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NEWPORT MATTERS

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CPE: 3,000 TICKETS ISSUED



More than 3,500 penalty charge notices were given out to motorists in the first month after Newport City Council took over Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) from Gwent Police.

The team of civil parking officers have, in the main, received a positive reception from residents and local businesses now the clampdown on illegal parking is in full force.

The council also appreciates the time people have taken to tell us where there are parking problems (www.newport.gov.uk/cpe) and this information is being used to compile future patrols.

Councillor Roger Jeavons, cabinet member for city services, said civil parking enforcement had seen a reduction in the number of cars parked illegally.

“We know it is very early on for our new service but we have had some very positive feedback from the local community following the council taking over civil parking enforcement on 1 July.

“And in some areas it is very obvious that motorists have got the message that if they park illegally, and civil parking officers out on patrol witness this, then they will receive a Penalty Charge Notice,” said Cllr Jeavons.

FOOD FESTIVAL PROMISES FUN FOR ALL AGES



▶ Leader of the council Cllr Debbie Wilcox pictured with last years Mayor Cllr Malcolm Linton and Teen Chef winners Spice Girls of St Julians High School

Thousands of people are expected to flock into the city centre next month to enjoy the popular annual Newport Food Festival.

The free event, on Saturday 5 October, is hosted by Newport City Council and supported by Celtic Manor, Friars Walk, Pobl and Newport BID.

One of the highlights of this year’s event will be a variety of top local and national chef demonstrations including one from the Dirty Sanchez TV chef Matthew Pritchard, who hosts

the BBC’s vegan cookery show Dirty Vegan, who has been brought in by Friars Walk.

A programme of chef demonstrations will also take place in the Festival Kitchens - located in Newport Market and in the reception area of the Pobl Group offices at the top of High Street.

Local chefs including Hwyl Jones, patron of Newport Food Festival, Anil Karhadkhar from Curry on the Curve and Ben Periam from The Pod will all be showcasing their skills for people to taste and try their

hand at the recipes at home. The exciting final of the annual Teen Chef competition for local youngsters keen to show off their skills is also being served up on the menu at 11am on the day of the festival.

The Newport Community Choir will be performing in between chef demos in the Festival Kitchen in the Market.

Hopefully the rain will hold off however the weather won’t deter visitors – last year more than 18,000 people turned up to enjoy the festival offering.

This year more than 70 different variety of stalls will be lining the High Street, Bridge Street and Westgate Square so visitors can sample the delights from local and national food and drink producers.

Goopy brownies, Welsh cakes, chutneys, sausages, Scotch eggs, pies and pickles will all be on sale along with a massive selection of Gins which have grown in popularity over the years and of course micro breweries offering their top tipples including favourite ales.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader

of Newport City Council, said: *“We are delighted to once again host our popular Newport Food Festival in the city centre along with our supporters.*

“I am sure we will be welcoming thousands of residents and visitors to our free event.

“There will be plenty on offer to keep people of all ages entertained and I am delighted to see that the popular Teen Chef competition is again taking place.

“Let’s hope the weather is kind to us. I look forward to seeing you there.”

WELL-BEING PLANNED FOR THE CITY

One Newport, the city's Public Services Board, has developed a well-being plan for 2018-23 setting out the priorities and actions to improve the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of the city.

Its first annual report outlines the progress made on achieving its aims.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, chair of One Newport and Leader of Newport City Council, said:

"This has been a busy, positive and successful first year and we believe that the annual report shows that we are delivering a balanced Well-being Plan, applying the five ways of working and fully embracing the spirit of the Well-being of Future Generations Act."

The five-year local well-being plan sets out the One Newport's priorities and actions until 2023.

To find out more about One Newport and to read the annual report visit www.newport.gov.uk/onenewport



50+ INFORMATION DAY

Join hundreds of people at the annual 50+ Information Day in Newport Centre next month.

It is being held on Saturday 19 October, from 10am to 3pm, in the main sports hall. Entry is free and refreshments will be available. More than 100 stalls will offer information and advice for the over 50s from health and support to social activities.

PROPOSAL TO MAKE NEWPORT PART OF "ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE"



In the summer, senior UK politicians were presented with a report setting out recommendations to "supercharge" the economy from Swindon to Swansea.

Great Western Cities – a collaboration between Newport, Cardiff and Bristol councils – commissioned the Powerhouse for the West report.

