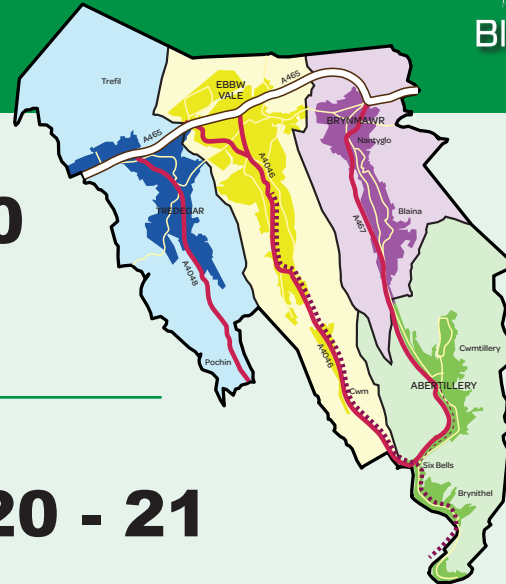
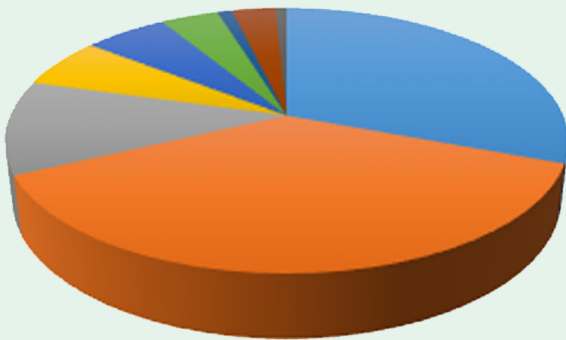


Blaenau Gwent Key Facts



Population c 69,000

Council Budget 2020 - 21



- Social Services
- Council Tax Support
- Leisure
- Regeneration
- Environment
- Schools & Learning
- Finance & Governance
- Highways & Transport
- Planning

£54.4 million Schools and Learning is the biggest budget

5% increase in funding 2020-21 going directly to schools

Schools - 25 schools

- 2 are 3-16 Learning Communities
- 1 Foundation Comprehensive
- 1 Comprehensive
- 1 x 3-18 Special School
- 1 x 3-16 SEBD Special School
- 19 Primaries (of which 4 are voluntary aided / faith schools)

Areas where good progress has been made:

- School inspection and school categorisation profile has improved significantly with no primary schools in follow up and excellent practice identified in a number of schools;
- GCSE L2 English and Capped 9 improved;
- GCSE A*/A grades improved in English and Maths;
- Post 16 A-level A*-C and A*-E grades were greater than all-Wales means;
- Value-added progress in English and Maths, reading and numeracy for our 7 and 11 year olds have improved;
- The Youth Service exceeded that of the all-Wales means for reach and accredited learning outcomes ;
- Primary persistent absenteeism reduced to below that of the all-Wales means;
- Permanent exclusions reduced;
- Commitment to the 21st Century schools capital programme;
- The Council and EAS are evidencing improving value for money.

Areas where further improvement is required:

- Higher levels of language acquisition in our very young children in the early years;
- Improved attainment of eFSM pupils and particularly our more able pupils in the early years and throughout education;
- Improve school attendance;
- Progress between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, particularly in English, Maths and Science;
- Further improving provision for pupils with additional learning needs;
- Continuing the work with two schools in an Estyn category; and
- Reduce school exclusions and support parents/carers who opt to Elective Home Educate (EHE).