to replace bins, we pay for water, gas, electric, a mortgage, road tax, council tax, sugar tax, beer tax, work overtime for a bit extra, spending more hours away from your family, to again, be taxed on this, also be taxed to breath soon rhe way its going, which I know is not all through the council but why should we have to pay more, the cost of living is already way too high and causing homelessness, the elderly to starve or freeze, and families resorting to food banks,,and we are one of the richest countries in the world, well id hate to see how the poorest countries suffer.

Nothing!!! We already pay enough council tax!!! If there is a service that needs to be charged for, it needs to be privately managed.

Nothing. Get the government to rank it out. Is it not funny they come up with money out of the government coffers when they need it. Wales has suffered enough. If you brought national service back, capital punishment back, perhaps we would not be wasting money with prisons, benefits, employment closures etc. making us poorer. Actually we may be in profit instead of greed and could support our services.

On a personal level, we pay so much Council Tax, I have no thoughts on this question.

Other than the over 60's bus passes I'm not aware of any free services!

Overfilling of refuse bins.

Parking

Parking (fines for illegal and reckless) more streets around towns schools permit holders only or residents pay to park on street and canbgaraintee a space, fines that are already in place actually being enforced, (littering, dog fouling etc)

parking all days if increases revenue as can spend on pot holes

Parking at council offices Paper wasting

Parking at town centres, maybe roll out parking permits to some smaller areas. (remove country parks) Hire libraries to community groups?

Parking cars on the highway. Many households have more than one vehicle and although they have a drive and garage which could accommodate the extra vehicles prefer to leave them parked on the street outside their property. You propose a charge for residential parking permits for those property's with no facility to park a car other than on the main road then why not charge those not in a restricted area the same fee.

Parking council offices Management cars Paper wasting Food within council's meeting

Parking fines for those parking in permit bays in residential streets. On the spot fines for anti social behaviour by youths in Ystrad Mynach who litter.

Parking fines, dog mess, litter, cigarette ends. Day and evening not just easy vulnerable targets

Parking for employees, everyone else has to pay!

Parking on double yellow lines, speeding, parking dangerously, parking in back alleys etc. Use of household waste recycling/refuse centres.

Parking Permits Parking Illegally - hire some wardens. More for Pay and Display Never returning children's books to the library or fine people for returning them late. Library - make people pay the fines they owe by not allowing them to rent more books until its paid.

Parking permits, charge more to cover admin fee, etc Charge more for certain services which is low cost or free so not even covering admin fee. Charge for blue badge for disabled parking, as many are fake users, plus they can afford. Charge more for meals on wheels, as a cooked meal which is delivered plus service users are checked up on that they are all ok, is peace of mind and looking after our elderly. Any free service other than refuse collection there should be a charge. Libraries should charge a small weekly , fortnightly, monthly fee for lending books like eg rental books as the turn over of books be quicker or leave a deposit for books , it should be classed as a business not free charity service.

Parking permits, large waste removals.

Parking within the council offices Management cars

People who are not willing to work

People littering/ leaving animal mess (dog, horse)