It provides strong evidence for a cross-border partnership and puts forward proposals to drive improved infrastructure, investment, internationalisation and inclusive growth across a region of seven cities, 4.4 million people, 156,000 businesses and a £107 billion economy.

Five key areas of collaboration are highlighted in the report

by Metro Dynamics:

- an industrial strategy linking sector strengths;
- integrating road and rail improvements to enable faster connectivity;
- an internationalisation strategy which promotes the region's industrial strengths;
- establishing a productivity and innovation observatory which makes better use of our data;
- piloting and measuring tailored approaches to connecting the most deprived communities with the region's highest growth sectors.

Cllr Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said: "The opportunities that a powerhouse could

capitalise and enrich are vast. The region already has an economy worth £107bn, which is 10% higher than the Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine, yet our growth is slower than average. If we only grow to meet the UK average, we will become a £1.21bn economy – just think of the potential if this powerhouse was created."

The potential powerhouse – which is yet to adopt a formal name - would stretch along the M4 corridor from Swindon and across the Welsh border to Cardiff and Swansea, and in the north from Gloucester and Cheltenham to Bath and Bristol. To support this venture the Great Western City partners have already been joined by Bath and North East Somerset Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Swansea Council and Swindon Borough Council. Read the report at www.apowerhouseforthewest.org.uk

TWINNING LINK ENDS

Twinning arrangements between Newport and the Chinese province of Guangxi have ended.

The decision was announced by Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, at a meeting of full council in July.

It followed a debate where the Leader put forward a motion calling on the UK Government to help Newport City Council in its bid to get the Yulin Dog Meat Festival in the Guangxi Province stopped.

This followed a total lack of response from the Guangxi Province to the letter sent on 19 February 2019 from the council urging them to stop the Festival and its horrendous treatment of animals.

The council is calling upon the UK Government to present the city's case via both the Great Britain-China Centre, a non-departmental public body established by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1974, together with the Foreign Office, to make direct representations from both

bodies to the Government of the People's Republic of China about the ending of this appalling festival and to relay their response to Newport City Council.

Cllr Wilcox said she believes this action will focus wider attention upon this issue as the twinning arrangement with Guangxi is now defunct by



PROJECT TO GIVE CHILDREN A VOICE

Newport pupils were involved in the development of a new Welsh toolkit aimed at putting children at the centre of political decision making.

Finding Your Voice was developed by Barnardo's Cymru in collaboration with Pillgwenly and Millbrook Primary Schools.

The toolkit is for teachers to use with their pupils to help them find their voices, learn about local democracy and carry out research.

Dealing with issues that concern children in Wales, it can be delivered to their teachers and governors, police and local politicians with the power to make real change.

It has been running in the two Newport schools as part of Children First, a Welsh Government approach to addressing the needs of children and young people, ensuring they are able to be fully engaged shaping their communities from cradle to career.



► Jessica Sharma, of Barnardo's Cymru, and Eleri Thomas, deputy PCC.

default of non-engagement for many years and all references to it have already been removed from the council's website.

The motion was an amendment to that put forward by Councillor Matthew Evans also condemning the Yulin Dog Meat Festival and calling for the twinning arrangement to cease.

PEDAL POWER SCHEME FOR TREDEGAR PARK

A project to bring a wide variety of bicycles suitable for disabled children and adults into use at Tredegar Park is being introduced by Newport City Council.

The free initiative will enhance the facilities at the popular park where an improved cycle route is also on the cards.

The bike project, which will be operated by the charity Pedal Power, will be free to use and is being financed by 106 money after a variety of other schemes were considered for Tredegar Park.

These had included improvements to current offerings such as mini golf, a splash park, building on events area; building a second skate park and even a closed cycle circuit.

However after careful consideration it was decided the best option, which will benefit a whole host of people, will be Pedal Power as their bikes will be available for all abilities and ages, providing a benefit to the

COULD YOU CARE FOR A NEWPORT CHILD?

If your children have left home for university, or to live independently, could you help youngsters in need by providing a safe and caring home?

Then Foster Newport, the council's dedicated team, would love to speak to you.

Carers are assigned their own fostering officer and there is always someone available to give advice or discuss concerns.

Pre-approval training is held on two consecutive Saturdays during the assessment period and, following approval, further training is provided.

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

whole community all year round thereby allowing disabled youngsters and adults the same freedom as others using their bikes in the park.

