



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18 MARCH 2024

FEEDBACK FROM THE RCT YOUR VOICE SURVEY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide a presentation to Members on the results and key points of the Your Voice Survey 2022-23

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Scrutinise and comment on the information contained within this report.
- 2.2 Consider whether they wish to scrutinise in greater depth any matters contained in the report.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To give Members the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Your Voice Survey 2022-23.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Youth Service (YEPS – Youth Engagement and Participation Service) provide enriching opportunities and support services for young people across RCT to support young people aged 11-25 years to achieve their potential and overcome barriers to learning and progression.
- 4.2 The Youth Engagement and Participation Service (YEPS) provides the statutory Youth Service for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. This service is provided by a workforce of qualified staff made up of school based workers, community based youth workers, specialist youth work teams and skilled qualified part time staff.

- 4.3 YEPS offers young people 11-25 access to a variety of FREE youth work activities across a range of settings including schools, colleges, community settings and youth clubs. Young people can get involved by seeing their YEPS worker in schools, colleges, or via the [website](#).
- 4.4 YEPS provide information, advice and guidance to young people on a one to one basis (referral work) and/or group sessions.

5. YOUR VOICE YOUTH SURVEY

- 5.1 The Your Voice youth survey is usually taken every 2 years, but due to the pandemic, there has been 4 years since the last survey in 2018. Children and young people aged between 11-25 completed the survey in schools, colleges, youth clubs and other community settings across the county borough, representing the diversity of young people living, being educated or working in RCT.
- 5.2 The Children and Young people were given the opportunity to complete a series of interactive questions on a range of thematic areas, which were decided following consultation with other Council services
- 5.3 The Survey directly informs the planning of services for both the Council and partners to ensure the key priorities of people, places and prosperity are achieved with young people's views contributing to driving these forward
- 5.4 Attached at Appendix 1 to this report is a presentation which summarises the results to the Survey which was completed by almost 5,000 Young People across the County Borough, and includes data and information on feedback received in a number of areas including Education, Training, Employment, Information Advice and Guidance, Community Safety and Wellbeing

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 6.1 An Equality and Impact Assessment is not required as the contents of this report are for information purposes only.

7 WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no Welsh Language implications as the contents of this report are for information purposes only

8 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 There are no financial implications as the contents of this report are for information purposes only

9 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 There are no legal implications that need to be considered concerning the report.

10 CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 10.1 All work of the service is based upon consultation responses from young people, contributions from our internal youth workers and feedback from key delivery partners, such as Children's Services, Health, Education and the third sector, as a result of their own work with young people across RCT

11 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 11.1 The appropriate provision for young people aged 11 – 25 years across Rhondda Cynon Taf will make a positive contribution towards the Council's Corporate Plan vision of *'a County Borough that has high aspirations, is confident and promotes opportunity for all'*, as it will deliver against the specific priorities of *'People - Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone and 'Place - Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work'*.

- 11.2 Young people are a key cohort of our community as they are the next generation of Rhondda Cynon Taf. As such, they are a priority group under The Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. It is felt that this report, the survey findings and the subsequent developments that are occurring as a result, will contribute to all of the seven elements that the Act is aiming to achieve:

1. A prosperous Wales;
2. A resilient Wales;
3. A more equal Wales;
4. A healthier Wales;
5. A Wales of cohesive communities;
6. A Wales of vibrant culture and Welsh language;
7. A globally responsible Wales

12 CONCLUSION

- 12.1 A presentation which summarises the results to the Survey which was completed by almost 5,000 Young People across the County Borough, is attached at appendix 1 and seeks Members feedback and comments.

Other Information:-

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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