For **2013 – 16** the council's objectives are to:

Create a great place for learning and opportunity

- Ensure that every place of learning is rated "Good" or better
- Raise levels of aspirations and attainment so that local residents can take advantage of job opportunities in the local area
- Support families to give children the best possible start in life

Encourage and promote job creation and economic prosperity

- Provide the infrastructure to promote and sustain growth and prosperity
- Support local businesses and develop the skilled workforce they will require
- Work with communities to regenerate Thurrock's physical environment

Build pride, responsibility and respect to create safer communities

- Create safer welcoming communities who value diversity and respect cultural heritage
- Involve communities in shaping where they live and their quality of life
- Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and safeguard the vulnerable

Improve health and wellbeing

- Ensure people stay healthy longer, adding years to life and life to years
- Reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing
- Empower communities to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing

Protect and promote our clean and green environment

- Enhance access to Thurrock's river frontage, cultural assets and leisure opportunities
- Promote Thurrock's natural environment and biodiversity
- Ensure Thurrock's streets and parks and open spaces are clean and well maintained

2013 – 16

"Thurrock: A place of opportunity, enterprise and excellence, where individuals, communities and businesses flourish"

For full details of the Council's Corporate Plan and information about all our services including those which you can now receive online see the council's website thurrock.gov.uk

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Achievements in 2012 – 13

Council services have seen a good year of achievement. It has been a busy year...

The Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) was rated the **best** in the country

The Planning Service was ranked **3rd best** in the country for turning around planning applications

The **Big Energy Switch** campaign registered around 1,000 residents enabling various energy bill discounts

Construction started on the new **Learning Campus** in Grays, due to open in September 2014

All main roads were **kept open** throughout the winter, despite the weather conditions

36 illegally let council homes were brought back into use

There were 4 Business Breakfasts/Conferences involving over **300 local business people**

Flytipping reduced by over **24%**

Lowest Council Tax in Essex ... again

Building Positive Futures - **£1.3 million grant** won to deliver first class housing for older people

3,200 potholes filled

Streets are **cleaner** than ever before with ratings better than national levels

A new community hub, the South Ockendon Centre, opened

The Big Lunch at Grays Town Park was attended by over **500** residents in July 2012

"GOOD" Fostering, Safeguarding and Looked After Children teams says Ofsted

£4.3m funding secured for growing Thurrock businesses

New **Joint Thurrock Compact** agreed with community, voluntary and faith sectors

First 19 **new council homes** built in a generation with 200 more promised each year

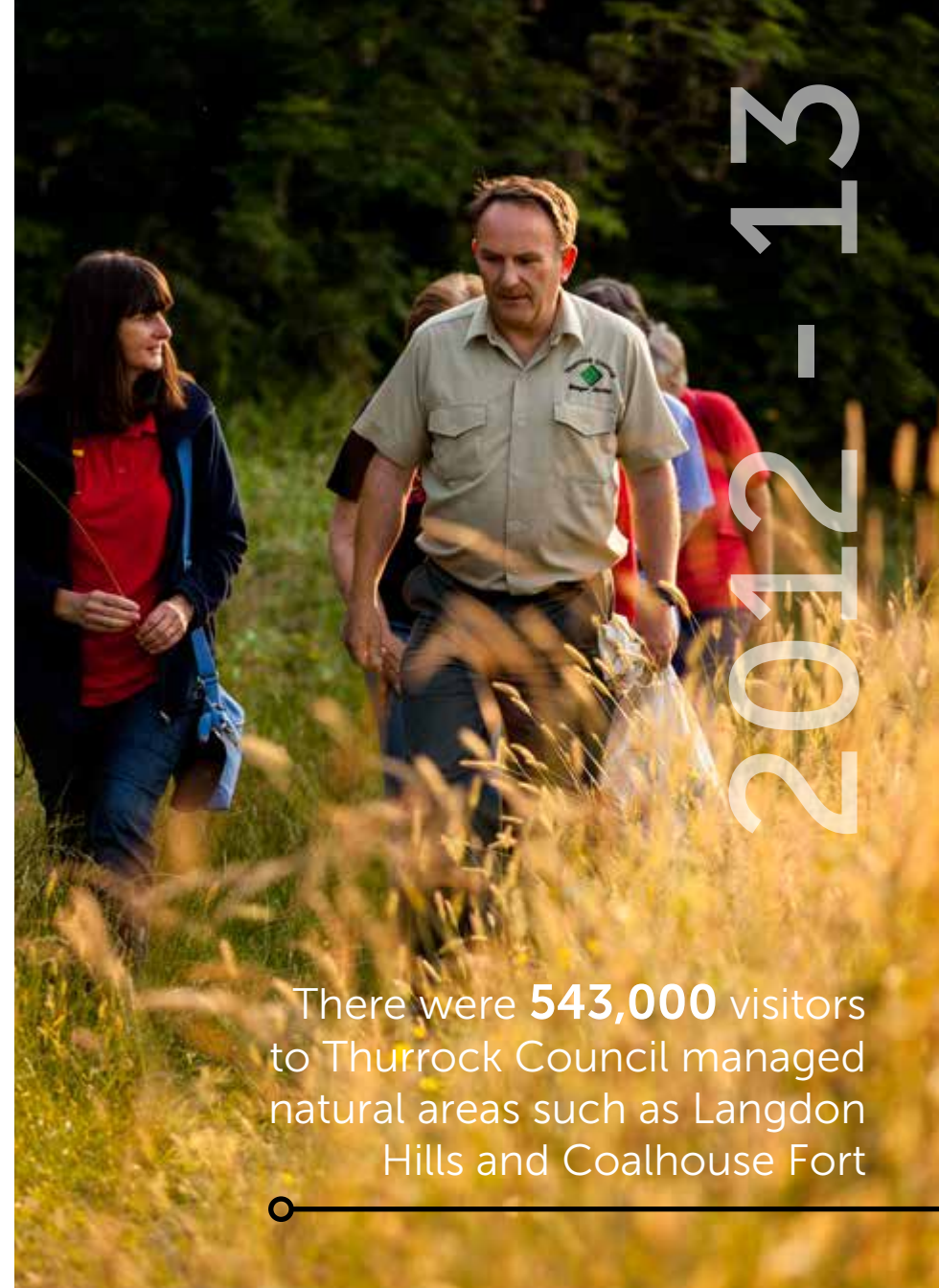Secured **£1 million Big Local Lottery Funding**

Olympic Torch Relay saw **25,000 people** line Thurrock streets which were dressed with 6,000 metres of community bunting

Launched the new **Travel Thurrock App** for smart phones

Achieved **Gold** Investors in People status

Nursery and infant children are now performing at or above national average

...and we managed to deliver **£30million savings** over the past 3 years

2012 - 13

There were **543,000** visitors to Thurrock Council managed natural areas such as Langdon Hills and Coalhouse Fort

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