

Feedback Responses from Welsh Language Groups

Fforwm Iaith

Agreed with the Council's proposed Vision, Well-being Objectives and Commitments, apart from the Well-being Objective - Culture and Heritage, where they thought it could be improved. All in attendance (40) provided feedback on an area of importance that the network would like the Council to focus on. See below the feedback received. The response can be categorised by the feedback theme 'Culture' with a focus on the 'Welsh Language'.

"This needs to explicitly mention the Welsh Language as a priority area, to read Culture, Heritage and the Welsh Language / Diwylliant, Treftadaeth a'r Iaith Gymraeg. It should be mentioned as part of the Council's commitment and aspiration for the Welsh Language - to tie in with both statutory duties and wider commitment to Cymraeg 2050, Welsh Language Standards, WESP 2022-2032 etc".

"If one specific policy area is mentioned (Carbon Neutral by 2030) there should be parity with other essential policy areas / aspirations".

Cor Cwm Rhondda

Responded that they were unsure whether they agreed with the Council's proposed Vision, but they agreed with Well-being Objectives and Commitments. However, they did disagree with the Council's Well-being Objective – Culture and Heritage. All in attendance (50) provided feedback on an area of importance that the network would like the Council to focus on. See below the feedback received. The response can be categorised by the feedback theme 'Culture' with a focus on the Welsh Language.

"We feel the statement could acknowledge that we are in Wales/a Welsh area, and that Welsh language is used here. We also feel it could include reference to being a welcoming area to people of all backgrounds."

"We feel the Welsh language must be acknowledged more explicitly here, especially if we want to maximise the legacy of the Eisteddfod. We'd like to see the objective renamed as 'Culture, Heritage and the Welsh Language' to ensure the Welsh language is at the forefront of council strategy and normalised within the borough at all levels. We'd like to see 'linguistic' heritage added to the second bullet point too. We feel these changes would be more in line with the Well-being goals of the Future Generations Act itself too."