

Caerphilly County Borough Council Draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-2029 Consultation Report

APPENDIX 3: Open Ended Survey Responses

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Actively encourage schoolchildren to take part in regular physical activities - probably during school hours and also to encourage them to eat healthily and reduce time spent on gaming consoles which lead to more obesity. Another topic should be to advise children of the dangers associated with the use of drugs or similar substances and even the use of prescribed medicines/antibiotics and the advantages of allowing the natural build up of natural immunity to infections via good food.
Activities need to be accessible to all if centres are to close, then consideration needs to be given as to how the community can access their closest centre ... public transport needs to be improved upon with the facility to accommodate the disabled community.
all highly technical. how is Joe Public, & Dai Davies & others expected to understand all this 'jargon'
All strategies are saying that EACH community needs community/leisure facilities to enable healthier living - particularly elderly, retired people
Better healthy by encouraging people to leave their cars at home and by improving the incredibly poor public transport system.
Better maintenance of public footpaths.
Better outdoor facilities for athletics
Closing leisure centres will not achieve "better health"
Do not close any leisure centres
easy access for younger and older residents
Encouraging a healthier lifestyle is important. You won't do it by shutting facilities, making people travel further afield. You cannot put a financial restraint on people's wellbeing!
ensuring all individuals have equal access to leisure facilities
Facilities should be spread more evenly throughout the borough not just in the less affluent areas
Help young people to be active
Help/improve motivate the younger generations mental state of mind. Encourage social activities.
High population in and around Blackwood so why close Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre.
I am so afraid that the council will close Leisure centres in the future & this will have a detrimental affect on peoples health in The Caerphilly borough.
I do not agree with the strategy and believe Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith Leisure Centres should be protected. Cefn Fforest depraved ward where is the cost benefit analysis please?
I feel it is important to provide facilities that everyone can use. CCBC spends too much time encouraging cycling at Cwmcarn. I would like to see a more inclusive and balance strategy towards provision -by providing facilities for families, older people and the disabled or impaired. Ideally CCBC should support the re-opening of the Cwmcarn Forest Drive as it is a gateway through which the disadvantaged can access safe places to walk, cycle and generally enjoy the marvelous views in the locality of Cwmcarn and the Lower Ebbw Valley and, from the ridgeway above car park two, over into the Cwmbran and Vale of Usk.
I think it is better to concentrate on the 3 key outcomes outlined.
I think it is important to help support sporting activities like bowls. If you leave too much to volunteers these activities are likely to cease. Your plan for "better health" and healthier communities will then fail.
If you want healthier and more prosperous communities you need to invest - so there is an obvious paradox here!!
Improve the wellbeing of residents through provision of sport, leisure activities and green spaces
Keep leisure centres open
Keeping Facilities open
Mental health and wellbeing
More accessible- most sporting activities are expensive
More Physically Active Communities

My concern is the continued upkeep of Pontllanfraith sport centre as a place to fulfil the needs of the borough.
Need better playgrounds in Blackwood area. Showfield needs updating. This area is very poor for children's play areas compared to other parts of country.
People signed to attend Rehab classes should make an effort to attend and learn that keeping active is a major key to a better health life style.
Please consider the social aspect
Question is ambiguous
Safeguarding leisure services especially at a time of extensive new development as seen in areas like Pontllanfraith and Blackwood
supporting other non profit making sports facilities where people are unable to travel to council sites
Supporting sports that have lower numbers to increase up take and provide sustainability for those who already take part. Sports such as hockey rather than turning pitches to 3G
The closing of Cefn Fforest centre
The closure of Pontllanfraith LC will discriminate the community. As an OAP who plays badminton, attends classes and uses the gym, there will be nowhere easily and readily available if this centre closes.
The health and welfare of our community are an essential part of the councils duty. Therefore all existing health centres must be maintained.
The only outcome I wish to see is Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre remaining open because it keeps me healthy.
these labels sound good however not sure what they really mean
These sound ok but it all depends how these are delivered.
We need the leisure centres in Pontllanfraith AND Cefn Fforest to be kept open.
We need to keep the leisure centres open. Definitely Pontllanfraith leisure centre.
YES QUESTIONS ARE POORLY PHRASED PEOPLE WELLBEING - OF ALL AGES
YES - My main concern is for young members of my family who use the facilities more often than me e.g. swimming There are trick questions!! TO DEPRIVE CEFN FFOREST RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES OF SWIMMING POOL/KEEP FIT FACILITIES IS GOING AGAINST EVERYTHING THE WELSH GOVERNMENT WANTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF WALES, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!! THE SAME APPLIES TO PONT. LEISURE CENTRE
YES - You don't need the last one you can't put a loss on making people fit and healthy
YES THERE ARE OUTCOMES MISSING More co-operation with private sports clubs/classes is needed
You are not providing a Prosperous Communities' and 'Securing a more efficient and financially sustainable future provision' by charging people for use of country park and leisure facilities, which is causing dog walkers to use playing fields (Blackwood showfields) to allow their dogs to foul and cause nuisance. Closing local swimming pools does NOT meet the needs of local communities who may not be able to travel to other facilities.
you are promoting healthy lifestyles which i get 100% then on the other you are threatening to shut leisure centres charge for parcs so people can can pay for the privalage of walking on them ccbc you cant have it both ways people of the whole borough are skint lack of money so you are going to have to think of a way to work through this even though i support you 100% .

Question 22: Better Health. Are there any actions missing? Is there anything else we can do to support the outcome of achieving better health?

Joined up planning and development strategies. If its easier for people to use a car rather than a well laid out cycle route or pathway, they will. - "Inspiring our future generations" - everything in this area is for the future generations, which is of course good but the future generations look to their parents and guardians of the path to follow (not the local council)
A running track is in need 100%
Above agreed but why then is CCBC looking to eventually close Caerphilly, Heolddu, Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest leisure centres???!!!
Access for all & Private Gym Encouraged to Invest in Caerphilly - being able to access facilities any time of day to allow for shift workers etc. In addition, there is no action to promote 'private' gyms to the area and hopefully build on the financial sustainability and access for all themes. Ideally I think it would be fabulous to have a large private gym in the area that helps endorse the Council vision - there are in abundant in Cardiff and other cities. This would be fabulous for the 'middle' population as this strategy discusses youth and elderly but my feeling is to get the 'worker' out of the cold dark evenings into exercise after spending a long time in front of a PC.
Access to all residents to their local facilities
Access to gyms, clubs and classes for all. Currently there is very little available in Ystrad Mynach. Sue Noakes is only open for a few hours a day and only has a couple of classes a week. Caerphilly has all the best equipment, all of the classes and all of the funding. I have to drive to Caerphilly or Blackwood to find any physical activities for my children. There is demand for it - just look at how busy the Zumba classes in Hengoed Community Centre are.
Access to more at a lower cost / none family friendly spaces - parents do more - children will follow
Access to these services should be easy and quick both for abled bodied persons, who may have work and family commitments, and also disabled persons. If leisure centres are closed and nearby residents have to travel further, it will be very restrictive and likely to discourage residents from using the facilities.
Active from first steps..instilling active lifestyles in all children from day 1 a lot of classes are aimed at 3 and up. Some.activitoes could be provided to improve activity and engagement in children 2 and up at least
An all around approach - awareness of diet and exercise
At present the heart rehab is only a few weeks at gym ...i would like to see continued so as this would help to keep patients healthy also referrals of people with type 2 diabetes and try to get people to get into a regular pattern of exercise people are afraid to do most exercise on their own without healthcare professionals...I know the gyms are expensive but could patients pay toward cost ? Is there room at ystrad hospital for a facility?...also over 65 exercise classes which would be helpful to keep patients mobile...there is a lot of knowledge among young people about healthy lifestyles in schools etc..but there is a gap 65years...and up any exercise is beneficial to keep our older generation mobile...
Available to all,
Ban unhealthy food and drink in schools and hospitals etc. Cannot be brought in and cannot be purchased.
Better facilities and more places to go walking and Cycling
Better Health starts with learning about nutrition and food values, my son and quite a few of his friends scarily eat NO vegetables, they don't understand nutritional value, they understand sugar and have had everyone banging on about diabetes and obesity yet schools do not actively encourage learning unless you study food technology in GCSE or Sports Science, sports classes should encourage learning about food as well as the use of protein shakes etc maybe tie up sport & food encourage a better lifestyle choices then better health will follow.
Better inclusivity at an affordable price, engage more with local running clubs, especially new and

developing ones
Better lighting in outdoor facilities in the winter
Better outdoor provision for activities as individuals or as instructed guided groups.. providing benefit to CCBC residents and income from visitors to borough.
Better provisions to enable teenagers to use facilities - current transportation is inadequate to enable use of facilities without parents transport. Need more local sport centres with new up to date facilities. Anti social orders in place - provide kids the opportunity to participate in sports without having to join private clubs. Ebbw Vale has a great facility - Caerphilly borough has no such provision. Sport will help health issues spending less money in health / hospitals longer term.
Better roads/ tracks to encourage cycling to work and school
By not shutting down sports facilities
CCBC have repeatedly broken promises as to Leisure facilities. Stop Rhymney Valley councillors from moving (stealing) leisure facilities from their present locations.
Closing Cefn fforest and Pontllanfraith will have a negative impact on my ability to access the same facilities as I do presently to will impact upon my well being and mental health. I know these facilities are used by many to combat loneliness so I am certain that many of these people will succumb to depression and isolation once these facilities have been taken away from them. Myself included
Combat the obesity crisis and promote mobility in the elderly who may then require less support
Convenience for users
Creating a healthy active community (with an emphasis on community)
Creating a system and infrastructure to inspire athletic/sporting competition or excellence at a young age; with the aim of it's legacy being the inspiration of future generations... success breeding success, so to speak.
Do not attempt to close any of the Leisure facilities in the borough.
DO NOT CLOSE ANY LEISURE CENTRES IN CAERPHILLY. You want to promote healthy living by closing health centres!!!! I feel this is a very a hypocritical approach. Your wording of this document is quite misleading. Your are justifying closing leisure centers by hiding behind a healthy living strategy! It's disgraceful!!! Cutting to the chase you want to save money. Therefore I feel this is at the expense of residents who will have to travel further afield to access leisure facilities etc. Which will undoubtedly deter many!!
do not close any leisure centres this will impact greatly upon individual's mental and physical health.
Do not close leisure centres
Don't allow Hazrem to build their plant at nine mile point industrial estate. It's next to cycle path 45 along the sirhowy valley. You encourage people to exercise and go outdoors, breathing in deeply and with pollution from extra trucks and the plant, its a ridiculous situation.
Don't build houses In the countryside!! Our kids like playing and running around being active. Stop building and destroying our countryside.
DON'T CLOSE LEISURE CENTRES WITH FIRST ARRANGING FOR THE FACILITIES TO BE TRANSFERRED
Don't close Pontllanfraith leisure centre or Cefn Fforest swimming baths
Each community must be able to easily access their own places - near to their home
Easy and equitable access to sports/recreational facilities for all Caerphilly residents
Educating children & young people about the importance of being active to lead a healthy lifestyle
Educating people in how a healthy lifestyle can improve overall health, wellbeing and mental health and how looking after yourself is your own responsibility and can reduce need for services such as GP and hospitals later in life.
Education in schools.
Education on Better Health rather than just inspiring
Education, why we need to be physically active?
Encourage and support older people to exercise and take part in sports activities
Encourage families to eat healthier & take more ownership of areas of their health they have control

over through diet.
Encouraging business to support local clubs. Evaluating the services the council provide that are in competition with private business which put private businesses under hardship. Address this by evaluating what services could be outsourced to businesses who would have to commit to supporting better health in the community (internally in their own business / via sponsorship / via community voluntary action) which would become affordable. Undertake a cost benefit analysis of this option.
Encouraging people to eat healthier Not removing well used sports facilities
Encouraging schools to take part in more sporting activities like cluster sports and urdd tournaments and encouraging them to train and allow kids time to take part
Encouraging the best use of existing natural free outdoor spaces, such as countryside walking and safe cycling
Engage a specialist who can and will encourage participation in sporting activities in the workplace during working hours Have this person visit each and every business including every school within the borough
Engagement with schools. Integrated transport plans - eg cycle / walking links to Caerphilly Leisure Centre, Morgan Jones Park. Too many people drive to these locations.
Ensure activity opportunities are accessible and available in all communities.
Ensuring all individuals have equal access to resources especially those in deprived areas
Ensuring all members of the community have an equal opportunity to participate in activities and that they have an equal opportunity to access these activities
Ensuring people are encouraged by not travelling far, facilities on the doorstep. This helps all year round participation
Ensuring services are readily accessible and affordable for the communities they serve. Our communities will never be truly equitable due to their location, availability of work and access to equitable services. Cities and large towns always get the better deals (when generally, they are the more affluent places and more able to travel)?
Ensuring that opportunities for active recreation is available locally and in a not-for-profit manner available to all
Ensuring that there are adequate facilities available in towns and villages, rather than the 5 town centres getting everything
Exercise can play a big part in helping people, but please remember some people struggle with health issues and could take sometime to adapt to fiscal movement. Gentle exercise with supervision can play a big part in helping get a healthy plan started for some. From my own experience, one as to try and it just take time and confidence to get to a better place..
Exercise classes for older people
Exercise referral is the way forward, this needs to be priority.
Family activities and opportunities to take part in fitness as families
Free outdoor classes eg green gym, forest yoga
Fun,health outcomes can't necessarily be measured easily But fun and interaction is very important
Gender equality in use of sports and exercise facilities and classes. Too many are perceived as being single sex specific.
Get into schools
Getting rid of our public services this way is not the right way for better health as i think this way you are looking to reduce it already as deprived areas are going to lose out on their public services.
Giving better access to leisure centres and not talk of closing them all the time. Better children's parks with more challenging equipment for older children - this is nowhere in blackwood!
Greater support for local clubs to provide opportunities eg couch to 5k
Have leisure centres within easy access of everyone especially those without private transport
having attended Cardiac Rehab NERS and Pulmonary Rehab (COPD, Asthma suffer along with heart problems) fully support these programmes