Councillor Deb Harvey, cabinet member for culture and leisure, said:

"I wanted to ensure that a range of facilities which could be used by people of all ages and abilities is available in Tredegar Park.

"Having looked at a variety of options we have chosen the "Pedal Power" scheme which will allow disabled youngsters and adults the same

freedom as others and will give families of disabled youngsters more freedom to enjoy the facilities together.

"The variety of bikes which will

be on offer can cater for all abilities and ages."

Preparations are now underway for the project to be implemented.



The prestigious Green Flag Awards have once again been bestowed on Newport City Council's two popular parks and Gwent Crematorium.

Environmental charity Keep Wales Tidy unveiled the Welsh winners in July which saw Belle Vue Park Beechwood Park and the crematorium receive the accolade in recognition of their excellent floral displays, facilities and commitment to delivering great quality green space.

The council is also delighted Belle Vue Park, which this year celebrates its 125th anniversary, retain its Heritage Award.

The popular parks are visited by thousands of people of all ages all year round and the magnificent floral displays and the surrounding green areas are looked after by the parks and green team at the council.

They are also supported by the Friends of Newport's Ornamental Parks.

Newport City Council's cabinet member for culture and leisure, Councillor Deb Harvey, said the awards are a recognition of all the hard work of the green services team and the Friends.

"Winning the prestigious Green Flag awards is fantastic news and once again a testament to the constant hard work and dedication of our green team staff who ensure our parks are great places to visit and enjoy and with support from the Friends.

"And the grounds of the crematorium provide a haven of peace and tranquillity for mourners at such a sad time."

The Green Flag Award programme is delivered in Wales by environmental charity, Keep Wales Tidy, with support

BELLE VUE PARK MARKS 125 YEARS



► Cllr Deb Harvey is pictured in Belle Vue Park at the floral display commemorating the 125th anniversary along with member of the council's green team and Friends of Newport Ornamental Parks

from Welsh Government.

It is judged by green space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, including biodiversity, cleanliness, environmental management and community involvement.

Lucy Prisk, Green Flag coordinator at Keep Wales Tidy said:

"The Green Flag Award programme continues to go from strength to strength in Wales, thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of staff

and volunteers across the country.

"We can't underestimate how important high-quality parks and green spaces are to our communities, our health and wellbeing, nature and economy.

"We want to encourage everyone to explore their local area and make the most of the award-winning sites on their doorstep."

A full list of award winners can be found on the Keep Wales Tidy website www.keepwalestidy.cymru

BEE FRIENDLY



Newport City Council has voted to support the Friends of the Earth Bee Cause initiative for Newport.

The council will continue to ensure that where suitable, planting undertaken within the parks, gardens and green areas owned by the council will support bee and other pollinating insects' lifestyles.

Council Leader Councillor Debbie Wilcox put forward the motion at a meeting of the full council in July.

Cllr Wilcox, in thanking members for their support for the initiative, said it is of vital importance to Newport's economy of pollinators and the fact that the council is well placed to make a significant contribution to reversing their decline.

In addition the council will strive to make Newport one of the first major Welsh cities to have bee friendly accreditation. Members backed the motion which was seconded by Councillor Laura Lacey.

NEWPORT TRANSPORTER BRIDGE

A calendar capturing the history of Newport Transporter Bridge through the ages is due to be on sale next month.

The range of photographs, in a mixture of sepia and colour, will show the river before the iconic structure was built and then trace the progress of the building work taking place.

The Friends of Newport Transporter Bridge are partners in this project along with Newport City Council.

Money raised from the sale will go towards the maintenance of the bridge. Future plans include designing and building a modern visitor centre and other facilities.

NEWPORT UNVEILED AS DONOR CITY

Following the Westfield Health British Transplant Games host city Newport is delighted to become a Donor City – just the second city in the UK to be awarded the honour.

The award signifies a commitment that a collective of organisations in Newport will have two years to complete. It is just the second city to be given the accolade after Birmingham who were hosts of the Games in 2018.

The city – determined to build on the four-day festival of Transplant Sport to secure a legacy – is now aiming to raise the number of transplant recipients engaging in physical activity and sport.

The city is also keen to increase Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority engagement (BAME) in the transplant process. Currently, consent rates among BAME communities are at around half the average rate in the UK.

Leader of Newport City Council, Councillor Debbie Wilcox said: *“We have been proud hosts of the Games and we are dedicated to building on the last two years of planning and preparation.*

“To be named as the UK’s only second Donor City recognises our commitment to make sure the work around organ donation and our transplant communities continues.”