People who are parking illegally especially in the town centres. If parking charges were dropped in the local car parks, it would encourage people to park more responsibly. Start levying fines for people who don't bin their dog mess - far too much being left on pathways and not disposed of properly and there is no deterrent at the moment to stop people from doing it.
Permit parking - reduced fee if only 1 car, increased fee for additional cars. Have more areas for permit parking, especially where it may be an issue i.e. outside Pengam train station where homeowners are regularly in contention with station users that opt to park on their street rather than in the car park. Sunday parking in council car parks. Increase parking fares and bus fares. Increase the charge made to remove dogs from the pound by owners. Increase penalty charges for things like fly tipping. Perhaps a minor means tested charge for meals on wheels?
Picking up cookers, sofa etc but make it a nominal fee and maximum items. Streamline the service so people don't have to wait longer than 3 days. If its cheaper and less hassle people won't dump rubbish which will save money of staff cleaning the mountain or other dump sites. Higher fees for dumping and dog mess.
Picking up furniture
Prescriptions - whilst not up to the Council I think local councils should lobby WAG to input a nominal fee for prescriptions.
Prescriptions. Maximum £1 per item. Parking in hospitals. Parking illegally!
Promote council facilities that revenue can be extracted from. For example, the number of times I have held a children's birthday party and have reverted to renting a soft play or the like, rather than renting a community centre or sports hall because I can not find one or they are not for rent! There are opportunities out there and I would rather use a council facility and pay so that the money is kept within the community. Market the facilities, make people aware of the possibilities! Once again the private sectors are good at marketing, promoting themselves, way cant the public sector do the same. Caerphilly County council have so many facilities that the public can use. market them, make people aware of them so they get used and revenue can be collected from them! For example, I have now lived in the borough for 14 years and only recently have I found out about the Winding House!!!! I will now make a visit, but if it has taken me 14 years then clearly it is not promoted enough!
Proportional council tax head count per house
Public conveniences if kept open
Public toilets if not being closed.
Raising council tax should be enough. If not, start to review those that can work but don't.
Re-examine the charges for Leisure Services and see how many of these could be run by the Charity Sector.
Recycling at depots
Refuse Collection at Council Tax Band H and I property's
Removing bulky waste, building regulations inspections full economic costs.
Repair to council houses where it is from their neglected or bad behaviour more checks and fines for people parking in disabled bays at lesure centres and car parks and parking on road at peny fan pond where they park and cause obstruction so they don't pay at car park more fines for anti social behaviour
Repairs to social housing, as there's people who live in the borough who have never done a days work in their lives and have their homes upgraded by the council every 5-10 years, they should be made to pay for repairs like everyone else, for example windows, Doors, interior, exterior works
Repairs, replacing roofs, kitchens and any work done on council houses that don't really need the work, put money to some other good use.
Residential parking permits
Residential Street parking by a permit system
Review long term visitor car park charges.
Review of bus passes re annual contribution £20 car parking fees. People spend a lot of money on a car but begrudge paying to park.

Road closures. meals on wheels. Increase staff meals to cover all costs, caretakers, public cemeteries. reduce social service and invoicing budget where it has no impact. Reduce HR. reduce corporate services.
Same as above
School meals, as above
See above.
See previous
See previous box re Waste Management
Services that benefit the community and helping reduce ASB
Small amount of money towards prescriptions. Bus passes. Everyone who is given money for not working, a small amount of tax should be taken from these benefits.
Some front line services including domestic waste collections (providing cost is reasonable).
Some school transport
Sport teams from out side Caerphilly Borough using Caerphilly council facilities are charged a similar fee to that of their own LA are charged a premium. Why should others be benefiting over your own LA residents???
Staff meals and parking (council offices) Paper wasting within the council
Staff parking
staff parking at council offices
Swimming. If swimming is subsidised remove it. Be upfront be truthful about the cost. Staff lunches. If subsidised remove it. If the food is good quality they'll continue to purchase it. I don't have a subsidised lunch but I pay council tax.
Tenants that Damage properties or treat them like a dump.
tennets who damage their property smashed window doors etc drug den propeties theres still 1 in our street get the tennants out as they are selling and dealing charge for eviction notices council employees food no subsideries the ex cheif execs to repay all the money they stole for house clearances illegal waste dumping impose fines up to £3000 charge any firms who are breaking the law for flauting health n safety regs i could name a shame 3 businesses for starters who are getting away with this with a fine of £10000 or more .
the food in the canteen should not be subsidised
The legal section to get legal and terminate exec's long holiday.
The millions and millions of pounds paid to Anthony O'Sullivan, Nigel Barnett and Daniel Perkins.
The pay you have paid to those 3 criminals!
The top managers claiming for . Pay like the rest of us



