OD Strategy 2015-2020 Progress

Organisational Design

- Alternative service delivery models; Leisure Trust, Shared Resource Service for IT, Hosted services e.g. South East Wales Adoption Service and Blaenau Gwent/Caerphilly Workforce Development Service
- Fundamental review of senior management structure and organisational design

Pay & Reward

- Introduction of Foundation Living Wage April 2018
- New NJC Pay Spine April 2019
- Pay Policy based on performance implemented in schools
- All equal pay claims resolved

Performance Management

- Performance Coaching to include 360 degree appraisal for managers
- Implementation of employee and manager self-serve for the iTrent HR/Payroll system
- Annual reviews of sickness absence – improvements to processes and policy

Culture

 Leadership Development Programme 2016/17 aimed at shifting managers to leaders

Engagement & Consultation

- Staff surveys used to identify organisational areas for development and improvement
- Reintroduction of Managers Brief and Staff Newsletter
- Manager's Conference October 2019
- Embedded Trade Union Consultation and Engagement Framework

Employee Relations

- Minimal industrial action and claims to employment tribunals
- Trade unions engaged in transforming Blaenau Gwent projects and service reviews
- Fundamental review of Trade Union Facilities Arrangement, Engagement and Consultation Framework

Organisation Learning

- Core competency Framework in place
- All Wales public sector platform in place
- Supporting professionalization of the workforce in social care
- Apprenticeship options integrated into recruitment and development approaches across the organisation

Wellbeing

- Managers toolkit to support managers managing stress/mental health
- Range of wellbeing and family friendly policies for staff
- Fundamental review and improvements in occupational health provision

Improving Performance in Schools

- Partnership arrangement strategically shaping the approach to human resource management in schools
- Significant review of policies and alignment to Council policy
- New delivery models; Ebbw Fawr 3-16 Learning Community, Abertillery 3-16 Learning Community, Riverside Special Education Needs School 3-16

Equality and Diversity

- Gender pay reporting in place the Council has a female bias this includes at a senior management level
- Recruitment processes has guaranteed interview for those with a disability
- Positive Disability Award awarded by the Department for Work and Pensions
- Various awareness training e.g. religion, Violence Against Women, Domestic and Sexual Abuse, Mental Health, etc

Elected Members

- Performance review process in place with a competency framework
- Elected Member induction
- Elected Member mentoring framework