Latest figures reveal that the

consent rate for organ donation in Wales has increased by seven per cent from last year. Wales has the highest consent rate of all the UK nations, now 77 per cent, up from 58 per cent in 2015, when the new soft opt-out system of consent to organ donation was introduced.

Nearly 57,000 Newport residents have registered an opt in decision on the organ donation register.

Dr Paul Harden, chair of Transplant Sport, said: *“We take the Games to a different city each year and they just get better and better. Now Newport is a Donor City and this means a wonderful legacy of organ donation and support of our transplant communities continues.”*



Leader of Newport City Council Cllr Debbie Wilcox at the opening of the British Transplant Games

NURSERY AND SCHOOL APPLICATIONS IN 2020

In Newport, parents can choose to send their child to either Welsh or English medium schools or faith schools (Roman Catholic or Church in Wales). If you are considering a Welsh-medium education for your child visit www.newport.gov.uk/becomingbilingual.

Every property in Newport has a Welsh and an English-medium catchment school for which your child will receive priority. Visit www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions to check your catchment area.

Although making an application does not guarantee a place, expressing a preference for a school will give your child priority over children whose parents do not. Your child cannot be given a place if you do not make an application.

An applicant living outside your catchment area who expresses a

preference for it will receive a higher priority than your child if you do not express a preference for it.

Note the application deadline and submit your application on time. If your submission is late you are less likely to get the place of your choice.

If the school you have applied for is very popular your child may be refused a place, so it is important to consider submitting preferences for more than one school.

As part of the nursery application process children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 March 2017 may be offered an early start (a Rising 3 place) in the January or April following their third birthday if places are available. Children born between 1 April 2017 and 31 August 2017 are not eligible for an early start.

Think about how your child will travel to school as they may not be eligible for assistance.

Make an application online at www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Internet access is available at all Newport libraries and is free for the first two hours. **Email school.admissions@newport.gov.uk with any questions**

MYTHBUSTERS

- If you only apply for one school, your child will definitely be given that place - FALSE
- If your child has a sibling already in the school, they will also be given a place - FALSE
- If your child already goes to the nursery school, they are guaranteed a place in reception - FALSE
- You will be given a place at the secondary school if your child already attends a primary school in the cluster - FALSE
- Your catchment school is always your nearest school - FALSE
- Your child is guaranteed a place at your catchment school - FALSE
- Places are held back in case families move into the area – FALSE



If your child was born between:	Apply for:	Apply from:	Closing date:
1 Sept 2016 and 31 Aug 2017	Nursery 2020	10 Jul 2019	18 Sept 2019
1 Sept 2015 and 31 Aug 2016	Reception 2020	6 Nov 2019	15 Jan 2020
1 Sept 2008 and 31 Aug 2009	Secondary 2020	25 Sept 2019	27 Nov 2019

BIG JUMP IN RECYCLING

The introduction of smaller bins across Newport is being credited with a big boost in recycling figures.

Newport City Council's cabinet member for city service, Councillor Roger Jeavons, welcomed the news as he praised local residents for playing their part in seeing recycling figures increase to 69.9 per cent in the first quarter this year compared to 56 per cent for the same time last year.

"We appreciate there was some resistance to the changes in the beginning but the latest recycling figure of 69.6 per cent show it was the right decision and everyone should be very proud that we are doing our bit to help the environment and reduce waste," said Cllr Jeavons.

GRANTS BOOST FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Joanna Iwanowicz established her graphic design business Ilove Designs in April 2017 and now employs one person at her workshop on Corporation Road.

Newport City Council assisted her with a grant towards her rent and a large format printer.

Ilove Designs offers design and production of printed materials and clothing, logo and web design, as well as vehicle sign writing, premises signage, laser cutting and engraving.

Joanna was very grateful for the helping hand from the council.

"I was able to invest in a brand

new machine instead of a second-hand one which has been a massive advantage to production."

She took on her employee through Jobs Growth Wales and is now looking to employ more staff.

Councillor Jane Mudd, the council's cabinet member for regeneration and housing, recently visited Ilove Designs and met Joanna.

"It is wonderful to see creative ventures setting up in the city and I'm pleased that the council was able to help Joanna grow her business. I wish her even more success in the future."