There is an emerging and growing role for Councils as proactive disruptors within their local economies, by engaging in 'New Municipalism', or 'Public Sector Entrepreneurship'. Various models and mechanisms exist in relation to this overarching area of work, including both the recalibration of existing services, in order to serve local communities more widely (and at cost as 'customers', in some cases), but also more directly purposed and new services, in order to both enhance public services but with a further focus upon establishing appropriate opportunities for income generation. Such commercialisation strategies are increasingly being adopted in many other parts of the country, but there appears to be far more emphasis within English authorities than here in Wales. In short, rather than just sifting through ever decreasing options for existing (and potentially limited) opportunities for making charges from current services, there needs to be a properly resourced and concentrated focus of attention upon what else the Council could do to make money, rather than to rely so heavily upon the existing bias towards cost cutting. I have mentioned this previously in a CCBC staff survey and whilst some initial conversations that ensued with senior staff as a result of my responses highlighted that some such work was already being undertaken along these lines, I'm not certain of whether this is still being continued in any serious or co-ordinated manner (although I sincerely hope that it is, somewhere behind the scenes). Certainly this is not obvious when looking at the various forms of communication on the Council website, newsletters etc. and likewise, I have heard nothing 'through the grapevine' that suggests that this is being given the level of focus that I personally feel that it deserves (given how successful it has proven to be in other areas of the UK where it has been properly resourced and actively targeted as a corporate ambition).

Think we pay enough now

Think we pay pretty highly as it is .

Think you charge enough on everything

This should be as a result of an analysis made by the council clearly publishing the criteria you used (not just a small list you have previously selected without a due process). Please see what previously stated.

Those people who are still working and receive a bus pass should help to pay for this privilege. Also these people could help to pay for medication etc.

To charge those drivers who consistently flaunt the law and park in loading bays and on pavements which cause problems for people walking, those with disabled scooters, pushing wheelchairs. I feel the problem would also be addressed by seeing wardens patrolling in the vicinity, that would also act as a deterrent.

Toilet add money doors

Tourists - anyone entering the country to pay a tax, just like we have to when we go to places like Balearics, Spain, Mexico

Translation services for foreign visitors that are demanding council services but don't speak the language (Welsh / English). This happens in other European countries so why are we providing a free costly service here?

Tree cutting services - suggest new service money could be raised by offering a Tree Maintenance/ Hedge cutting service... To Rate Payers of the Borough. This would raise quite a bit of money if Private Tree/Hedge cutting Services prices are anything to go by. Maintenance Work... I.e House Guttering clearing, small reliable work

Unnecessary police and emergency call outs.

unnecessary services like new bilingual signs

use of hired cars/chauffeur out of own pockets

Use of school children to pick up litter in own communities (becomes a service and educational).

Use of vans at tip £30.00 Council to charge £20.00 to fell trees and bushes etc Call out £20.00 rodent management Music festivals, more events like Big Cheese

Vans parking in residential parking areas. Our growing youth with littering and damage, this would help funds. Maybe open somewhere for them to go and make a charge to them for using it, sell tuck in there this would also raise funds to keep it going and not add to the costs for the council.

We are charged enough through our council tax and that money is evidently being wasted, so no more charging for things we are already paying for thankyou.
We cannot see how further charges can be made when taxes are being increased and services reduced.
We pay enough council tax - the council chooses to spend it appallingly!
Welsh language
Would like to query centre for sporting excellence in Ystrad Mynach. Who pays for running this? Do clubs who use this pay or are Caerphilly Council tax payers subsidising this?
You already charge people enough.
You already charge us for everything! Parking , bins etc
You are a council, you already charge by taxing people and not being efficient in what you do, councils should be charged for mistakes they make in the form of tax cuts to the public...
Your council should refund all council tax payers the disgraceful amount of money you have wasted paying a member of staff for 6 years. Shameful.
your proposing to increase council tax and want to charge your residents more when the cost of living is out stripping wage increases, myself and the vast majority of people I know have been cutting back for years on end to make ends meet, now it is getting ridiculous.
Youth services and day care provision. Those on benefits should also be made to pay for these services.