having facilities within walking distance
Healthy diet and nutrition. Good work and lifestyle balance.
Healthy eating awareness Collective responsibility eg. litter collection
Help promoting small local fitness business to further aid the communities healthy lives
Highlighting the links between activity and long term health particularly mental health and well being
I am autistic and need to keep fit for my well-being. I feel the Council should help people like me to find facilities and people to help me get fitter . There should be fitness classes to attend .
I feel that physical activity referrals could be increased. I do not have knowledge of how many referrals are made, however, think it would be great if more GPs could refer patients to local amenities where increased exercise could improve ill health conditions. For example, Bedwas Swimming Pool is within several hundred yards of the Trethomas GP Surgery. I am aware that a number of ladies (myself included) attend Bedwas Swimming Pool (not on a referral basis) to swim and attend aquafit classes which allows us to exercise while suffering with ill health/rehab/injuries.
I have been a regular user of Heolddu Leisure centre since it first opened in the late 1970's. I would love to see a tennis court at the front of the centre alongside the " cage". There is plenty of room for a court there as the land is not used for anything. I don't think it would cost that much and would benefit the health and well being of the community. Please could this be looked into.
I think providing more exercise opportunities and giving children basic physical skills is the key to long term health. There HAS to be joined up thinking with schools and outside clubs.
I think that communities is a little misleading as the demographic region can be defined and manipulated to suit pre-determined needs and pre-conceived views of borough officers and administrators. I the term all communities across caerphilly would serve better. As there is a need in some of the more financially challenged and remote communities might not be able to afford travel costs to reach any merged services.
I think the provision of better safe cycling opportunities would also be a great steep forward, at the moment difficult to find the safe cycle trails and they are not joined up to enable people to get around safely on a cycle.
I'm not sure that shutting leisure centres will be effective. They could become the hubs for re-educating people and referral centres for those who need rehabilitation, support for those with obesity etc these centres are all in key areas ie; Cefn Fforest. The leisure centres I use are always busy and full of community atmosphere. It seems Wales has high rates of obesity yet we are making closures of centres that could prove to be lifelines. Cutbacks are always being made in this county and I have seen this more this summer than any other time with unemptied bins, waste and dog poo bins, grassy street gutters and overgrown areas yet money is wasted on efforts such as buying buses to cut trees back that end up in bus depots in Tirybirth.
If leisure facilities around my local area (Pontllanfraith/Blackwood) close, where many youngsters spend their free time in clubs or socialising in active sport such as football, I have no doubt antisocial behaviour will increase within the area and health deteriorate. How can this be good for communities?
I'm afraid that the council are deceiving us residents by closing both Cefn Forest and Pontllanfraith leisure centres!! The poor quality of the instructors which have been recently employed resulted in many members recently cancelling their membership since inadequately qualified instructors
improve cycle ways and add more. Keeping footpaths clear and litter free. Support existing sports club for children, helping to give access to all.
in relation to achieving better health CCBC should be investing in the existing Leisure Centres by providing better equipment and ensure that regular maintenance of the current equipment is carried out.
In relation to second statement above, it should not be just about "more". The provision should be pleasant and suitable to the need of the residents. There is no mention of the quality of this provision.
Inclusion for people with disabilities
Inspiring CURRENT generations to adopt healthier lifestyles
Inspiring young people to take part in team sports

Invest and support in the local leisure centre facilities giving local people the best possible and innovative centres with latest technology.
It needs to be more financially viable to use the facilities. Also us parents with small children would benefit from Crèche facilities within the leisure centres at set times during the day to allow us to attend classes and/or gym/swimming pool
It should be identified if the council has the expertise and staff capacity to implement these actions
It would help to link healthy eating and incidental exercise (walkable and cycle first neighbourhoods) to improve general levels of fitness. In Caerphilly town there is a real opportunity to create a network of cycle and footpaths (away from busy roads) that will help connect communities with facilities such as the leisure centre and town centre and address the over reliance on the motor car. I would like to see a network of "green routes" extended throughout the town and local countryside to help encourage more walking and cycling (a bit like having a 365day Centerparcs). These routes would pass places of work, schools, community centres etc.
Keep all leisure centers open instead of trying to sell the land for housing development, because more houses will require more leisure facilities...
Keep all leisure centres open!!!
Keep Cefn Fforest centre open
Keep our leisure centres open and improve facilities, where possible.
Keep Pontllanfraith LC open to support the local community to carry out variety of sports both individual and team sports both indoor and outdoor. Count number of cars in car parks to show usage.
Keeping all leisure centres open for freedom of choice for the public to use.
Keeping facilities accessible to all
KEEPING LEISURE CENTRES OPEN!
Keeping leisure facilities open
keeping the sporting centres and swimming pools open and not closing them.
Keeping young people of the streets and away from drugs.
Leave existing facilities available to all, as they are and keep well maintained.
Leisure Centres can be the hub for social interaction along with libraries.
Local health provision, where people can walk to their local pool or gym and make health part of their daily life
Loneliness and isolation are big issues in undermining good mental and physical health, especially in older people. Leisure Centres should provide more opportunities for social interaction e.g. cafes serving simple meals and advice on health and other community facilities.
Maintain and enhance current facilities.
Maintain investment in leisure provision. To help achieve better health Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest leisure centres must be kept open.
Make it cheaper and they will come! Have more corporate arrange with office based workers, who you would expect to have families which the child can look up to as a lifestyle of work and play!!
Make Leisure membership a more affordable price. Make country parks free, no parking charges.
Make outdoor spaces safer. Being active at any age does not necessarily mean organised programmes and it should be taken into account not everybody is sporty or enjoys team participation, this does not mean they cannot be physically active and healthy. Children should be able to play outdoors, in both parks and outdoor spaces which are clear from drug and drinkers' deitrus, general litter, and dogs' mess. Likewise, adults should be able to walk, jog, and cycle in a clean environment and not be threatened or frightened by dogs of irresponsible owners.
Make sure provision is maintained for people who already participate and enjoy sport.
Make the changing rooms more readily available
Making all the above affordable to all
Making exercise more affordable eg gym membership, swimming, hiring of badminton courts and zumba/yoga sessions. Not everyone feels safe exercising alone in open spaces and parks.

Making it fun. Encourage and advertise local football teams or running clubs. Advertising where people can find out about the activities In their local area.
Making people more healthy and not letting children miss out on childhood
Making these services assessable to all
Many people stay fit and healthy away from sports fields and leisure centres, it's been well documented that outdoor pursuits and education hit all of the targets set out in the draft. More provisions are needed to increase schools participation and the communities as a whole
Mental health and wellbeing
More and more people are turning to cycling as a means of transport and for leisure. By providing a to b safe cycle routes this will increase more rapidly (it is increasing anyway , but alongside that will new road traffic accident if nothing is done) . That does not mean dual purpose pedestrian and cycling paths it mean proper cycle routes where those who have already increased their fitness and continue to build on that new found energy, strength and enthusiasm for fitness. It is those people who are also more likely to take up another sport and encourage this lifestyle with their children.
More facilities in all area's . Some have more than others. Why can't Bryn field , Pontllanfraith have similar to Newbridge , ceanothus forest , crosskeys with outdoor gym as you walk with others to use . Even 4g pitch for rugby . If Pont has to close then there is enough space to build centre on Bryn and extra parking. There are not enough pitches for football/ rugby teams in area . Same situation for Cefm leisure where people and myself use regularly to swim. Need more rather than less
More facilities. Newbridge leisure centre is very busy and carparking is limited. I would use pontllanfraith but there is s limited number of classes available. Classes usually start after 6 and I know lots of people have said that they would prefer earlier classes so that they can come straight from work
more local smaller support
More parks and cycle lanes
More provision for older people on pensions
More support for individual classes
More unusual sports / fitness classes. To encourage people to try new and different ways to exercise, that will also encourage happiness.
Much, much more provision for adults in the 20/50 age range with special needs
My daughter enjoys running and being active. She currently accesses a dance class that isn't provided by CCBC. I hope to see more opportunities like dancing, athletics, gymnastics etc. For old-school children as there appears to be very little on offer for them, apart from swimming.
No
Not charging parking fees at local parks/ walks such as Parcs Cwm Darren / pen y fan as this could limit the number of time people can afford to go for walks / walk dogs etc!
Not closing leisure centres.
Not removing sport facilities
Not removing sports facilities
Offer the widest possible range of activities to encourage a wider audience
On the excersice referral schemme its a question of cost getting back and forth to the centres and hoping that the instructors are there as i went twice at a cost of £20 per trip so £40 of wasted trips as instructor wasnt there no apology either
One thing that I feel is missing from the Strategy is the need for a good quality network of well-maintained walking and cycling routes. Walking and cycling is a mode of exercise that people are able to fit into their daily lives, and is a great way for people of many different ages and abilities to get moving more often.
One to one support for those with disability and actively encouraging them on a one to one basis.
Open on bank hoildays
opening times and updating of equipment available. The need to change the spring and autumn clock changes. Most people would do more exercise in the winter if it wasn't dark so early

Opening up safer access routes for riders as the roads are so much busier these days. eg all safe routes to Penalta Park are locked and have horse traps on them. The park has a bridle path but to get to it you have to travel along a 60mph road in heavy traffic.
Payment to park the car is discouraging many people from now visiting these places.
People have to take responsibility for themselves. This should be an outcome. So many people smoke, drink and eat unhealthily and then expect the local authority and national government to fund services to cope with the effects of this unhealthy lifestyle. I was one of these people, so am not standing from a distance criticising. There are limited funds to go around and people who make unhealthy choices should not expect everyone else to pay to rescue them from those choices. I am not talking about drug or alcohol addiction here, but choosing inactivity and unhealthy food choices as a way of life.
Promotion of healthy lifestyle community groups (such as CAG)
Promotion of the services available - making people aware of what they can do.
Provide a full compliment of sites and services to deliver Better Health
Provide a more varied type of exercise class within small communities, i.e. I live in Deri, but all mother and baby/toddler sessions take place in Caerphilly or Cardiff, are massively oversubscribed and as a non-driver, very difficult for me to get to.
Provide a service local to users and not reliant on an already congested commute.
Provide an athletics facility for the borough - it's a sport for all genders, ages and people of all shapes and sizes
Provide better local services
Provide facilities for sport and recreation
Provide more access to all year playing and training facilities and upkeep grass pitches better
Provide spaces and opportunities for local people to engage in physical activity to prevent social isolation and loneliness. Ensure that clubs and members of society have the necessary facilities to participate in physical activity and engage in their hobbies Provide opportunities for those with mental health issues to engage in collective physical activity Note: CCBC is a disgrace. You claim to strive for a healthier local population, yet despite increasing usage you propose to close half our leisure facilities. I don't want a stroll in the park, or use a skatepark. I want to be able to continue playing racket sports several times per week!
PROVIDING AS MANY LEISURE/ACTIVITY CENTRES AS POSSIBLE CLOSE TO THE COMMUNITY. REDUCING NUMBER OF CENTRES WILL RESULT IN PEOPLE NOT EXERCISING BECAUSE THEY CANNOT EASILY TRAVEL TO THE FEWER CENTRES. FEWER WILL MEAN MORE CAR TRAVEL AND MORE POLLUTION!!
Providing better sports facilities - hardly cutting edge facilities in Caerphilly! Better green spaces - Rhymney River walk is a good example but it's limited - needs extending and needs to be more accessible
providing facilities closer to peoples homes (or achieving better geographical distribution of facilities throughout the borough)
Providing local opportunities for all residents so that they can be active and have a choice of what sport or activity they can choose. Safe and easy travel routes to increase walking and cycling in the area and get people away from cars and be active without organised classes.
Provision of adequate facilities, has to be right near the top. If you have to use a car to get there is it adequate? I don't believe so. This summer it has been wonderful to enjoy the many outdoor spaces in the borough. But I know in a few months many of these locations won't be suitable for anything more than a stroll under an umbrella. I'm not an expert, but to me is going to affect people's wellbeing/wellness of there is no facilities to use in poor weather. Unlike warmer climates it rains a lot here in Wales.
Provision of suitable recreation facilities within a reasonable distance of communities
PUBLIC TOILERS 1936 PUBLIC HEALTH ACT ISLWYN AREA
Publish all classes and activities available, positively encourage more involvement by the public. I often feel the council would prefer if people did not to participate in healthy activity (cheaper alternative for authority).

