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Future Generations Advisory Panel Meeting 27th July 2016

Background and purpose of the meeting

The Future Generations Advisory Panel (FGAP) is a Panel of 11 elected Members. The primary purpose of the FGAP is to promote the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of residents of the county borough by providing guidance and advice to the Authority on the work required as part of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. This includes ensuring that this work is undertaken in accordance with the “sustainable development principle”, and does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The FGAP has two areas of activity; Caerphilly County Borough Council’s contribution to the Public Services Board, as part of the Authority’s duty to act collaboratively; and the duties relating directly to Caerphilly County Borough Council as a public body. This will include consideration of the Authority’s compliance with its statutory duties under the Act.

Method

At their meeting on the 27th July 2016 the FGAP undertook a one hour workshop, facilitated by the Corporate Policy Unit. Eight Members were present. The workshop was facilitated by Paul Cooke (Senior Policy Officer) and Vicki Doyle (Policy Officer)

The key aim of the meeting was to capture the views of members of the Panel on the a vision for Caerphilly County Borough for the future and to prioritise what the Panel feel the Public Services Board should focus on to create the Caerphilly WE want.

The discussion was broken down into two sections. The aim of the first session was to capture what the Panel would like Caerphilly County Borough to look like in 25 years’ time with a focus on *why* and *how* these changes are important. Of the key changes identified, the second part of the discussion focussed on prioritising what the Public Services Board should focus on to create the Caerphilly WE want.

Summary of Key Discussion Findings

A number of key themes ran through the discussion. The following were seen as key priorities:

Jobs

- No unemployment
- Increase in tourism

Health

- Preventative work – keeping people healthy
- Sustainable and accessible social services

Education

- Confident, motivated, well-educated individuals

Transport

- Integrated transport
- Cycle paths and footpaths

Housing

- Suitable housing that meets the needs of the population

Population engagement

- Communities and individuals feel part of the process and are engaged

Each person was given 3 votes and the totals for each issue were recorded

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
• JOBS	Need to increase the % in work or contributing through volunteering	6
• HEALTH	Preventative work – keeping people healthy	6
• EDUCATION		6
• HOUSING		2
• TRANSPORT		1
• POPULATION ENGAGEMENT	Ensure that communities and individuals feel part of the process and are engaged	1

Full details of the discussions can be found in **Appendix 1**.

Appendix 1

Question 1: What are the best things about the county borough and why?

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively safe – low crime • Parks and green spaces, links to health • Relatively small area, good community spirit • Good leisure facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - leisure, libraries, arts • Lots of historical buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - castle, churches • Access to shops – Supermarkets to smaller shops • Strong feeling of heritage and culture • Strong communities that stand together • Volunteers • Proximity to Cardiff • Infrastructure – good but do we need to do more? • Rail network is good • Frequency of bus service is good (during day) • Good schools • Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr – some good services but lack of A & E • Good local government • Tourist attractions • Good range of eating places <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cheap for OAPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compared with other areas - Low crime levels - preventative info from police 	

Question 2: What are the worst things about the county borough and why?

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of integrated transport • Deprivation issues • Inadequate access to doctors surgery – number of doctors, ability to make appointments • Primary care facilities poor in some places • Mental health issue • YYF underused • Lack of community care provision • Congested road network • Lack of “Cyfarthfa Retail Park” • Poor IT infrastructure • Lack of good quality well paid jobs • Poor skills • Lack of youth activities • Health profile is poor • Teenage pregnancies • Lack of suitable housing – stock doesn’t meet needs of population – need full range • Lack of good quality restaurants • Empty shops • Lack of smaller industrial units • Tired town centres – variety of shops • Lack of sports facilities in some communities • Closure of banks • Not enough ‘bobbies on the beat’ • Too much reliance on on-line services • Dependency culture - heavily reliance on benefits 		

Question 3: What do you want YOUR Caerphilly to look like in 2040?

If you were to step out of a time machine in 25 years what would you like to be different and why? (Images of 1990's and now to show how much things can change in that timescale?)

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work, leisure, health, transport • High quality housing (social) & private • Changes in the climate • No unemployment • Integrated transport system • Decline in population • Lower birth rates • More equitable society • No more increases in pension age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may depend on life expectancy • Every working age person has a vegetable patch • Increase in tourism • Good cultural opportunities • Sustainable and accessible social services • Less vehicles on the road • Driverless cars – no need for own • House robots • Confident, motivated, well-educated individuals • Real money not virtual! • Maintenance of democracy • Climate change migrants 		

Question 4: Which issues should the Public Services Board solve first and why?

Which of the things you have just discussed do you think the Caerphilly Public Services Board should work on first? And why?

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