

THE CAERPHILLY WE WANT

“Caerphilly We Want” Consultation - Response from Caerphilly 50 Plus

Strategic Direction

The approach taken in drafting the Plan is deficient in that there is:

- No reference to addressing needs of an ageing population even though that is one of the greatest challenges to society according to many commentators.
- No impact analysis of the demographic change in Caerphilly population and increasing numbers of very old people and increasing numbers with dementia and the services and support they will need
- No reference to creating age friendly communities (including dementia supportive communities)
- No mention of the substantial role of carers
- Whilst some of these issues may be implicitly included they need to be explicitly visible, otherwise you are “air-brushing” ageing out of the plan
- Whilst ensuring a good start to life for children is essential and this may help in later life, there cannot be reliance on this alone as a response to an ageing population. Research shows that a bigger influence on a “good old age” is the life course experiences of an individual and in particular major events that disadvantage them e.g. divorce, early bereavement of spouse, employment history, accidents, disability, financial crisis etc.

These issues should be addressed in the final published version of the document

Detailed Comments

- What is the timescale for publishing the final document?
- Will this be updated on a progressive basis or based on outcomes?
- The first five pages are a general and historical introduction with lots of references which may be useful.
- The six objectives were realistically arrived through consultation which Caerphilly 50+ participated in. The process of getting from 37 to 6 objectives was well managed fair and the groups were listened to.

Page 6 – How will it be delivered?

1. Shared commitment – the next phase must be establishing contact with the identified groups – how are they going to do this, where are they going to get the information about these groups from?

2. Involving communities – what methodology will be used to get to the grass roots who have no internet and do not read local papers and free papers? This relates to all ages and genders. The website is good if you have the patience to work it. How many children and young people know about the Junior and Youth forums, how is that message getting to those who need it?

3. What are the issues facing the county borough/ what identified areas? Sentence 3 and 4 are so convoluted they lack any coherent understanding. E.g. sentence 5 - what are the chosen actions and activities?

4. Greater methodology needs to be explained. How much is Happy City going to cost when we know what the problems are? How is this information to be gathered, how is the accuracy to be assured?

5. Research would suggest that the Performance Management Framework is used to monitor outcomes revisions, exceptions however it will need to be firmly applied as its structure is cyclic and not a referral system. This appears to have no time serve style of operation. i.e. out comes by when etc. This is a very protracted process and could need pushing but by whom? There is a need to view the monitoring scorecards to be able clearly to see where the outcomes will be recorded

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When will it be known about collaboration, reviewing and reporting procedures? Who determines the sponsor? What will be the process of selecting partner organisations, community groups and residents? What will be the composition of each working group?

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The CWW Delivery Plan

- This whole section needs to show “the how” all of this is going to be achieved. Will this come out in the next draft of the Plan?
- Under communications there should be regular publicised material, not only electronic to show develop/progress or not?
- Under working together perhaps an outline as how this is going to be achieved?
- Under procurement a system to monitor expenditure, through effective research, planning, costing and delivery.
- Under Asset management – a review/mapping exercise to see what is in existence and what can be used to save reinventing the wheel, which councils are very good at (the Adams report on Lansbury Park for instance).
- It is assumed the objectives of the range of senior partners are from their appropriate publications. Objectives are fine but aims to explain how to

achieve these objectives are extremely useful. This applies to all elements of the appendix.

- The National Strategy for Wales – Prosperity for All is an excellent document however the content does include aims and is very well explained – this should be utilised in the final version of the Plan

The CEO of a large manufacturer of passenger aircraft interiors was interviewed on TV recently. He was asked what he thought aircraft interiors would look like in 5 years' time. He was able to give a clear description of what he believed it would be and the development and investment his company required to achieve it. He didn't say he was going to put a consultation to BA, Ryan Air, and Easy Jet etc etc.

This should have been a view of "The Caerphilly You Are Going to Get". They should have started with an estimate of what would happen to budgets over the period. Of course they don't **know** what they will be; but make an estimate. Then take a high-level view and make judgements with clear targets.

How many Care Home beds will be occupied by Dementia sufferers?

How many more/less Care Home beds will exist in 5 years?

How long will patients stay in hospital be after they are fit to go home compared to today?

Define how home care to allow residents to remain in their own homes will change.

How many hours (average) will A&E patients be held on a trolley prior to admission compared to today?

What reduction/increase do they expect in violent crime?

Which crimes will the police ignore and what increase do they expect?

What the Council could then consult on is the priority to invest in if there is additional money or if they can find more efficient ways of working.

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