Push the schools to attend the local country parks. The same with elderly residents
Put the onus on the individual
reduce the cost of leisure provisions to an affordable level. the current provision is not affordable. Environmental enhancement should also be consider to promote biodivrsitiy which will inturn increase sport and recreation through public amenity
Replacing Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith facilities with new (4 ?) strategically located centres is not the answer. Physical ability, transport, cost of transport to name only a few problems, will discourage people who currently allow children to walk SAFELY to these venues and older people who can also walk along roads they know well, chatting to others as they go.
Retain local community amenities
Same applies. All highly technical. how is Joe Public,& Dai Davies & others expected to understand all this 'jargon'
Securing future provision at above what is already available and providing better facilities
Should include provision for elderly and the less able in our society/communities. Provision should be affordable and accessible. Do not take things away from local communities. Social integration can be very important.
Shutting Leisure Centers would go against all the strategies that you are trying to advertise.
Social activity, help alleviate isolation in later life.
Social interaction.
Social prescribing, self-help digital services. More opportunities to access quality health and wellbeing provision that fits around our busy lives. Better advertising of existing provision and joined-up working with Health, schools and housing providers.
Some of these questions are geared to the leisure strategy document and should be broadened. There is a wealth of opinion against closure no mention is made of private sector involvement or contracting out - why?
Sometimes there is difficulty travelling to sporting venues for suitable exercise programmes - perhaps a mini bus paid for by users/clients might be of assistance.
Sporting Excellence for children also you make no mention of disability
Squash any thought of closing swimming pools in the areas.
stop building ever more housing on every available green space in caerphilly basin ==leads to increased air pollution less green places near to home for children to play in--all major country parks if you live in Caerphilly basin you have to travel to by car bus etc yet caerphilly basin has majority of population
stop charging for parking in parc penalta cwm darren park bargoed eco park,we cant afford it.
Stop closing facilities
Stop closing the parks and the amenities they provide and spend some money on them to encourage people to use them
Stop cutting the funding to leisure centres and sporting facilities
Stop trying to close down local leisure centres. Closure will put unsustainable pressure on other facilities. An example is Newbridge leisure centre where parking is impossible in the evenings
Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.
Stop wasting money on paying corrupt senior officials
Stop withdrawing staff & increasing charges
Strategy targeted to reach poorer sections of the borough through information and active inclusion, such as Lansbury Park, Graig y Rhacca; summer activities run for children and adults in these areas - less of a 'hands off' and more of a 'hands on' approach. Continuing funding and expansion of National Exercise Referral Scheme. Lower prices for unemployed people to join the gym as by cost they are excluded.
Support local established clubs that provide the only source of physical activity to a wide range of people from all ages. If these clubs are left or forced to close by lack of funding or lack of facility maintenance a

<p>large number of people will go without any form of exercise and it will be impossible for these clubs to attract new members and hinder the council in creating places for people to socialise and exercise. Also, an 'outside gym' in Cwmfelinfach or Ynysddu will benefit the community in a huge way. The closet facility at the moment is Newbridge/Risca and these are council facilities that are expensive and sometimes out of date. There is more than enough space in either village and it would be a huge step forward in promoting physical activity in the community.</p>
<p>Support longer term for those on exercise referral.</p>
<p>Support should be given to established clubs who know what is needed.</p>
<p>Support to encourage low mobility users</p>
<p>Supporting local clubs</p>
<p>Supporting local clubs run privately</p>
<p>Supporting local sports club to actively grow by helping provide better facilities.</p>
<p>Supporting people for better mental health through social activities and exercise - I.e loneliness and depression which are prevalent in our communities</p>
<p>Tax decreases on fruit and vegetables</p>
<p>the closure of Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest Leisure Centres will not support better health.</p>
<p>The Council does not need to support things like the Velothon as this costs our council money for the benefit of others not in the CCBC area</p>
<p>The Council needs to lead the way. Supporting people is good practice but where are the initiatives? I hear nothing about those so how can I get involved? Greater publicity is needed to show residents what ideas have been generated, what land is available for use by the community and how can we get involved. Without this all the support in the world would not make a difference. I am a subscriber to the council emails but get nothing about plans, ideas etc about how we can make the Borough healthier. We have leisure centres we have to battle to keep open but not everyone wants to exercise in doors. The more we can do as a community to use the space we have to promote health and well-being the more we can improve the place we live.</p>
<p>The final one is an interesting idea, but the slight notion of enforcement in it will inevitably not be popular. I think it would be accepted, though, if this idea of enforcement was eliminated and offered as an extra service for local people who're recommended for it, or such like.</p>
<p>The loss of leisure's centres where cheap access to sports facilities will mean that families will have to travel. This will decrease facilities and a decrease in health in youngsters</p>
<p>The strategy is very general and gives no details apart from wanting to save money. It is couched in corporate language that is deceptive e.g. Do you agree that 'Better Health' is a key outcome. Does this mean that I support better health or does it mean that I support the strategy document? I have been a regular user of many of your leisure centres, swimming pools and parks for 45 years. I play badminton for a club (Ramblers), I cycle regularly on the cycle tracks in the area and I would like to swim every week which is very difficult because of the poor management of the swimming pools (lane swimming is rarely available). Does this strategy provide these facilities?</p>
<p>The words "locally in the community" should be included!!</p>
<p>There are currently no full size usable tap pitches in the Caerphilly borough outside of schools. This makes it impossible to provide e access to people to sports such as hockey which are completely reliant on this surface. At the end of the day hockey can be played by all ages from old to young it encourages competition and all the values you are advertising you promote. You need to address this vacuum of atps....we are being swallowed up by 3 and 4gs</p>
<p>There is no publication anywhere to know where & what exercise classes activities are around. For example we went into Caerphilly leisure centre to ask what days, times and what classes are available for our children and the staff replied that they do not know ,as when groups hire the hall it's nothing to do with them , so no judo, karate, football etc it's hard to find activities for children. Adult classes are always too full , crambed I gave up going. There should be a main pod where we can access all activities where ever they are in Caerphilly borough . We go walking around Caerphilly after we finish work but in the winter it's too dark by 5pm so lights in Morgan Jones park path through would be great, like they</p>

have around the castle as we try avoid traffic ,many running clubs use this route as well.
Theses should be available locally without the need for a lot of travel. Not all families have cars, and public transport is not available to many communities on Sundays, therefore reducing opportunities for many.
This is all very well - but you need people to lead and you need various forms of activity. Comprehensive sport is so important here.
This may already be in the strategy but also physical activity referrals linked to mental health services. Also highlighting the importance of prevention.
This tick box online form is missing centres and facilities WHY? This is not a complete survey without all information provided. Shame on you CCBC re do the form please
Through education
To encourage a healthier lifestyle in local communities it needs to be taught to generations in schools - looking at how PE lessons, time around getting changed etc effects the rest of the school day and can affect pupils stress
To make healthy living as part of daily lives, there needs to be easier transport links such as cycle routes linking all communities, this way you encourage people to leave their cars at home. There are many cycle routes, however if they don't link to the communities it's very difficult, considering the traffic situation as an experienced cyclist I am risking my life cycling through the county on some busy roads, people I talk to express their reason for not taking up this activity due to lack of provision, an example of a good link is the one in Pembrokeshire were Pembroke to Haverfordwest is linked via off road cycle routes.
To make parking free in all parkland areas to encourage more people to use the full area for parks not just the closest
To reduce the financial burden on Caerphilly CBC, the Local Authority could engage more with the premises' that are already available and encourage people to use them/make them available through its active leisure programme. For instance, I live near Lewis School Pengam and the Centre of Sporting Excellence in Ystrad Mynach, neither of these to my recollection is listed on the list of amenities that Smart Card holders can visit. The LA could be more strategic in enabling these facilities to be open to members of the public as individuals rather than being members of community groups. I realise that these are run by other organisations, but surely the way forward, if you proceed with a redevelopment of Caerphilly Leisure Centre and a closure of the smaller leisure centre across the county would to be engage with private organisations to enable people to live active and healthier lifestyles in line with Sport Wales and Welsh Government policy. Furthermore, one would add that perhaps there has been a missed opportunity in the buidling of the new schools in Caerphilly, Oakdale and Rhymney to include adjacent gyms/small leisure centres which could be used on a similar basis to that of Heolddu Leisure Centre. The Rhymney and Oakdale bases would have been strategically placed to cover the North of the County and the Blackwood region and potentially you could have closed New Tredegar and Cefn Forest Leisure Centres without a public backlash, with improved facilities which in the short term would be cheaper to run due to reduced maintenance costs. I understand the pressures faced the the local authority and would recommend it takes an holistic approach across all of its departments in providing its core and additional services to enhance the opportunities for a leading a healthier lifestyle in the county.
upgrade gyms maintain gyms better the money should go back into the business when we make money to keep members for retention, pay class in what they are worth as there education an involvement is not reflected in pay which leads to less quality and classes being candled. get rid of ipads when teaching swimming lessons get rid of sugar in schools trip school fait etc...
using physical activity as a means to helping mental wellbeing as well. For eg, on council allotment sites, you have a community aspect, physical movement, mental stimulation and 'ownership' of what is being done and an end product which can save money on buying food.
Utilising active travel act more effectively. There needs to be more infrastructure on roads to support cycling. The cedar tree roundabout has no provision which I find is unforgivable.
We must make it clear it involves children and senior people i.e. people of all ages

We should be looking to develop competitive sport in the county borough and supporting those gifted to take their sport further.
When there is a class such as aquafit at Heolddu leisure Centre that has a lot of participants it is disappointing to find out it will only run for a further 3 weeks. A large number of the ladies who attend use this as their only form of exercise and they will no longer be participating in any exercise. Given the statistics on health in the Borough surely it would be better to encourage exercise in the community and not take away what is a highly successful class. I am not saying this only for myself as I attend other classes at the centre. Other ladies feel intimidated by the gym and classes due to their weight and feel this is the best option for them so I am sad on their behalf when week after week they have made the effort to attend
When we have tried to address health within the workplace we've done a lot of work only to be stopped by HR from moving forward. CCBC policies and practices are hindering work placed intervention.
Where are the low mobility classes in the Pengam areaand why as a disabled person I have to travel to Rhymney or Tredegar for classes
Why not put some cycle lanes on the Blackwood bypass?
Work in day centres I/disabilities
Work with Disability Sports Wales to increase accessible sports participation within Caerphilly. Have at least one of your 5 new hubs as an accessible sports hub.
Working with health is vital
Working with schools and local community clubs to encourage healthy living etc
Yes - much more should be done in schools.to promote healthy living. PE in schools is for the select few - competitive sports are always the main focus in school curriculums - and this is very wrong if you wish to promote a healthy population. It already narrows the number of children who feel they are "good" at competitive sports. Healthy living in schools should promote healthy living for all - and include activities such as yoga, meditation, walking, rock climbing, martial arts. PE in schools needs to be less exclusive and more inclusive.
Yes keep ALL sport and leisure centre open and CLOSE Caerphilly CBC
Yes not enough facilities with I th BLACKWOOD area thats were your failing.
Yes remember the top end of the valley e.g rhymney , abertyswg ECT
Yes the centres should be offered free to people. It is vital that everyone should be able to access the centres. Unfortunately not everyone can afford the admission fees. A lot of people are struggling financially and paying for a family to go for a swim, for example, would take a huge amount out of their finances. It is all very well for the authority to say we are providing for our residents, however if you can not afford the fees in the first place then it defeats the object of having them.
Yes with the pontllanfraith area you want to close the leisure centre why don t you develop it like ebbw vale with a large get new swimming pool and gym etc rather than build house, where the council offices were why can t we have a skate park , the nearest park to us living in libanus is the one behind the school. We don t have the infra structure to take on anymore houses.
Yes! Keep Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest open for the health and benefit of communities.
Yes, by closing multiple leisure centers you now create even bigger demand for use of leisure facility's which means children and adults will now be unable to use the facilities regular therefore nullifying your strategy and having people lose faith in the council and their own fitness.
Yes, ensure all current leisure centres remain open and supported as these also provide social interaction and opportunities for an activity that cannot be achieved with lesser mobility ie: some people can manage a swim but may not be mobile enough to enjoy walking.
Yes, there is not sufficient leisure facilities to fulfil the needs of the borough as a whole. Pontllanfraith sport centre needs to be maintained to meet the needs of the growing population.
You must try to keep all the leisure centres open to comply with Q21
You need far more opportunities and facilities for children with additional needs - the provision in the county is seriously lacking and from reading the strategy, the offering will become even further reduced. These kids need an indoor, safe, quiet location, which is accessible and contain a modern changing

places space. You also need to provide more activities that concentrate on mental wellbeing across the county.

Your policy, is great in words but your active policy to close well used Leisure Centre's such as Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest is hypocritical when you look at the aims of your policy

provided because I like many many others have taken screen shots of of our replies.
Again not closing Pontllanfraith / Cefn Fforest why is it not geared up to protecting services and facilities in the upper Islwyn constituency?
Again the emphasis on the need for local communities to the residents are not included.
Again you should be customer centric and using behavioural insight to a line your products and services to meet their needs. You should not be focusing on the prosperous element of the community, but on your ability to influence cultural change drawing people away from their mobile devises etc. And towards your product services enjoying a healthier life style for all!!!!
All communities need access to leisure facilities. By removing facilities from 3 key towns you are making them desirable for active families. The schools are also being penalised by removing access to leisure facilities. You will struggle to fulfill the aims of PE curriculum if they do not have access to the facilities
Allowing local grassroots football clubs better access to the facilities at the Centre of Sporting Excellence instead of allowing Academy run football clubs (whose coaches have the same qualifications as a grassroots coach) to be prioritised.
Are the local communities considered. Closure of facilities will result in people having to travel further for facilities.
as a child I spent most of my time in heolddu leisure centre,as an adult on little money I cant afford to go there and cant afford the parking fees to our 3 country parks.
Bigger leisure centres - I.e those with swimming facilities. More local leisure centres . Not everyone is able to drive and have access to leisure facilities.
By ensuring the most deprived areas have access to leisure facilities. It should be noted removing leisure facilities is discriminative and providing a super centre in a town area and removing in more rural areas is and will cause more issues. Smaller centres should be promoted to increase participation, inclusion and well-being.
By keeping leisure centres and swimming pools open
By making activities at different times for people who work or actually in work place companies to come on board having a website with all health related activities, family health activities cycling walks etc
Caerphilly and Newbridge centres are very dated, unappealing and tatty. I cannot comment on Risca as I have not visited. If you are aiming to close all other smaller centres to concentrate on these larger ones, then they would need to be demolished and completely re-built in order to better serve the community and take the overflow from other centres. Look at Gloucester leisure centre GL1 as a brilliant example.
CCBC should be investing in the existing Leisure Centres by providing better equipment and ensure that regular maintenance of the current equipment is carried out.
Cleaner and accessible local spaces
Close Caerphilly CBC
Closing the Centres sends out totally the wrong message
Clubs etc need local places to use to keep our population healthy ..our kids need to be able to visit local facilities to make it possible to keep healthy
Communities should be getting healthier and more prosperous otherwise society is doomed Nine mile point for a new leisure attraction - close to cycle path?
Continue to provide local leisure centre facilities for all.
Council investment to promote healthier lifestyle to ultimately reduce spending on sickness, mental health and social services.
Cycle routes, link communities and neighbouring council areas
Define South West? We're about to see Pontllanfraith close whats replacing it? a 3G pitch and indoor facilities used regularly lost? Newbridge astroturf needs to be renewed tripping hazards. Sports pitches need regular maintenance grass cut and cut grass removed plus the issue of dogs fouling football and rugby pitches
Develop a running track and outdoor sports facility in Caerphilly town
disabled people are not able to access bigger venues as services are cut the need for some smaller local services would be better for the disabled

