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‘Shout Out’ Looked after children group 21st September 2016

Background and purpose of the event

The Shout Out group is a monthly support meeting for those who are 16 - 21 and leaving care or have previously been in Caerphilly county borough councils care. This group and other support sessions are designed to assist their transition to independence

This short 1 hour workshop is one of a range of workshops and workshop packs that were developed to give residents, organisations and groups a chance to say what makes the biggest difference to their wellbeing and what is good and bad about the borough. As those attending came from all round the borough we considered the borough as a whole for this workshop.

Method

At the September Shout Out group, 3 children and one support worker to part in the short workshop to give their views on the future of Caerphilly, and to describe the Caerphilly They Want in 2040. The workshop was facilitated by Mandy Keenan (Policy Officer).

The workshop was split into three sections, which looked at:

- What is the Top (best) thing about where you live
- What is the Pants (worst) thing about where you live

- Followed by a more detailed conversation about the best & worst things

- What would you like your community to be like in 25 years
- Choosing priorities for action

For the first section, the group looked at what they liked and didn't like about where they live and why. They wrote the Top things about their community (what they liked) on the Tops template and the Pants things (what they didn't like) on the Pants templates, which were then hung on the washing line. We then discussed what they had written on the tops and pants templates in more detail.

In the final section asked them 'What do you want YOUR Caerphilly to look like in 2040. This was more of a challenge as they struggled to think 25 years ahead and then asked the group to prioritise which things should be done first.

Summary of Key Findings

A number of key themes came out during the workshop.

Jobs

- Local job opportunities – *“very little available for young people with low confidence”*
 - not a lot of variety
- A lack of voluntary placements or they are not advertised

Socialising

- The group felt Socialising/hanging out with friends is important
- Parks are important - Spend time with family and you can relax and be active
- *“Shopping because everyone loves shopping”*
- Lots to do if you're willing(and have a car or can afford)to travel around the borough
- Good events across the borough like *“Big Cheese - Fun day and makes a change to do something different”*
- There are not many activities for younger kids – there are lots on industrial estates but you need a car (should be in leisure centres) and often cost too much
- More shops - Big local brands like Costa local to socialise
- Restaurants and pubs - somewhere to go

Education

- Education is important - learning gives you a chance to get a good job
- No agriculture colleges locally yet big farming rural area

Transport

- Too much traffic especially in the morning that's slow making you late on bus
- Road conditions - pot holes - fixing poor timing seem to do it at busy times
- Transport links are poor for getting to school, jobs and training. Especially the east Valley and Risca-Blackwood-Blackwood-Caerphilly, Risca-Caerphilly

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

(1) Essential training for social workers before they work with young people

- What's important to YP (they have to re-tell the story each time, social workers should be prepared before meeting young people)
- Know kids' history including their Likes, dislikes and needs
- Continuity of care with social workers

(2) Free health care - good teeth so less dentist costs

(3) No cars (or less traffic)

- Electric, economic and less pollution - Driverless, voice activated (less accidents, take a rest/less stressful for long distances)
- But need an age limit of 16.
- Accessible for people with disabilities.

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

Photos from the workshop can be found in **Appendix 2**.

Appendix 1

What are the worst things about the borough and why?

Pants

- Pot holes - road conditions
- Transport links from east valley to Caerphilly for YP
- Local job opportunities - very little available for YP with low confidence - not a lot of variety
- Too much traffic on the roads in the morning
- Not many jobs, no cinemas, not many activities for younger kids
- Jobs
- Not that many places to go and visit and to walk
- Lack of - or not advertised - voluntary placements
- No agricultural college courses available locally, Usk being the closest

What's worst Discussion

- Not many jobs, especially catering and YP with low confidence, not much choice
- Too much traffic that's slow making you late on bus and pollutes atmosphere
- Road conditions - pot holes - fixing poor timing seem to do it at busy times
- Transport links are poor Risca-Blackwood-Blackwood-Caerphilly, Risca-Caerphilly, getting
- Lack of voluntary placements for young people, jobs are often limited to experiences

What are the Best things about the borough and why?

Tops

- Events
- Big Cheese - Fun day and makes a change to do something different
- Shops - Big local brands like Costa local to socialise & buy gifts
- Takeaways - Good range, treat/saves cooking, whenever you want it, accessible
- CCB - Has everything you could need if you are willing to travel

What's good discussion

- Education - learning gives you a chance to get a good job
- Restaurants and pubs - somewhere to go
- Socialising/hanging out with friends is important
- Parks - Spend time with families
- You can relax and be active

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

- (1) Essential training for social workers before they work with young people
 - What's important to YP (have to re-tell the story each time, should be prepared)
 - Mental health
 - Know kids' history
 - Likes and dislikes
 - Needs
 - Continuity
- (2) Free health care - good teeth so less dentist costs
- (3) No cars (or less traffic) - Electric, economic and less pollution - Driverless, voice activated (less accidents, take a rest/less stressful for long distances) But need an age limit of 16.
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See pop concerts for free (Chris Brown)

Food - Everyone should have enough food

Good roads and transport links - hover vehicles

Appendix 2

Two images were taken we are awaiting permissions to use the one with 4 people the two shot is ok to use.



