

## **CABINET STATEMENT**

**TITLE: Social Care Accolade Awards**

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I am pleased to inform Members that Rhondda Cynon Taf Council has been recognised nationally for its sterling work in relation to Social Care at the recent Social Care Accolade Awards. The awards are presented to teams, partnerships and organisations which have improved social care and early years and childcare by investing in the learning and development of their people.

There were six categories with this Council leading the way by being awarded three of them:

### **Better Outcomes Through Working Together**

For a joint initiative with South Wales Police for an interactive workshop for young people to raise their awareness of how anti-social and discriminatory behaviour can affect vulnerable people in the community

### **Developing a Sustainable Workforce**

For becoming the first local authority training centre to offer work-based qualifications in childcare for early years practitioners. Innovative measures such as support sessions and drop-in surgeries helped people fit in training with working patterns and family life.

### **Excellent Outcomes in the Care of Older People**

For a one-year partnership project with Dementia Care Matters and Clydach Court Care Home to improve care for residents with dementia.

Two other Rhondda Cynon Taf projects were also nominated as finalists demonstrating the quality of social care work being undertaken in Rhondda Cynon Taf. It is fantastic for Rhondda Cynon Taf to receive such recognition and I would like to congratulate all officers involved for their continued hardwork and dedication.