Don't charge for country parks - green spaces should be free of charge for the community to access at leisure. Better upkeep of the parks too will attract more visitors and better facilities. Example - Pen Y Fan Pond toilet facilities are not good.
Don't close Pontllanfraith leisure centre or Cefn Fforest swimming baths
Education - helping schools /teachers teach children and young adults that you can be healthy and happy with sport without it having to be competitive - if you don't enjoy PE need to learn as to why its important for not only fitness but mental health too Working with community sports clubs and with schools - could they link in together to encourage a better community engagement?
Encourage increased use of existing facilities in all communities particularly community centres and schools by making them available for use outside core working hours. Help in providing insurance cover for voluntary groups would be a key to encouraging use
Encourage local communities to have more Pride in their local open spaces (take responsibility more)
Engaging with local privately run clubs
Ensure access is available for all locally
Ensure all areas have children's play areas. Provision is not equal across County Borough
Ensure appropriate facilities are available.
Ensure that a range of activities including swimming is available easily for all residents
Ensure that everyone has access to local centres
Ensure to include the Minor/ Niche clubs in the decisions on flooring and other requirements..
Ensuring facilities are accessible to everyone. I appreciate there are budget constraints but the swimming pool in the leisure centre in Caerphilly is woefully inadequate for the huge increase in the population of Caerphilly over the past 30 years.
Ensuring smaller centres remain open and encouraging participation - rather than removing them making the area more deprived
Ensuring that all communities have access to sports and leisure facilities within walking or easy public transport distance
Facilities for the youths in all areas not just deprived areas. Mugas in all towns.
Facilities should be in the heart of the community.Closing existing facilities to sell off land for profit and rebuilding in cheaper locations doesn't fit with this perspective.This is a recipe to achieve councils aim while giving the impression of improving facilities.
Find the money to leave the resources as they currently are. we lost all the adult education classes a few years back and now we are going to lose our swimming pools and leisure centres. Little wonder so many people in the CCBC area suffer so much with depression and mental health. the amount of elderly/older people who regularly swim at Cefn Forrest will lose their social lives and become more lonely....
From Caerphilly south to Machen there are very few facilities for older people to keep them fit and active. Biggest isn't always best. Travel costs and entry fees can be off putting. Provision should not be exclusive to rugby etc but should be inclusive. Can't see any comparison with Caerphilly and Rhyl/Swansea as these are seaside areas and attract seasonal visitors. Can't see this applying to Caerphilly. You are making provision too exclusive by far.
General provisions need to be spread across the borough, with maybe regionalising 'specialised activities' (as people would be more prone to travel with vested interests in specialised activities) but for general health, people want localised provisions or they wont partake!
Get more GP's to insist those in need of physical exercise attend rehab / exercise programmes in an effort to drive down health problems and growing health bill
give css team in the building the change to make good decisions to much red tape, people hiding behind long winded policies like recycling ect... one manager at sight as then people have to answer to get things done not keep passing the buck. get the basics right get gym floor up to standard before the managers worried about there offices as there will be no buildings without the customer which are leaving due to lack of investment and poor business choices like closing Newbridge pool for the 1st week of summer holidays to fix filters. turning off treadmill and music in Newbridge gym when school exams for 7 week. smell of smoke for school pupils potuting the air conditioning system in Newbridge gym

Give support to local communities, egood Blackwood and Pontllanfraith Inc Cefn Fforest
having more local facilities
I am not sure whether 'bigger' is necessary, some groups may need support to maintain current provision. Strengthen community sports clubs would be more appropriate as each club may require different levels of support. For instance a running club may have very little overheads but require access to training opportunities for volunteers and inclusion in publicity to attract new members, whereas a swimming club will have significant overheads and may need support to become financially sustainable through increased membership, access to affordable volunteer training, working in partnership is key. I also think that park run should be promoted more through schools - perhaps could encourage competition between local schools to encourage attendance and promote volunteering opportunities through local running clubs and schools. At the moment there is very little turn out for junior park run that isn't associated with a club (either child or parent attends) whereas it is a free activity that should be targeted more at those that do not currently engage in physical activity.
I don't believe that bigger sports clubs will be helpful as more space and supervision will be needed and inevitably people will be turned away. The focus should be on developing a range of different local clubs that give people the opportunity to try different activities and find the one that they enjoy the most. If there are large clubs but are a long way to travel to then only the local people will be able to commit to regularly taking time to participate. If you have to walk to bus stop, catch a bus then walk to the venue the makes the whole activity unsustainable and people will so not be able to maintain it. This will be very difficult and time consuming and people will stop attending. If you are really serious on 'Healthier and Prosperous Communities' then the strategy should be focused on each community not making some prosperous while leaving other communities with no Sport or Activity and by closing certain sites this is what will be happening. The Lucky people who live near the 'big clubs' or the 'prosperous communities' will be happy but shouldn't the focus be on bringing the less prosperous communities up to a level where their health improves so that and less money will then be needed to rectify the problems associated with unhealthy lifestyle.
I enjoy swimming but I am too old to be a competitive swimmer, however I would like to join a club of similarly minded people who try to improve their style and have occasional graded competitions. Something like a golf handicap, a scratch swimmer gets no start a one lengther gets a length start etc. PS I am not a early bird and would expect such a club to be in the early evening.
I think building 4 new leisure facilities will cost more than maintaining the facilities already available.
I think there should be a focus on local provision, so that people don't have to drive to use the facilities, and have the added cost of public transport impact on whether they use the leisure centres
I think we cannot sustain all the leisure centres we have, we need to reduce the amount - makes sense.
I would edit the first point in as much as I would say: Working with ALL community clubs, etc.not just the most popular, like football...
I've said what I feel about your hypocrisy
Im not sure some people will travel further a field as local centres won't be there
I'm not sure that bigger sports clubs are the answer. I think more variety in your immediate community is what people want. Also not clear on the focus on the South West, when there is so little on offer in the North. Its true that if something is really good, people are more willing to travel to it, but poorer people in the more rural parts of the borough are less likely to have access to a car and public transport, especially across the borough, is not always feasible.
I'm not sure that you can quantify in cold, commercial terms the value of providing the opportunity to participate in sports.
Improved leisure attractions throughout the county borough
Improved provision of sports facilities in schools.
Improvement to existing facilities and encouragement/incentives to use them. Essential part of community
Improving communities infrastructure to encourage people's independence in engaging with activities I.e more safer cycling routes across the whole borough.

Improving footpaths/bridle paths - eg proper signposting, removing obstacles, repairing/installing stiles/gates.
Improving the shocking Primary School sports facilities within the borough
In some deprived or less affluent areas, the business case that is being considered might not be commercially viable. However, commercial viability should not be the only reason for retaining services. There should be an overriding view that residents need access to services and in some cases a loss should be considered and offset against more commercially viable densely populated area services.
In this digital age, work with businesses and governing bodies to advertise what is out there and how to get involved. I've lived in Caerphilly (town) most of my life and it has always been difficult to get involved in activities in the town. For example, Caerphilly (town) could be a great base for 5-side for all ages but the only advertising you see is for children's teams. Other age groups seem to get by via word of mouth or using facilities in Cardiff.
inclusion of disabled people
Invest in all sports and active activities
It feels this outcome has been included in the strategy because it is something that the Council can address. Also, adding "Prosperous" to the picture waters down the key outcome of Health (physical and mental).
it is difficult to disagree with the statements/question posed but I am not convinced they can be delivered by cutting facilities (even if they are not as well used as those you may think of preserving). I do however accept that budgets are difficult to balance but question if reductions are being targeted to the correct areas
It is important that facilities meet the need and do not fall victim to the architects dreams. By this I am thinking of private clubs which are often very plush but are more suitable for sitting around with tea or coffee rather than exercising. This also applies with leisure pools which are often unsuitable for proper swimming. Pools for Mums and young children should be separate from a main swimming pool. The objectives of any investment must be clearly aligned to the key outcomes.
It sounded like there was going to be two new leisure attractions one in Bargoed and one in Caerphilly???
Kee
Keep all leisure centres open and affordable , we have to look at the health of residents and obesity will increase at a greater cost if you close them .
Keep centre open
Keep leisure centers open so local residents have facilities to use close to their homes
Keep leisure centres open
Keep local facilities open for all to use.
Keep more leisure centres open
Keep Pontllanfraith sports centre maintained.
Keep supporting our communities i.e. Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith OPEN
keep your promises lots of things proposed but no intention of following through==paper pr exercises
Keeping facilities and parks open across the borough
KEEPING LEISURE CENTRES OPEN!
Lack of leisure center / pool in Ystrad mynach
Leisure Centers should be the hub for this project.
local community centre and leisure centre are the heart of local communities
local sports clubs are currently struggling to survive with increased rental costs. facilities which as school hall should be made available at no cost to promote use and sustain local clubs
Low cost membership to council owned leisure facilities
Maintain existing facilities
Maintain investment in leisure centres mostly Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest
Maintain local accessible services that can be accessed for 12 months of the year - e.g. Islwyn HS site

(not CCBC) not available for 3 months each year due to school holidays closure - it can be argued that there is greater need for facilities during this time of year.
Maintaining the sports ground
Make public transport more reliable and reasonable in cost
Make sure you new build not just patch up. It needs a good quality leisure centre in Caerphilly and Bargoed
Making our countryside more beautiful and an inspiring place to be
More central investment needed in the centres that we have already rather than shutting down facilities and closing youth centres for political gain. This pledge sounds like a bunch of words and I'm not sure that the needs and wants of community has been analysed with people asked what is needed. How can the word prosperity can be used seriously when for recent history all we have heard about is austerity. Please stop the political point scoring and make the difference needed as you have full control of all necessary resources.
More or perhaps one class a week in the Cearphilly borough for low mobility would be an encouragement
Must be available to all
N/A
N/A
N/A
Need more than one if serious of healthy lifestyle .
Need to build in active travel, understanding where people work, look at how housing developments enable safe active travel. Need departments to work together
Need to think bigger and wider than supporting the same old clubs with same old provision in the same old communities. I go outside the County Borough to use better provision of Leisure facilities.
No
no keep it simple so that it can be achieved and the outcomes will evolve from the results obtained.
No more road closures for cycling events
Not removing sport facilities
Not removing sport facilities
Not shutting down sports facilities
Nothing wrong with the facility in pint. Sure the building is tired but it does not affect its functionality.
One thing that I feel is missing from the Strategy is the need for a good quality network of well-maintained walking and cycling routes. Cycling routes have been proven to create more cohesive communities as well as providing people with the ability to become more mobile not only physically but economically. They can provide good links to work places as well as reducing the cost of travel.
Open space , for example Virginia golf course would be an ideal open space for walking, cycling, running, sitting quietly on a bench peace and quiet, kids run around or flying kites, wheelchairs uses etc for tranquility, mental health need places like this & maybe lottery funding would help with this . We have to drive to get to places or walk through all car fumes as so much traffic in Caerphilly and family member have a lung condition. More education on diet and cooking , stop eating processed food awareness .
Our rugby team hasn't been contacted, where will we train when the 3G goes, everywhere is full and further to travel.
Outdoor places for teens to gather
Place more money into local communities, work on out door persuits for children and young adults
Please don't just look at putting them all in Caerphilly. Ystrad Mynach is in desperate need for leisure facilities that the public are ABLE to access. Sue Noakes is hardly open and The Centre of Sporting Excellence isn't accessible by the public.
Please keep Pontllanfraith leisure centre open, best one around here.
Please put a playground or Muga in the Watford area of Caerphilly and put some crossings on the mountain road Caerphilly, to make it safe for children to cross. Where is the new Caerphilly Leisure

