

Partnership Statement

Vale 2030

Strong Communities with
a Bright Future

Our commitment to those working with us

Our vision 'Strong Communities with a Bright Future' is the Council's ambition to create a Vale of Glamorgan with strong, happy and healthy communities, where every member of our community feels valued, supported and able to live their life to the full. We want to work closely with our communities and to create and foster good relationships with all community partners. This includes third sector organisations, community groups, town and community councils, social enterprises, public bodies and businesses.

Our values are **open, together, ambitious and proud** and we are committed to ensuring that these are reflected in how we work with others.

Open

In working with the Council, you can expect us to:



- ▶ Be respectful, open, and honest, providing opportunities for you to be involved in the decision-making process at different stages – and for your voice to be heard in what we do and the way we do it.
- ▶ Provide you with plenty of time and different ways to offer feedback when we engage and consult on Council plans.
- ▶ Be open about what is and isn't possible and explain the reasons why.
- ▶ Share with you clear and timely information, for example, on available grant aid and opportunities for commissioned work, providing you with easy-to-follow guidance and wherever possible advance notice of opportunities.
- ▶ Clearly outline our expectations around monitoring, timeframes and eligibility, ensuring these are fair and where possible mindful of your organisation's resources.



Together

In working with the Council, you can expect us to:



- ▶ Recognise we can achieve more by working with others and we want to ensure you have confidence in working with us.
- ▶ Provide a range of opportunities for you to be represented on different committees and forums.
- ▶ Promote volunteering opportunities and initiatives, recognising the positive impacts volunteers have on our communities.
- ▶ Maximise our funding and resources through partnership working.
- ▶ Take and encourage evidence-based decisions which clearly demonstrate need.

Ambitious

In working with the Council, you can expect us to:



- ▶ Embed placemaking across our activities to ensure a strong focus on both people and place.
- ▶ Be forward-thinking and keen to engage with lots of different organisations to solve problems and maximise opportunities.
- ▶ Be responsive to your ideas and concerns, with easy and clear contact points in our departments.
- ▶ Encourage communities to be involved in operating assets and services locally.

Proud

In working with the Council, you can expect us to:



- ▶ Respect our diverse communities.
- ▶ Offer equality of opportunity and ensure that equity and fairness are at the heart of what we do and how we do it.
- ▶ Celebrate our Welsh heritage and culture.
- ▶ Understand the distinct strengths and diverse nature of our partners.
- ▶ Work with you to enjoy, enhance and be proud of our area and its natural environment.
- ▶ Forge new relationships and new ways of working.

By working together, we will transform how services are provided in line with the Well-being of Future Generations Act and ensure we are all proud of our legacy.

