

# #HereForSwansea – over the past year we've invested in all this for you and more...



We're the best-performing recycling city in Wales, recycling or re-using almost 77,000 tonnes of waste – a 71.8% recycling rate



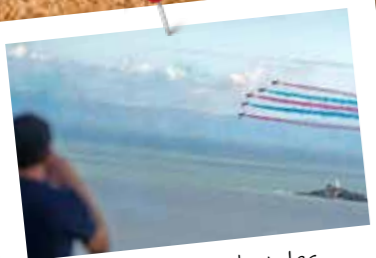
10,000 pupils enjoyed access to free school meals with charges frozen for everyone else



We spent more than £2m tackling litter and fly-tipping



We spent £36m creating new council homes and upgrading others



Ironman and Wales Airshow helped attract 4m visitors, boosting tourism business income to £0.5bn



More than 6,400 potholes fixed and road improvements for every community in our £5m highways programme



Our 75-mile active travel network has been extended with three new routes for even more walkers and cyclists to enjoy

## Where the money came from:

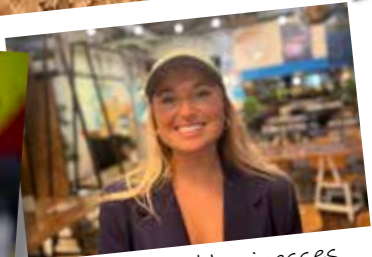


## What we spent the money on:

- \* Education, including budgets for schools: **£214.5M**
- \* Social Services (Including Poverty & Prevention): **£157.0M**
- \* Place – e.g. Waste, Culture & Highways: **£62.7M**
- = \* Back Office services: **£50.0M**
- \* Repayments on borrowing: **£38.9M**
- \* Levies paid to other agencies from council tax collections: **£18.4M**
- \* Council Tax Support: **£24.6M**
- \* Contributions from reserves: **£6.5M**



Don't forget the average increase in fire service charges for 2024/25 will be around 9% - adding £1.2m to the council tax in Swansea.  
 In 2023/24 £17.1m – about 3% of our funding – was spent by the fire service after a 17% increase in its charges.



We boosted businesses and visitors with some of the cheapest city centre parking in Wales



More than 350,000 visitors to Swansea Arena have helped boost our city centre's £164m transformation



50 new play areas completed with more to come in our £7m upgrade programme



We're now taking care of all of Swansea's war memorials



Around 700,000 rides completed so far in Wales' first school holiday free bus ride offer



We're creating a new prom and seawall for Mumbles with £17.3m committed so far



We've put up more than 100 new bus stops in a city-wide modernisation programme



We've invested £128m in new schools and upgrades and a £7m sports barn at Cefn Hengoed



We spent more than £157m looking after older people and vulnerable children



Families and communities got more than £1.2m in grants and other support to help them through the cost of living crisis



We pledged £1m for a new era of skate parks across our city



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