Centre we were promised, I can't even see any plans this time around. There can't be any plans for one up north, you can't even decide if it will be in Bargoed or Aberbargoed, so there is definitely no plans for that. Is this just a con, to enable you to shut down centres to save money.
Please remember the needs of horse riders. Horse ownership and/ or riding has proven physical and mental health benefits.
Please see my comments in Outcome 1.
Please see previous comment
Possibly dedicated advisors to direct sports clubs to alternative funding options i.e. lottery and assist with grant applications.
Prevent leisure centres like Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest along with other Leisure centres from closing
Promote what is already here. Cycling/walking paths across the borough. Many of these are over grown and not very well Maintained. Promote the use; encourage people to use them and they will Happy do so and no doubt volunteer to help maintain them so that they continue to be fit for purpose
Provide suitable centres for all age groups to make regular use of leisure/exercise facilities.
Provision of an athletics track would be a hugely beneficial addion to Caerphilly. Local running clubs such as Caerphilly Runners have been instrumental in encouraging men and women of all ages and abilities to live a healthier and more active lifestyle. Provision of an athletics track would ensure a safe environment for adults and children to participate in sporting activities. It would trigger a step change in inspiring the community to attend and join in activities.
Provision of sports facilities available to all close to all communities
PUBLIC TOILETS 1936 PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
Pulling together communities through action. Promoting communities to become more active outside expensive sports centres and promoting community engagement on a street level
Putting pressure on schools and governing bodies is not the way forward as Islwyn high couldn't be built tidy and ended up in special measures the first year of opening. so how would you expect the public to rely on you with their sport and recreation to be successful? i think the extra pressure is already there with schools they dont need anymore than what they already have now and plus they will limit hours for people on shift work will not be able to access the services.
Re above - Healthier communities yes - prosperous communities no. I think that sends the wrong message I think sports hubs? For example near me we have Cwmcarn Forest Drive, Newbridge Boxing Club, Crosskeys Rugby, Abercarn Rugby and Cwmcarn Paragon Cycling Club and Newbridge Leisure. It would be good to see them working together and coming up with a local plan.
Recognise importance of outdoor adventure activities.. walking.. running (trail and road), cycling, climbing, orienteering, canoeing. Promote activities in borough and borough for sports tourism of this type. We have the environment for it so develop, protect and promote. Venue for tourists and othe councils to send groups... in waywest midlands send kids groups to north wales can we promote outselves as a venue and service provider to other councils? Eg Bristol?
Refer to Q22
Remembering we have a north of the borough where communities still need the same chance to have access to leisure facilities there
Residents who prefer 'non-team' sports should also be encouraged to use leisure facilities.
Review commercial business case and options for a new or improved leisure attraction in the south west of the county borough whilst supporting the existing centres with their ability to provide Healthier and more Prosperous communities
Review the cases for keeping smaller centres open to enable easier access for families and individuals especially those without transport
Reviewing the business model should not include closing facilities! More are needed in the Oakdale area due to the growing population.
Reviewing the commercial business case and options for a new or improved leisure attraction in the south west of the county borough. Across the whole borough!
Rhymney Valley Athletic Club needs more support. The club has a huge membership but there is no

specific permanent location for the club. The club usually uses Blackwood Comprehensive School as its headquarters but because of the creation of 3G pitches taking place there is no venue available for them to keep the club together. Half of the club, which are older children, use facilities at Markham, with the junior children continuing to use the gym at Blackwood Comprehensive for the winter. This is not ideal. These enthusiastic young athletes need good facilities. They are a really successful club but they do not have real facilities. Every now and then they arrange to take the children down to Cardiff to use the facilities at the National Stadium – but this is not sustainable. It would be good to see some investment and support - this could also help inspire the young children by them knowing that people are taking care of them and appreciate their contribution and success in the athletics field. Mae angen mwy o gefnogaeth ar Glwb Athletau Cwm Rhymni. Mae'r clwb gydag alelodaeth enfawr ond does dim cydfleuster penodol parhaol gan y clwb. Fel arfer mae'r clwb yn defnyddio Ysgol Gyfun Coed Duon fel ei bencadlys ond oherwydd Gwaith creu maes chwarae 3G does unman ar gael iddynt I gadw'r clwb gyda'i gilydd. Mae hanner y clwb, sef y plant hyn yn gorfod defnyddio cyfleusterau yn Markham gyda'r plant iaui yn parhau I ddefnyddio'r gampfa yn Ysgol Gyfun Coed Duon am y gaeaf. Nid yw hyn yn ddelfrydol. Mae angen cyfleusterau gop iawn ar yr athletwyr ifanc bwrwdfrydig hyn. Maen nhw'n glwb llwyddiannus tu hwnt er nad oes cyfleusterau go iawn gyda nhw. Bob hyn a hyn byddant yn trefnu cymryd y plant i lawr i Gaerdydd i ddefnyddio'r cyfleusterau yn y stadiwm dando genedlaethol - nid yw hyn yn gynnalidwy. Byddai'n dda i weld rhywfaint o fuddsoddiad a chefnogaeth - gall hyn hefyd helpu i ysbrydoli'r plant ifanc drwy wybod bod pobl yn cymryd sylw ac yn gwerthfawrogi eu

Safeguarding health provision in communities for future generations

Schools are also key to the above. Parents may not encourage their children to partake in sport or exercise as they don't partake themselves. Many parents are able to attend educational school events given their employment status (its amazing to see the number of parents that turn up to watch an award ceremony / school play etc. Parents who are unemployed are less likely to partake in leisure activity on their own initiative. Encourage parents to take part in the daily mile walks with their children, after school clubs that parents can also attend as separate activity to the children, send leisure centre staff to the schools to encourage membership of classes etc

See note above these gentlemen having made a mess of Bargoed are now turning their attention to the old Islwyn Borough. We unlike Bargoed will NOTE have it! CCBC encourage healthy lifestyles and for people to be more active but as a council YOU DO NOT DO IT!

See previous box

Should a new leisure centre be built in Caerphilly, then it would only be fair to enhance the facilities in Bargoed to cover the North of the County. The Local Authority should be aware of the views held by those in the North who feel they are being left behind as Caerphilly grows into a commuter town for those working in Cardiff due to the cheaper living costs.

Smaller community based centres and clubs will have a bigger impact on health and wellbeing within Caerphilly and it's communities

Spend our money on providing leisure facilities for residents.

Stating these outcomes is just a start. However being part of a local sports club, I don't believe the council are trying to help sports clubs in the county. The council charges local clubs during the summer season for training sessions, even though the facilities are not maintained or kept in charge ck during summer months, the facilities are not readily available throughout the summer months and most of all clubs are forced to bring all their own sports equipment as the pitches are not marked. Clubs then pay a premium for winter training. This is not helping clubs out at all. There is little wonder that there is not a Sunday league this season in the Caerphilly Borough.

Stop ignoring the Sirhowy Valley community facilities

Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.

Support all sports clubs including smaller and less devloped clubs....established clubs have better profiles but required less help....smaller fringe sports need the most help and this then gives the best spectrum of sports available

Supporting all local services offered not decreasing them
The council should identify how it intends to support clubs to make them bigger and stronger. It should also identify if it has the financial and staff resources and expertise to do this.
The emphasis in the strategy is all based on sporting activities and doesn't recognise the other projects that deliver health. Eg most community centres and venues run several dance classes or mindfulness, that benefit health.
The focus in 2 above is in the south west of the county borough and whilst I accept a commercial leisure attraction could attract businesses and employers to the area, more needs to be done for other parts of the borough. The Sport and Recreation Strategy identifies a north/south gap in average life expectancy and more needs to be done to promote sport and recreational activities in the north of the county to motivate residents to adopt healthier lifestyles and promote well being. Residents need facilities close to home to encourage participation.
The Football Association of Wales (FAW) are driving up criteria for clubs which could see clubs going out of existence. There are 3G pitches in schools throughout the area. Apart from Ystrad Mynach none of them meet these criteria . With some joined up thinking between FAW Trust and other grant organisations a co-joined approach could make them comply. Money could be saved overtime on existing grass pitches and full use made of valuable 3G facilities.
The north is more needy
The sports groups and focus should be on local residents not about encouraging visitors on events like the tour of Britain. Local budgets for local residents. Tourist drives should be self-funded
There are not enough support for traditionally minority sports. In my case this is swimming and had to send my children out of borough to go beyond swimming lessons
Think wider than just bigger newer facilities. Eg. New builds must provide an outdoor lido or park or sponsor park runs etc
To support sports clubs e.g. like Bargoed YMCA
Town councils could support community sports clubs etc. Not like Caerphilly town council that spends £15,000 a year on fireworks
Trying to be helpful but. Same comments as previous.all highly technical. how is Joe Public,& Dai Davies & others expected to understand all this 'jargon'
Unsure about the use of prosperity in the strategy.
Using strong voluntary groups and voluntary individuals (3rd sector) to intermingle and use their current skills with the commercialism businesses and being funded by them
Very close relationships required with local sports groups to ensure they have adequate facilities
We live in the area that you want to shut so why would we want to agree to an area that's not going to benefit this area.
Where in the south-west county borough?? That should be named so an educated/informed answer could be given
Where is the south west of the county borough very vague misleading action point
While appreciating financial constraints on local councils, I am very concerned that reviewing the business case would firmly place finance before the health and exercise opportunities of local communities.
Whilst I agree Healthier and Prosperous Communities should be aimed for and the best facilities possible for new sporting talent, I do not agree that prosperity goes hand in hand with healthy, and it appears that what is being proposed is spending a lot of money which will benefit only the people/children who have the financial means, time, and motivation. As stated previously if the environment was made more attractive the general average person would be more inclined to venture outdoors. Take an example from Australia where signs on trees state "please climb me", and "feel free to run on the grass", water fountains are provided regularly, parks are spotlessly cleaned and patrolled by wardens. So perhaps a basic approach of clean streets including zero tolerance of litter; supervised play areas; dog wardens; and maintenance of walkways.
Whilst I agree with the statement, I worry that this is worded in such a way as to suggest other facilities

<p>could suffer as a result of the "review". I would also encourage the retention of Virginia Park as a centre for recreation, including the Tennis Club a new or refurbished leisure centre with competition pool and leisure pool, and new external pitches playing fields. The authority has an opportunity to work with the developer of Virginia Park Golf club to secure substantial improvements or a new leisure centre using planning gains, and to also press for a new community park and green space for rest and relaxation (and other outdoor activities) - in addition to the sports pitches already available next to CRFC.</p>
<p>Why is everything in Caerphilly! Consider Blackwood!!</p>
<p>Why would we want a new leisure attraction when we have perfectly usable and well-loved facilities?? The public are crying out for CCBC to retain our current leisure centres and yet you're proposing to spend money (presumably millions) on something that nobody wants rather than some basic refurbishment of existing facilities. Why don't you actually try listening to the people you're supposed to represent?</p>
<p>Withdrawal of Council staff why?</p>
<p>Work more with schools from early age through to secondary education. Provide facilities and expand Caerphilly Sports for all - secondary school children work with primary kids in their PE lessons, after school clubs.</p>
<p>Work with community clubs to improve facilities available</p>
<p>Working with all local clubs - some who run for enjoyment in all villages of Caerphilly</p>
<p>Wrong wording. Not specific enough. Say what you mean. CCBC - Too much flannel! Give us what we want. Get it right this time or heads will roll at the next election!</p>
<p>Yes - keep leisure centres open especially Pontllanfraith otherwise these will be nowhere easily available - Newbridge LC attached to school ...</p>
<p>Yes - provide better pavements, i.e. weed and bramble free, accessible footpaths - Which Should encourage more people to walk</p>
<p>Yes, let's see the list of options in relation to the closing of some leisure centres</p>
<p>You cant do either of the above if you close leisure centers as the demand for the remaining leisure centers will not be able to cope.</p>
<p>You could keep local leisure centres open!! Unfortunately, your proposal for locals to use outdoor venues and school sites have obvious limitations such as weather, availability and (particularly with schools) restricted opening hours for public. As a result of leisure centres closing, I believe there will be an overall deterioration in health and wellbeing around the locality.</p>
<p>You need to redress the imbalance in the county if your plans go ahead. There will be no accessible facilities in the Blackwood area. Moving services to an already over subscribed school site will exclude anyone who wants to use facilities during school hours. Not to mention Cefn FForest pool is the only one with sensible opening buoyed for working people.</p>
<p>Youth clubs</p>

strategic facilities, maximise use of assets, specialist interventions??!
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Accepting that providing accessible exercise opportunities in a deprived area is difficult to achieve sustainably.
again no mention of disability I see a pattern here, perhaps disability needs to be represented by a person with a disability on the council to help you see the obvious exclusion.
Again none of the above can happen if centers are closed.
Again the business case should be investigated for investment into the Northern part of the County where considering business cases for strategic facilities.
all these big ideas are killing the system how much time and money was spent writing this (don't listen to people on shop floor) this survey is a waste of time no meetings at low levels no change there
All words . More facilities needed to co -inside with houses being built
All of this reads as multiple get out clauses to ensure services can be cut and the residents can be blamed for asking for it
Analyse use made of all pitches and what their cost to run is. Sell off least used sites and put money into improving facilities in others.
And don't be afraid to admit you got it wrong and take something from our lessons learnt and try something different
As before - ensure equal provision of children's play areas across County Borough
Assist small clubs to grow and succeed
Better facilities, encourage people to use them - if they need refurbishing and updating will help people to use them.
By trying to get grants and funding from sports organisations outside companies....sponsored events
Caerphilly should invest in an athletics facility, were the only borough in Wales that doesn't have one. Shameful
CCBC should be investing in the existing Leisure Centres by providing better equipment and ensure that regular maintenance of the current equipment is carried out.
Close Caerphilly CBC
Community places for the community.. people pay gov taxes etc and want to have commitment to our children
concentrate on popular sports, Not try to be the answer to all. i.e. football rugby, swimming and cricket are the most popular for younger whilst bowls etc for older.
Concerned about too much business intervention and not enough control.
Consider raising fees if it means keeping existing leisure centres like Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest open.
Consider the option of increasing prices before considering "uneconomic facilities"
Council run leisure facilities are essential for poorer and more vulnerable communities. Older and

disabled people don't always have the capability to exercise during the evening when schools bare available for the public - there needs to be spaces available for those who need daytime provision including mums of young children who only find time during the day
Currently I understand a number of primary schools use Cefn Fforest. The above seems to imply tied into schools like Newbridge or Risca. Can you define strategic facility?
Cut waste and be more innovative and value-focussed when designing procurement. The Council has a reputation for over-paying for services because it keeps to the same suppliers. There needs to be better monitoring of outcomes and agility to reward the good suppliers and stop the bad. If you want to deliver facilities that inspire health and wellbeing, review your current offer in countryside parks. Maximise those assets. They should be community wellbeing hubs, all year round.
Deal with small maintenance issues early to keep buildings in good order to avoid larger more costly repairs i.e. fix small leaks quickly, before further damage has been caused.
Doing the above without shutting Leisure's Centers
Don't want any centres/fields closed down to save money
Encourage those that have left school to continue to use the facilities. Encourage the older population to use the facilities. You have to invest in all ages and not the young. Schools can only do so much to sustain the focus on health- families and friend have to contribute too and if these are not encouraged to improve their health by using the facilities then they won't help sustain it over a longer term
Encouraging an active lifestyle should be a fundamental part of your remit but you are taking a blinkered silo approach as investing to create a healthy population can see a reduction in usage of more expensive services such as Social Care. That's true invest to save.
Encouraging school children is great but it really is essential to get the parents involved too. It's a nice idea to preach to them about healthy living and fitness but outside of school and in their actual community there is nothing available to back that up. The only children who are able to do fitness activities are the ones with parents willing to drive some distance for them to attend and pay big bucks for the privilege.
Ensure access is available for all locally
Ensure current provision are kept & maintained to continue to engage clubs and communities in sport and physical activities I.e one of the few AstroTurf in the borough
Ensure leisure centres are within reach of as many people as possible especially in poorer areas
Environmentally sustainable
Explain the above questions?? Schools have to be a place of safety. public use of school facilities whilst pupils are in school is not desirable. Out of hours use would leave facilities open to above without strict security. Night school classes have instructors/teachers, sports activities would require the same sort of security. There should never be public use by unaccompanied people on school premises, plus schools must be locked up every night at sensible time, as at present.
Finance should not be used to close sporting venues peoples health is more important .
Find out (in a meaningful and respectful manner) what locals actually want/need in order to raise the profile of health and wellbeing. Many of your proposals, as a way of cost-cutting, are inappropriate for leisure facility users, e.g. karate, badminton, squash, volleyball and table tennis - all of which are popular in Pontllanfraith leisure centre.
Form strategic alliances with local clubs to assess their needs and what support the council can do to support the clubs
Get out in the real world - see what children/youths/adults/elderly want Hey Lets have a pool open 10 hours so ANYONE can go - we would all LOVE that - your ridiculous segregated times slots for different groups are archaic. We do not want 30 mins /45 mins in a pool we may want an hour with kids. elderly etc, STOP thinking we have to be segregated! Then the really really lazy pool staff at all 3 places we visit can stop chatting each other up and DO THEIR EASY EASYJOB!!!!!! Better recruitment and management of all Centre staff is needed. They have all fallen into the familiar old school council ways of 'oh I have a job for life' you the customer can go take a walk, I am not interested. Sort it CCBC - THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN IN CARDIFF!

