



Armed Forces Day 25th June 2016

Background and purpose of the event

Over 600 service personnel, including representatives from the British Army, Air Force and Royal Navy, as well as cadets and Armed Forces veterans form an impressive parade through the streets of Caerphilly town centre, after which a special Drum Head Service was held against the backdrop of the magnificent Caerphilly Castle.

This was followed by an afternoon of family fun on Owain Glyndwr Playing Fields where the area was taken over by a collection of military stalls and marquees, demonstrations, an events arena, licensed bar and much, much more.

Method

Staff from the Corporate Policy Unit (CPU) shared a marquee with colleagues from the Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum. CPU staff involved were: Mandy Sprague and Kath Peters

Over the event 13 short questionnaires were completed with residents of the county borough. The questionnaire had 4 sections:

- What are the best things about where you live and why?
- What are the worst things about where you and why?
- What do you want your communities to look like in 2040?
- Which issues should Public Services solve first to create the Caerphilly You want in 2040?

Summary of Key Findings

Due to the number of questionnaires completed it is not possible to report on themes from each of the 5 geographical areas, therefore please find below a summary of common themes from all surveys.

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Countryside / views Town and shops Family / good neighbours	Unemployment Drugs	To feel safe Better shops Cleaner / no rubbish	Jobs / employment Health services – improve hospital + doctors appointments Education Drugs and crime