Councillor Mudd also chatted to ambitious Ameer Shabbir who is building a high-end events business

from its base in Newport.

His new business presently stages a few thought-leadership events each year for the HR industry, bringing together leaders in the field.

He is currently looking to recruit new staff and within three years his business plan predicts on-boarding of 12 staff and a £1 million turnover.

Corporate Events Solutions has been supported by a business grant from the council and a business support grant from the Tata Steel subsidiary UKSE.

Martin Palmer of UKSE commented:

"We are delighted to be supporting this ambitious and far-sighted business, which is aiming to create jobs in Newport as it grows. It has a clear business model which should provide a good basis for

expansion in the future."

The council's business services team are able to offer expert advice to new and expanding businesses as well as those looking to relocate to the city – visit www.newport.gov.uk/business for more information.



► Cllr Jane Mudd & Joanna

HELPING HAND FOR THE HOMELESS

Newport has a number of organisations working to help those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or living on the streets.

As part of its role, the city council's housing needs team works hard to help families and individuals that find themselves in such difficult circumstances.

People who are homeless and approach the council are immediately helped to find emergency accommodation and then assisted with longer-term solutions.

Working with partners, the council has a number of effective procedures aimed at preventing and alleviating homelessness across the city and rough sleeping forms part of this work.

The council also works closely with specialist charities such as Eden Gate, the Wallich and the Olive Branch as they recognise that there are some very vulnerable people in society who need support, practical help and focussed assistance in order to break the cycle of homelessness.

Eden Gate has operated an emergency Night Shelter during the winter months for 10 years. The shelter has proved successful not

just providing a safe space to sleep but also in providing a route out of homelessness. With additional funding the shelter has now been extended to cover the rest of the year.

It relies heavily on volunteers and donations from the public. Eden Gate has launched a "sponsor a bed" scheme to help fund the support needed to help users access resettlement or rehabilitation services.

For more information about the scheme, or volunteering opportunities, visit www.edengate.org.uk

The Olive Branch aims to relieve the needs of homeless adults, or those at risk of homelessness, through its drop-in centre providing food, drink, shelter, warmth, replacement clothing, bathing facilities, companionship, advice, signposting and support.

The registered charity is also appealing for volunteers and more information about the organisation can be found by visiting <https://alisonolivebranch.wixsite.com/theolivebranch>

Getting people off the streets, keeping people off the streets and creating opportunities for people are the three core objectives of The Wallich.

It began its work in Cardiff in 1978



► Picture for illustration purposes only

and now operates in most council areas in Wales. It specialises in providing services for people with multiple, complex needs who are often excluded from other services and have difficulty in accessing accommodation.

One of its projects in Newport is the Rough Sleepers Intervention Team (RSIT) which provides an outreach service and drop-in centre

for street homeless people.

The team delivers humanitarian aid, support and advice to people that are sleeping rough or vulnerably housed within the city.

The drop-in centre provides a safe environment off the street to facilitate support work. As well as access to a telephone and computer, help is given

to complete forms, applications and referrals to partners in relation to their current needs. The Wallich are happy to offer volunteering opportunities to individuals looking to get involved in alleviating homelessness.

More information available on the homelessness page on the council website.

CHECK OUT CAE PERLLAN ALLOTMENTS

A large allotment site which was overgrown and unused has been brought back to life and will soon be supplying food for Newport Foodbank – thanks to staff from Newport City Council, local businesses and volunteers.

The Cae Perllan allotment site manager Del Brooks has worked hard to pull the project together and so far five of the rejuvenated allotments are now being sponsored by local firms.

However there is still plenty of space for individuals and groups to also take on an allotment for their own use.

Councillor Deb Harvey, the council's cabinet member for culture and leisure praised volunteers, businesses and council staff for their work on the Cae Perllan site.

"The work that has gone on at the site is a tribute to the hard work of Del

Brooks, volunteers, local businesses and council staff. On behalf of Newport City Council I would like to thank everyone involved in this great community initiative.

Businesses can sponsor a plot for £60 a year but would ideally commit for two years because of the time it takes to prepare the allotments and grow produce.

If anyone would like to get involved in this project or is interested in taking on their own allotment please email **delbrooks.caeperllanallotments@outlook.com**

The council also has a wide variety of allotments around the city available for rent. Visit <http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Leisure-Tourism/Allotments/Allotments.aspx> for a list of sites and for more details on how to go about being an allotment holder.