<p>Have classes that are easier to use. E.g. Dont do block bookings for swimming pay as you go. Not everyone can commit to ten sessions.</p>
<p>I am now losing patience with this ?? document. We all know you want to shut leisure centres but it is something you will regret in the future!!</p>
<p>I am unable to answer some of the above based on the strategy provided. Reducing costs is essential, however co-location would depend on where the site is to be located. It makes sense to have leisure facilities located in the busiest hubs - however, those who are most deprived and have poorer health statistics may reside in less populated areas and therefore cost argument versus need would have to be balanced. Where gaps in leisure provision are identified then perhaps outreach work could be targeted with further consultation with the communities.</p>
<p>I completely disagree with the more efficient and financially future provision. When the council has wasted so much money in 'Caerphilly council pay row costs to rise to £3.6m' If the council had been efficient in this matter then the money saved could be spent on delivering sustainable future provision so that all communities are catered for in the healthy lifestyle provision.</p>
<p>I don't agree with the possible closures of our leisure centres. There's hardly anything for our children to do as it is locally if they're not involved in any clubs. They at least deserve to have their local swimming pool remain open.</p>
<p>I don't believe that the focus should be ENTIRELY on providing specialist interventions in communities. How is this need gauged? Someone may live in what is deemed a more affluent part of the county borough but it doesn't mean they can afford to pay more than a person living elsewhere.</p>
<p>I strongly support the idea of co-locating facilities such as sports halls, swimming pools and gymnasia within our secondary schools. Many of the sites are already a focus of the local community and adult patronage would be improved as students continue to use facilities after leaving school. It would help if facilities were built to competition standards to improve ability of clubs to compete at the highest levels.</p>
<p>I would like to be charged for my time at the pool and to improve management and staff to be more active and not stand around doing talking.</p>
<p>if saving money is the key driver then that is one case but if it is improving fitness and accessibility then that is another with regards to subsidy again this depends on the goals if they are budgetary then you should aim for a self financing service but if it is improving fitness and activity then the Council needs to put a price on what it can afford and/or what is needed</p>
<p>If this "efficient and financial" program means the closure of Pontllanfraith sport centre I disagree as there would not be sufficient facilities to meet the future needs of the growing population. NB - Keep Pontllanfraith OPEN!!!</p>
<p>If you centralise too much this leaves some of the population unable to reach these facilities. I agree you cannot keep open facilities that very few people attend. However, you should work with venues that attract large numbers of the population - like Ystrad Park, and help keep open all facilities there.</p>
<p>I'm not sure if I'm writing this in the correct place, but helping invest in local facilities, in particular a full running track that could be used by all local running clubs and schools could help significantly.</p>
<p>Improve athletics provision in the County</p>
<p>Improve communication with residents about available facilities in the area and potential changes. Notices in libraries for those without computers who are not yet Leisure Club members. Information from different organisations providing facilities is limited and piecemeal</p>
<p>Improved data/intelligence analysis of community circumstances (by regions) and better understanding of the effects of deprivation/poverty on health, combined with better financial controls over managing service provisions over their anticipated lifespan (depreciation).</p>
<p>Increase the price of leisure center use by £1 to lower subsidy while also investing in newer technology assets at gyms, renewable energy. Locations where gyms are not performing well.. transport access to other leisure centers should not out budget users.</p>
<p>Interventions should be paid for from a health budget. The subsidy levels should consider other options. Maybe making some classes emote expensive or means tested once (saved on your smart card lik) also more regular user and or pre-payment discounts. I do not think slashing a general subsidy amount or</p>

closing leisure centres as a robust way to make the budget balance.
invest in local clubs to promote use. invest in environmental enhancement to promote tourism prospects
Investing where business is the case? Does this mean investing in new businesses opening gyms rather than in leisure centres that just need modernising.
Investment in schools and coaches/teachers within schools is critical to give learners basic skills.
Investment should be made for all facilities to be open to everyone - not just the main centres. Not everybody has transport to get to and from these sites.
Its essential in 'motivating young people' you follow it up with opportunities either when they leave school / college or they are at a level above their peers.
It's not just young people - we must include and make it clear, we need to include the older generation.
Keep ALL leisure centres open so that ALL residents can use them not just those who have cars
Keep existing facilities open if they are already used by locals regularly
Keep facilities local within communities for use by local schools and sports clubs also residents who cannot travel easily to strategic facilities and reducing the use of cars and parking.
Keep it local
Keep local amenities and provide the 4 super leisure centres. People still have to live in deprived area and need something on the doorstep
KEEP OUR LEISURE CENTRES OPEN!
Keep Pontllanfraith leisure centre and Cefn Fforest swimming baths open!
Keeping current services open across the borough
Link to transport and cycling for health and economic reasons
Local facilities and facilities that can accommodate the forthcoming increase in population in the area, in particular the proposed developments in the Pontllanfraith area.
Look at bigger picture, that is, if you find easy access sports facilities at low cost and form and encourage more sports groups for children and young people, the the cost to the health service and social services would be less in future years as we will have fitter and less obesity among children. How does closing leisure centres and car parking charges help increase fitness levels and reduce obesity?
Look at the bigger picture of all committed spend. The current strategy needs to take into consideration that by improving health other costs should be reduced. Spend more on encouraging people to exercise more in an efficient manner to reduce costs elsewhere.
lot of what is proposed makes sense but following past actions will never happen
Maintain all current leisure facilities at a sustainable level with appropriate facilities and provide maintain more appropriate facilities for guests such as car parks.
More and more private gyms are now available - need to complete and follow successful models of established businesses
Motivate people of all ages rather than just young people.
Need to be careful not to duplicate provision i.e. undercutting private sector sports camps / after school provision. Also need to make decisions based on social value - helping to inform economic decisions regarding rationalisation of leisure centre
Need to ensure adequate and sufficient provision for all groups
No more road closures for cycling events
Not at the expense of closing local facilities why motivate only young people!! Take out business case include local community use!!
Not just a paper excuse
Open toilets in Ystrad Mynach
Our approach to communities will focus on building on strengths recognising each community is different and it is neither affordable or sustainable for the Council to be expected to provide the same for all and in every area. This statement is written in your draft report. I can't help but feel that the outcome will be a postcode lottery. If you cannot provide the "same for all and in every area' at least

continue to fund what facilities are being used and not cut them down. It seems unfair that if you live in a certain area the facility you use and rely on could be shut however if you lived in a different area the funding is available and facilities are being modernised.
Outsource if no money, or cut back on other areas. Schools are already overloaded and full. These should be kept for school children. It is also parents' responsibility to give their children access to public leisure facilities. They spend more time at home.
People are reluctant to want to use school facilities nowadays. It's not appropriate and not available in the same way as the leisure centre.
..... a more efficient and financially sustainable future! Creating more sustainable facilities - sounds good, but is as usual RUBBISH. There are various options regarding the last question above. Yes operate as a Council for the good of residents
Post 5pm provision for employed residents
Promote / update the centres. Ensure that ALL centres have GOOD quality equipment (Be MORE competitive with local gyms)
Provide facilities available to all members of community irrespective of business case and to recognise that subsidy may be required to enable use
Provide in addition to, and not instead of current facilities. Make better use of existing facilities. IE: Cefn Fforest have a number of kayaks which according to staff, are not used. A nominal fee should be employed for all users irrespective of existing subsidy. The current facilities need to be maintained for continued maximum use throughout the borough as not everyone can travel to a central point. For a trial period, extended opening hours could be employed.
Providing local leisure centres that are easy to get to for residents, with little traveling is more important than financial efficiency. A healthier population is more cost affective, in the long term.
PUBLIC TOILETS PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936 WALKING CYCLING OUTSIDE BECAUSE PEOPLE BECOME HOUSE BOUND
Publish the subsidy costs for the Caerphilly Centre of Sporting Excellence. If they are the highest of the facilities, then the site should be sold off to the highest bidder possibly the WRU or FAW? Savings can then be invested in existing and school facilities
Q26 - very leading question, if I say I agree you take that I agree with the closures. Cutting services mean people travel further so they can't walk and then drive. What unique role? How do you plan to motivate youngest if you take Pont 3G away? These points are all nonsense. The leisure facilities should be run as a business - not an extension of the schools. Paying customers should have the facilities available as and when they have paid for, not restricted to school use. Poor design of facilities means that services are not available for the majority of the day i.e. pools and sauna. Classes should not have to be cancelled due to exams. If the council sells off land for new properties, services should be added not taken away.
realise this is a deprived area we cant all afford gyms
Receiving investment - making sure that is being spent well, not just given and not fully followed through where is being spent, as could actually be spent where it's not needed
Recognise health is key to success of borough and health of populations don't skimp on it. Work with NHS to recognise need
Reduce any other areas that can save money. 1 area would be to cut wages to a reasonable level, Chief Executive's etc.
Reduce free swimming and aquafit sessions for over 60s
Reduce wastage in council areas outside of leisure provision. Keep current assets, such as 3G pitch at Pontllanfraith, available for use to clubs and the community, instead of building new 'strategic facilities' which will be over-subscribed (we need more, not less).
Remove car park charges at country parks in the borough
Review all gyms costs and if business case allows make one big super gym with latest innovative equipment - outcome must achieve sustainability and reduce cost. Active travel - ensure that strategic transport services in particular active travel is reviewed and where there is a business case provide a service to enable access for all across Caerphilly Borough. Collaborate with businesses to build a aid

with the facilities sustainable future e.g. introduce franchises e.g indoor play, indoor golf etc, costa coffee etc. Consumer focused. Bike Racks - where the business case allows strategically dot around Caerphilly Bike racks and hire to enable access to gyms without the need for bus or car (or train).
Right approach
School buy-in. It is essential that head teachers actively encourage the use of local facilities for schoolchildren. Assistance of volunteers in sports in schools - For example Sporting Marvels in RCT
Shared use facilities are a disaster for people wishing to utilise the facility during school time. Newbridge is a prime example. A headmistress who dictates the use of the leisure facility is beneficial only to her. No facility within the council should be subjected to customers inhaling smoke from school children smoking outside air conditioning units. Not fit for purpose and I'm certain the councils environmental department would have closed any private facility operating in such a manner.
Should provide indoor leisure facilities for all for winter months and bad weather.
Spend some money on all the facilities
Stop building houses on the football pitches. There were two football pitches out side Caerphilly Leisure Centre, Virginia Park and you gave most of the area to the rugby club and then built houses on part of the area, so it could never go back, disgusting.
stop continually making cuts to all areas, as that is not sustainable.
Stop trying to close down canters so it's easier for you to run one big centre that people have to drive to
Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.
Subsidies at local authority facilities should be reserved only for those without the means to pay. If we work, we should pay. There is not enough money to cover everything.
Supporting existing privately run sport and leisure facilities
Surely the health of the community is more important than "Where there is a business case, we will invest in key, strategic facilities"
The council should identify what it feels is its unique and essential role and if it has the resources to implement this role.
The council should look at the price structure at venues. Then charge a reasonable rate to make the centre pay for itself. I am retired but should pay something towards the use of the facility. Are we paying to little to keep the facilities open? I think so .
The last one is a big promise as maintenance of some of our leisure facilities has been poor
The more support to sports of all kinds is a must
The priority should be maximising health and wellbeing. Financial efficiencies should be second to this. Spending more money to engage more people longer term is fine by me.
The proposed plans do not give all individuals within Caerphilly borough equal access to facilities. Providing the area with 4 super centres will not achieve social inclusion for residents and will result in oppression for those already on low incomes. The council should be focusing on longer term planning to promote prosperity in the area. At present the council is lacking to identify the long term effects of removing resources.
the schools opening up is down to the heads discretion, pupils get so much input from agencies and exposure to sports, leisure etc, I feel it is families that need facilities and opportunity.
The vat rebate could help considerably
There are limited swimming facilities in the Oakdale area. Our son swims competitively for Abertillery because there isn't a suitable provision close to us within the borough. Also, opportunities for schools are limited.
There needs to be a clear statement about provision for ALL members of the community not just schools, young people, teenagers are already a lost cause, but older people need help and access to sport and facilities.
There's a gap in provision for working age members of the community.
These questions are too general to comment on e.g. does maximising use of swimming pools mean filling them with so many people that it is impossible to swim lengths. If so then there is no need to put this in

a future strategy, it has already been achieved!
These statements are too vague and waffly. Very simple - keep leisure centres open, especially Pontllanfraith. Invest in the future. If the centre is knocked down and houses built on the site, where on earth are all those people going to go to participate in sport as well as established communities? Backward thinking council.
This document is disappointing as the draft strategy has been formulated and completed and this process of questions is effectively me telling you how good your statements are. This isn't a consultation but a method of gaining statistical data to confirm that obvious actions are acceptable e.g. of course "Maximising the use of all our community amenities and the local environment" are things I will agree with.
This is a money saving exercise. Yet again Blackwood, Rhymney and Bargoed have been screwed over. It costs £2 for a under 16 to travel to Newbridge from Blackwood, they can walk to Ceri Forest but in reality they will drive away from their communities to put pressure on a leisure that barely copes with the demand placed on it. From Blackwood it is almost impossible to get to Heolddu. Also during the school term only a limited selection can be provided as most facilities will be tied up by school use (which will increase due to the reduction of facilities.) it is poorly thought out and will impact on every community negatively.
Use of schools outside of school time - why are new schools built yet the community cannot use them?
We are working class and find activities expensive, so we only limited to use once a week as when we paid monthly we found at times we unable to go we were losing money as no refunds.
We as a borough already have enough sustainability in funds to improve on what we already have there is no need to knock or sell land over just update the services we already have as we have enough money to do so.
We should accept that some provision especially in disadvantaged areas will need to be subsidised if health and wellbeing targets are to be met.
We will ensure that ALL facilities directly operated by us receive the level of regular investment required to ensure that equipment and facilities are safe, functional, modern and inspirational
What chance have we got of comprehending all this ? all highly technical. how is Joe Public,& Dai Davies & others expected to understand all this 'jargon'
What about developers providing or contributing to facilities eg. Pay first year subscription to every householder who buys a house. TGI k wider than just knock old ones down and build newer but fewer facilities
What is meant by strategic facilities? Has this already been decided? - Ah, just seen the four proposed sites at Q33.
What's a " Sports Development officer" surely that should be "Sports Development Coach" why do you need an officer, when a coach could do a little bit of paper work. Spend less on officers and more on coaching & facilities. That's how you develop sports
What's a strategic facility?? Come on ccbc, if you're going to ask people whst yhry think, you need to be clearer in what youre asking!
Where and what are the so called strategic facilities? How do you propose to support individual organisations or clubs, particularly those helping over 50s to keep fit and active? You document recognises numbers of people over 65 will increase by nearly 420% yet you do not account for this projection (page 18). Have you forgotten the villages of Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen, south and east of Caerphilly??
Where are the opportunities for local inhabitants to voluntarily run and operate their own local facility? Have the originators of this "new strategy" considered using private/charity based organisations to run all/some of the local facilities. If not this is an impoverished strategy that should be confined to the rubbish bin.
Whereas I fully agree that financial implications have to play an important part in decision making this shouldn't be the primary concern for providing facilities for the people that they deserve. Young people need you to be investing in them. Schools , leisure centres and other key facilities should be multi use

<p>but when the decision makers are shutting down youth clubs and other centres rather than making them the amazing facility that would make a long term difference to local people. Funding is not a problem for the authority if a little creative thinking was carried out - stop making cuts and using excuses for doing so, buck the trend and invest in local people.</p>
<p>While appreciating financial constraints on local councils, I am very concerned that reviewing the business case would firmly place finance before the health and exercise opportunities of local communities.</p>
<p>Why not charge a reasonable increase of fees to keep Cefn Fforest / Pontllanfraith and if you can't do it, let some other organisation do it.</p>
<p>Wind turbines / solar panels / heat source Health and education should be placed before 'finance' Use solar panels etc to heat water etc Invest in making swimming cheaper</p>
<p>Working with the health authority, schools and colleges to bluntly tell people when they are overweight and what they must do about it.</p>
<p>Yes by promoting centres. At present they are not promoted outside Caerphilly County Borough Council</p>
<p>Yes we don't need mayors and chief executives that have cost the Caerphilly borough tax payers money when that could be spent more efficiently and listen to local people for their input for ideas.</p>
<p>You could have produced a questionnaire that was easier to understand so as we know what we are agreeing to.</p>
<p>you give too much away for free in your Leisure Centres, if they want free let them go for a walk, run or bike ride</p>
<p>You have wasted money on Cefn Forest and Heolddu Leisure Centres refurbishing / patching building, mechanical and electrical issues. You should have strategically taken a long term view and been decisive by building a new facility years ago, you've thrown money away. Don't make the same mistake by holding those people in the leisure sections accountable, I have you got the right people employed in the Council (take a look at yourselves, act and continuously improve to prevent the same errors being made)</p>
<p>You must provide sports surfaces for all sports not just football and rugby....hockey is a hugely popular sport but Caerphilly basin is like a hockey desert because you are not supporting this surface and consequently this sport</p>
<p>You seem to be focusing on people who are active and able to pay a minimum amount in order to stay active, not so much on people who are unable to pay and less physically active.</p>
<p>you should invest in all leisure facilities and not close them</p>
<p>you shouldn't close any provision, the population is ageing and they need provision that is local to them. Making people drive goes against environmental targets and driving to keep fit actively defeats the purpose.</p>
<p>You talk of addressing gaps in life expectancy, and yet you want to strip the very poorest areas in the Borough of their current services, despite the fact that these communities are likely to be the weakest in terms of health and wellbeing. Do you honestly think that suggesting these people go for a nice little walk in the park is going to address the issue of inequality?!</p>

Question 30: Corporate Policy. If you have disagreed with any of the statements relating to Corporate Policy, please suggest alternative ways forward in the box below.

"Wellbeing of future generations (Wales) act 2015"
2 above - Create same opportunities/possibilities for all and nudge strategies. Greater local awareness campaigns.
2 above - See Q28. 3 above - But from past experience what the Council wants, the Council gets. 4 above - CCBC - you mean you haven't been doing this already!
3 above - so why not follow the Cardiff example of using outside bodies to run these leisure centres - which incidentally have proved very successful - rather than to attempt to axe them!
A healthy life style should be available to everyone not just to the people who can afford expensive gym membership or to those entitled to benefits. There is a who group of the community who are living just above the bread line that are being excluded. Leisure centre prices for this group are over priced and simply not affordable.
Activities should be available for all at point of use.
after the first question, the second does not make sence
Again, lumbering the people with the responsibility for innovation.
All people do need access to the same opportunities. E.g if some swimming pools etc were closed it would disadvantage people who rely on being able to walk to them to use them, this is often the very people who need them most.
All residents are equal, to say no longer feasible for services to be provided to all is not a correct statement. For example why single out the removal of the Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre? The council removed the Comprehensive school from Pontllanfraith, the Islwyn Council Offices and now the proposed closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre. The focus should be on equal distribution of services that means looking at Caerphilly town too which appears expert from Council services rationalism as seen in other areas of Council policy such as Wind Turbine distribution which is heavily promoted in Pontllanfraith area and views to a saturated point, whereas in Caerphilly area - no turbines in view! The council should already be incorporating the best use of all facilities as a prime standard with the best interests of the residents in mind foremost not the interests of the officers of the council, this best use for residents should be a paramount in view and policy. All to often residents views are ignored. To have this as an aspirational policy demonstrates that the councils views do not align with residents views on services.
All residents should have equal access to sport & leisure facilities.
All school sport and leisure facilities should be dual use with the local communities that they serve. Even the military have set up dual use opportunities with new build facilities to maximise financial efficiencies when they are not being used for military physical training purposes.
All sport and leisure facilities should be available to all
Apparently the council has no money for anything - what exactly are you doing with it! We don't want fancy art in town centres and fancy paving we want money spent on facilities for kids. somewhere where children can carry out sport and not hang around the streets vandalising your fancy art. There is nothing for kids to do as it is don't start closing centres
Aren't there triathlon clubs. If the pools had permanent lanes then I'm sure people would be far more encouraged to attend. I've attended the pools frequently for training but I'm always running into people as there are no lanes set up. I appreciate this may not be the box for this statement but your consultation survey doesn't appear to give me opportunity to provide consultation.
Because of child protection joint sport with schools are very limited. Separate venues are required i.e. Blackwood Miner's Institute for yoga classes
Bot all leisure centres need to offer the same classes or opening times, but there should be a range of choice close to all residents. If you need more classes, or want to use additional venues maybe consider

using community centres.
By closing leisure centres many people will be deprived of the opportunity to take part in healthy activities such as swimming. Many elderly people take part in early morning swimming at their nearest pools. If these people are forced to use a limited number of pools they will be overcrowded and therefore unsafe. Many people who have no transport will no longer be able to keep fit and independent.
By stating the council can't 'provide the same service for all' are you implying that some communities will be treated differently to others? If so this is very worrying.
Can't comment as not fully aware of resources, costs, revenue etc to make this assessment.
..... it's about time the money was spent where residents want it to be. The Council are a liability with money and are not listening to their constituents. The public do not want to use school facilities, we want proper, available leisure centres.
Charge people from outside the county borough a higher fee to use the facilities e.g. residents of Rogerson pay and have the same access rights to Risca Leisure Centre as those from the borough who subsidise the Leisure Centre through their council tax. This money can then be diverted to support facilities in other parts of the borough. Also, offer Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre and Cefn Forest to local groups to be run on behalf of the community with some grant aid from the council.
Close Caerphilly CBC
Commentary made in previous survey questions.
Corporate parenting policy is also important ensuring that Caerphilly young people in and leaving care get all the opportunities they can
Council needs to find ways to provide the same service for all. Perhaps through partnerships with the private sector or trusts.
council policy should include environmental enhancement schemes to improve bio diversity this will increase eco-tourism thereby providing growth to the local economy. such enhancement can provide leisure through public amenity.
Council should NOT be looking to schools to provide leisure services. They do not have the capacity and CANNOT meet the demand and neither do they operate for the times required. The are schools not leisure centres.
Difficult to make a decision without figures
Direct funding to sports clubs where a joint decision can be reached as to how to spend funds
DISABILITY?
Do not close leisure centres
Don't lose facilities unless you replace them with new better ones
Don't penalise those who take care of themselves over those that are fat and lazy.
Help support local organisations to obtain funding/sponsorship with clear and concise guidelines. If you withdraw funding and help, these facilities will close. Public transport is limited if they want to access facilities further away.
How about the fact that the total usable reserves currently held by CCBC is £120.6m, the second highest of all the boroughs in Wales? There is no excuse to strip away our sports facilities. In case you require a reminder, Mark Drakeford AM has indicated that usable reserves should be used to safeguard services where possible. He has stated that: 'It is the responsibility of each authority to ensure it has an appropriate strategy in place for holding and using its reserves. The strategy should include regular reviews of holdings of reserves to ensure they are being deployed strategically to maintain and improve vital local services and to support the necessary longer term reforms... .. Decisions about the use of reserves are matters for each authority, supported by professionally qualified finance officers. I expect them to have rigorous arrangements in place to ensure they are using all their available resources in the most efficient and effective manner and that their decisions are open and transparent.' Re. School provision, CCBC proposed to close Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre and re-allocate users to Islwyn High School's sport facilities. However, CCBC failed to provide open and transparent information about the proposed opening hours at Islwyn High and the fact that the School is not able to provide a comparable

alternative to accommodate all current users. The School's facilities will be unavailable during weekends and public opening hours will be restricted to 20 hours per week between Monday and Friday, falling significantly short of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre's 75.5 per week, Sunday to Monday. The School facilities will be open during term-time only (37 weeks per year, as opposed to Pontllanfraith's 52 weeks). Sport and leisure services at the School will also be closed during examination periods, since assessments take place in the Sports Hall. Parents of Islwyn High School pupils have also raised concerns about the impact of the Centre's closure on local children because the School has continued to teach physical education lessons at Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre this term due to capacity issues within the School.

I assume that this question, as with many others, means spending less on sports and recreation. When I was young there was only outdoor swimming pools and no leisure centres. I never had the opportunity to play many sports. The leisure centres that were built in the seventies changed this and I have used them my entire adult life. I do not want to return to the dark days of the fifties.

I believe everyone should have the same access to all facilities.

I believe it is possible to provide the same service.

I believe that groups should have access to facilities. If closing check where provision is. Needs to be same geographical area and enough provision.

I believe volunteers now help out in libraries in some council areas, could you consider using volunteers to help out in leisure centres doing some of the more mundane tasks

I disagree that you cant provide the same service for all.

I disagree with the statement about providing the "same service for all" This is a very negative concept implying that the service will be reduced. Surely, the council, irrespective of funding, should be providing a better service for all.

I do believe the Council should be working with others to make the best of all opportunities, but I still feel the same level of recreation should be available to all. Too much is now means-tested and the working majority are constantly being punished for making 'too much' money. The fact that the County Borough Council cannot provide the 'same service for all' is very worrying indeed!! How does the Council choose who deserves a better service?

I don't understand why it can't provide the same service for all? What happened to inclusiveness

I don't believe that all residents have the 'same service'. Service should be needs led.

i don't mind paying more council tax in order to subsidise leisure centres

I don't think it's proper to offer better services to some residents only. This amounts to discrimination based upon where a person lives within the borough. Such a postcode lottery is unacceptable and contrary to the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations legislation which provides for improvements in the well being of all members of the community, not a select few.

I feel leisure centres could be better used. More activities for the elderly, centres of support, places where drs can refer to, places of wellbeing (mindfulness, meditation), centres of arts ie; art and crafts classes, homework areas for children who struggle at home. These centres can be hubs as well as sports venues.

I feel the scope of the survey doesn't address the issue at hand and further work needs to be done to come up with a workable solution .

I find it difficult to understand or accept how residents from the borough could be expected to accept a tiered service provision based on their location or other factor if all have the same expectations in relation to their tax contributions.

I fundamentally disagree with the closure of Pontllanfraith leisure centre and in particular the 3G pitch which is used all the time

I have a doubt about the joint use agreement with schools though we would have to see how it would work in practice. I know already there are times when I attend my local leisure centre during the day and without any publicity or notification find the changing rooms are closed because they are being used by schools as is the pool.