Grounds maintenance team pictured left to right Phil Evans, Andrew Price, Wayne Davis, Frank Rundle and Cliff Mullen.

WHAT'S ON



RIVERFRONT THEATRE
01633 656656
www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront

21 September, 7.30pm
ShowaddyWaddy

25 September, 7.30pm
An Evening with Lesley Garrett

27 September, 8.15pm
Comedy Shed

2 October
Sinfonia Cymru, lunchtime concert

NEWPORT MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
01633 656656
www.newport.gov.uk/heritage

Until 4 January 2020
Exhibition: Hallowed Land – the stories of saints and pilgrims and the Newport landscape they travelled.

LIVING LEVELS
01495 353363
www.livinglevels.org.uk

25 September, 10am-12pm
Walk: Pillgwenlly Past and Present – booking essential

28 September, 11am-3pm
Rugged Romans and Muddy Monks: Levels History day in the grounds of Tredegar House

DOLMAN THEATRE
01633 263670
www.dolmantheatre.co.uk

17-21 September, 7.15pm
Newport Playgoers Society:
Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

25-28 September, 7.15pm
Young Venture Players:
Aida

NEW LOOK FOR CHILDREN'S RESPITE CENTRE

Children and families attending the annual summer fete at Oakland House in Rogerstone in the summer had an extra special reason to celebrate.

It marked the official opening of the refurbished home thanks to the city council and funding from the Welsh Government's integrated care fund (ICF).

The improvements include a new layout and rear extension to give the children more space, better access to the garden, two new "pods" where children can relax and a complete refurbishment of the interior.

Adjustable worktops in the kitchen mean children in wheelchairs can take part in cooking activities and the larger sensory room

has under floor heating.

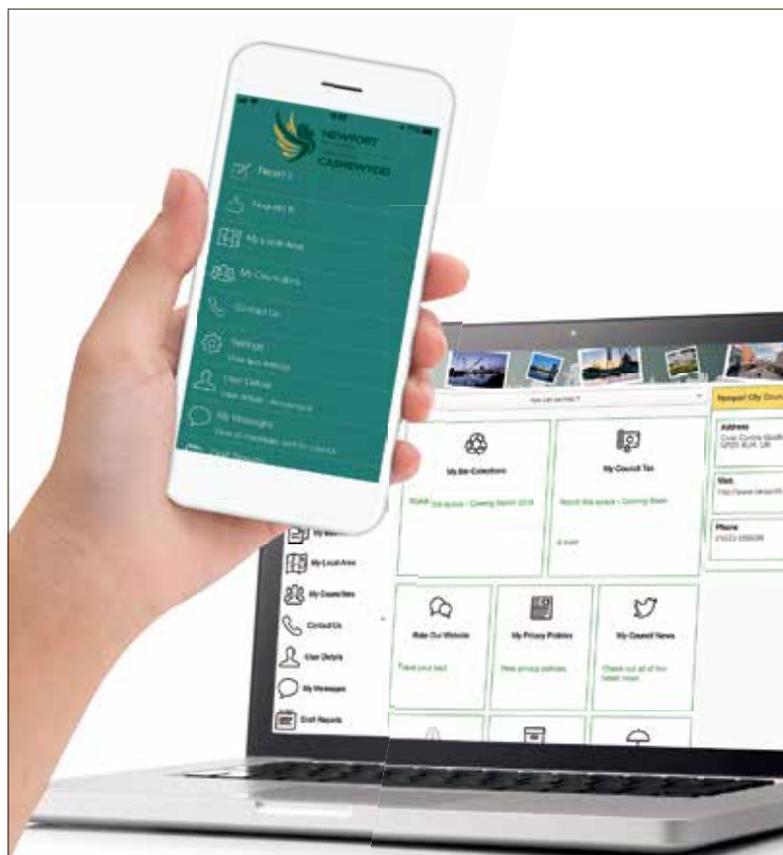
Oakland House provides planned overnight short breaks for children and young people with a severe disability in a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment as well as a day service.

Councillor Paul Cockeram, the cabinet member for social services, said: *"The feedback from families following the reopening has been extremely positive and we would like to thank everyone for their patience while the work was taking place.*

"Parents and carers are amazing but do sometimes need a short break from those caring responsibilities. However, it is important that the children have an enjoyable experience when they visit or stay in Oakland House and these improvements will help to make those experiences even more special."



Sensory room at Oaklands House



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