I have no faith in council employees to run the sports and leisure in the most efficient way possible. I

see other areas of inefficiency in council works and I can't see it getting better.
I think using a multi agency approach to Health and Lifestyle is a more realistic approach to encouraging lifestyle choices. Its all good going to the gym but pointless if you are going to the chippy straight after. People need to learn how to cook again for themselves, less processed foods and more pan to plate rather than plastic to plate!
if by working with others you mean privatisation or closing leisure centres then I strongly disagreed. Privatisation means saving money you can't help people locally on the cheap.
If centres were to be taken over by schools, would there be an additional charge to lifestyle members? Or would we be able to use the facilities as we do now, inclusive of the cost of lifestyle?
If joint use with a school, public get only limited use. Does not work, like Newbridge changed to Cefn Fforest because of this.
If schools have the deciding factor for using facilities this will minimise the use for other participants in the community.
If the council can increase levels of activity in the county then that in turn relieves the strain on our health services due to better health, those savings should be identified by governments and the money should go back into the community which is maybe easier said than done, but a county wide initiative would be a good start.
If the only obstacle to the maintenance of all facilities is economic put up admission charges before considering any other option
If the way forward is to increase activity and health for all residents of the Caerphilly Borough, surely offering access to services for all. If you are on a low income and have to travel to access facilities, this is not going to happen and the families who are most at need will miss out. Closing facilities is not the answer. Encouraging partnership with community groups and businesses across the borough and nationally to keep facilities local.
If we are to continue paying council tax to Caerphilly they need to support leisure centres BUT not like they are - sort out the lazy ambivalent staff get knowledgeable supervisors in (not people who have been in the job for years with NO expert experience). You do not have to pay staff silly amounts of money either - again - look at the real world before you pay over the odds for an easy easy job.
If you mean work with others as in the public then yes, if this means funding bigger business to take over your role then no
I'm not sure there is enough detail with some of the questions to be able to give an answer
Increase in the leisure part of council tax / budget.
Invite investors/businesses to contribute to local communities, creating health hubs with an entrepreneurial attitude.
Is this a means to alleviate council responsibility and financial investment????
It is essential that all residents have equal access to facilities
It is important that the council goes out of its way to ensure that everyone has equal opportunities to use leisure facilities. To ensure this the council should focus more on less fortunate, or more deprived, areas of the county. The council also needs to encourage people to use the facilities it provides. Maybe there should be less focus on buildings and expensive infrastructure, and more focus on encouraging people to use the natural facilities and natural environment all around us. For example there should be more activities encouraged in Penallta Park and the walking/cycling paths that run through it. Hengoed viaduct is another landmark that will attract users if it is imaginatively "sold" as a venue for exercise groups or sprints etc.
it is not feasible to sue or book school facilities as they are already over subscribed.
It is not the council's job to coerce people to participate in sport if they don't want to.
It may no longer be financially viable to provide the same service to all, but that just doesn't seem fair to all that want to access services.
It's not all about schools, at blackwood bowls club we have 2 members of school age but over 20 members are pensioners who are still fit and active
It's all loaded questions so you can say the residents support you to close facilities.

I've given up now trying to understand all the above.
Keep leisure centers open, they are meant for public use funded by public money. Sort out the top heavy management structures in the council will save more money than closing facilities that people pay to use.
Keep local pools and gyms OPEN. Make them more accessible to everyone. RETIRED PEOPLE CAN'T USE SCHOOLS IN THE DAY TIME - Schools are already overloaded. Don't put all the onus on schools. Councils can budget better to give everyone these facilities. Make savings elsewhere - not with people's health.
KEEP OUR LEISURE CENTRES OPEN!
Keep pontllanfraith lc open
Leisure facilities should be publically funded - private health clubs and gyms are already available to those who want it. Use the reserves of money we have
Link health sport initiatives to the workplace so that adults take up a better lifestyle and pass that on to their kids
Look at other budgets within the council and reduce them to fund this. This is ESSENTIAL, other things are not (flower beds, Christmas trees/lights etc).
Look for local sponsorship to keep things open. No good closing facilities if you want people to be proactive, you need to encourage them to attend.
Low risk sports are fine, but high risk, contact sports cause injury, resulting in costs and lost productivity. Too many genres of so called sport, some extremely minority interests with very expensive equipment. Concentrate on majority mor inclusive classes.
more facilities for older people to have expertise exercise as as delivered by Gaynor Kellenher on Mondays and Thursdays on the community centre (van Centre) on Llangsbry Park These classes have were closed 18 months ago Gaynor provided an excellent service to the older person to their specific needs which I found helpful and resulted in me coming off two medications. Between 8 and 15 people attended each session and everyone found them helpful and benefited health wise from them. These classes have been sadly missed and would like to be restarted.
Need to avoid postcode lottery, especially if this adversely affects the more deprived communities in the north of the county borough
Needs of community should come before financial cost to council
No 3 sounds great but it's meaningless. Sports club volunteers can not replace trained staff in developing the health of a community. It's a cheap way of providing services but they can break down quickly without support. This is not in place and you have no desire to put in place. Also it removes yet another type of work. Not everything can be provided for free. What you accept, you get more of. Closures will continue. People object to paying for the green parks so they park outside and affect traffic.
None come to mind
Not everyone drives or has access to a car. Families need local amenities.
Not forgetting a joint police for the aged and those with disabilities. by revamping the asserts and getting tighter control on the budgets, with management at a minimum and using workers to produce the policy.
Not shutting down sport facilities
Not shutting down sport facilities
Not shutting down sports facilities
Not to the exclusion of local leisure centres. Maintain locally well used leisure centres which provide excellent serves to local schools ie swimming lessons which appears insignificantly in Corporate Poway
Offer people to established sports clubs and classes more dialogue and better communication
on the 2nd point you have contradicted yourselves you cannot offer 1 person everything and not the other person half of something its all dwn to equal rights to use the sports and recreational facilites you provide .
.....
Please be careful. Private sector provision is profit driven and this doesn't always fit with your model of engaging with the widest possible audience and promoting fitness for all.

Please see earlier panel when I referred to voluntary run facilities or charity/not for profit organisations.
Poor. Should be investing in area and creating more facilities particular the places that are lacking like Pontllanfraith to benefit the people , families , children in the area. More houses being built which will only increase people in the area. More facilities needed indoor and outdoor to help reduce obesity , promote healthier lifestyles . Most rugby football teams at mini junior level are already struggling for adequate facilities . More needed
Provided you do not appropriate existing facilities to further councillors own reputation. CCBC has the unenviable reputation of getting things wrong. various botched roadworks, to name but a few. Private interprise, volunteers, and transferred ownership should all be used to expand retain facilities and testimonial ambitions by certain elements within CCBC should be restricted. CCBC is already a laughing stock, don't add this strategy to the long list of mistakes. GET IT RIGHT FOR ONCE!!!!
Provision of sports facilites available and accessble to all should be a core requirement of the council.
publicise more effectivley the impact of cuts and money saving measures imposed by central government, to inform the electorate who can then influence goverment strategy.
Put the money being paid to "non working" staff into leisure.
Q2 above - are we not "all" equal in Caerphilly?? - please EXPLAIN? Q4 above - Your point makes good sense to maintain current facilities in Cefn Fforest & Pontllanfraith. Q5 above - We obviously need MORE facilities not LESS - bearing in mind the number of housing developments planned in the borough, and the policies of the Welsh Government to encourage all ages to keep fit, which in the long run can only be a good thing for the community, and costs incurred in medical attention, reduced.
Q29 these questions are irrelevant as the "council" should be providing these facilities irrespective of old or young. It is the responsibility of the "council" to provide such facilities for all age groups and not play on fancy wording. NB - Keep Pontllanfraith updated and open!!!
Raise the price of smartcard membership/talk to smartcard holders to find out their views in a sensible, respectable manner - perhaps many of these card holders have credible ideas of how to maintain the opening of leisure centres.
Rather than relying on schools where facilities are not reguarly available during term time and where disagreements maybe had over the use of the facilities, provide alternatives by keeping leisure centres open especially with the influx of people to the area with several new housing estates.
Reduce waste in other council departments first, sports and leisure are a vital resource which should be maintained for future access to all residents. Less facilities will mean the failure of clubs and falling rates of participation. Using schools facilities means that there is no availability for 3/12 of the year - just not sustainable.
Relying on school based facilities will disadvantage some who will have limited access
Review Charges before closing facilities.Introduce differential charges for non residents
Same service for all means equitable and fair so should be something the council strive for?
Save money by not paying off staff at the Council for four years when they were found to be breaking rules. Upping Council Tax to pay for these staff is wrong, and most of the community in Caerphilly no longer trust the Council. Rather than waste money on corporate issues which are NOT the fault of the taxpayer, invest to make green spaces more accessible, invest in the awful childrens parks in the County (Both parks in Oakdale are in a terrible state and dangerous for small children, which is disgusting) and invest in more staff to man the venues we have e.g. Islwyn High School in the evenings and on weekends.
Schools are for learning, leisure centres are for better health and lifestyle.
Schools are for learning, leisure centres are for sport and other physical activities
Schools like Islwyn high need to make facilities available throughout the year
Schools should be used for sports and active lifestyles for the youth market only. Schools are not available to all in term time so I believe we need to focus more of the approach on business investment and getting some new innovations into Caerphilly. The same old strategies and lesson learned approach shows it is not working. People in the area will not utilise a school for facilities (the one's you are targeting). Something has to attract them into a leisure centre and it is not a school location. Children

get enough sports education, this strategy needs to focus on the parents and getting them out into the gym somehow.
Services around "health & well being" must not be cut - investments must be made.
Services should be provided for everyone and accessible
Simple - keep Pontllanfraith open ...
Sounds like profit before people as a strategy. Not something I could sign agree with or sign up to.
Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.
support non council sports facilities
Suspect questionair tailored to give council the results they are looking for I.e centre and pool closures. Very sad
Targeted interventions should be evidence based. Is there evidence that they work or is it more money to supplement the minority that won't look after there own needs. Targeted intervention through schools might give the best outcomes - education on the benefits of keeping active and healthy and the varied options to do so.
The council cannot and should not rely on schools to try and deliver leisure services. They are schools answerable to the governing body and cannot provide the range of services currently offered by existing leisure centres.
The council could provide the same service for all if it stopped wasting money. Like paying wages to executives that have been suspended for a number of years
The council could still provide service for all but there is another way. What about a resident passport and you get so many credits once they are used you have to pay more.
The council does have an obligation to all of its residents - irrespective of background, race, financial situation and ability.
The council had a duty to provide the same service to all
The Council has a duty to provide access to leisure facilities for everyone - Equality. The same degree of emphasis should be given to mature users as well as school pupils.
The council is the key provider of these services and needs to recognise that fundamental role. This is SE Wales not SE England, people have less money, therefore, the council needs to step in. Some community run facilities should be tried, but only if these is no alternative.
The Council needs to increase council tax or increase charges for public disrespect (e.g. dropping cigarette butts or other forms of litter on the floor) to pay for it.
The council needs to stop closing our local leisure centres and stopnselling grass roots football pitches for Housing! There are very few areas young children can freely play football or rugby that arent goverend by the council. The pitch in Brittainia has been taken and left to grow over...soon to have houses planted on top i imagine. The pitch in Fleur has been deemed unsafe to play on. The leisure centre in pont and now cefn fforest looking to close and the loss of the outdoor pitch at pontllanfraith. Local schools not allowing the pitches and amenities being used through holidays and making them extremely difficult and expensive to book!! The list goes on amd on.
The council should actively engage with local sports clubs much more frequently and work together to deliver high quality participation opportunities.
The council should aim to provide adequate facilities available and accessible to all without having to travel too far.
The Council should maintain footpaths and access to the countyside to encourage residents to make best use of their surroundings
The Council should make better and more innovative use of their time - do we need the widest possible range of indoor and outdoor physical activity spaces if the range that is currently in place isn't fully being used even now? Just seems to be making more work for the council instead of using time wisely to find a solution to the current budget / financial issue Free Home / Hit workouts are getting more popular - can work with local clubs and schools to teach younger generations to follow these trainers online to help their own fitness if they can't afford membership - teaching the benefit of a healthier life on a

budget is good for mental and physical health overall
The council should not discriminate against people i.e. postcode discrimination
The Council should support the Health and Well being of its residents. Surely this will benefit the Community in the future and less of a burden on the Council if the residents are well and healthy
The council should take more notice and more interaction with the public to see what they want to do in the future in both sport and recreation. As the times are changing and lots of different sports are coming through and are thriving be a same if certain ones go.
The council shouldn't necessary provides the same service for all but should be providing equal range of services across the council area.I don't believe the plans will deliver the healthy lifestyles, education economy and regeneration. Limiting the services will lead to less healthy individuals, large numbers of people will lose jobs and become poorer so the economy in the area with suffer and people. If schools are using the remaining facilities then the time for other people will be decreased and this will mean people will find it difficult to access a session that fits in with their work and family commitments. Cefn fforest had 66,598 visiting in 2017/2018 and pontllanfraith had 74,347 where are all these people going to go to be active? How much time will it take for these people to travel elsewhere? How can the remaining facilities provide for these people when many of the schools are using them? I would rather prices increase and allow my local centre to continue to be the heart of the community. If the larger centres are so good then surely money from these could be redistributed to regenerate the less prosperous areas of the borough as this would enable the maximum number of people can be active and allow the 140,945 visitors to continue having the healthy lifestyle they are striving for despite the repeated attempts by the council to take their centres away.
The facilities at Islwyn High are in no way comparable to the facilities on offer at Pontllanfraith. I would suggest that the school continue to use the facility, the sporting facilities at Islwyn High are poor in comparison to Pontllanfraith. There is little room for expansion on-site either. This was always likely to happen when the council decided to move the school to it's current location
The money wasted in other areas of the council needs addressing before crying poverty and removing the opportunity for all residents to have the same health and recreation opportunities as those in the wealthier areas of the borough. Caerphilly and Blackwood are always the focus of the efforts with Bargoed and the northern end of the borough losing out regularly. The high unemployment and poor health in the northern end of the borough would benefit far more than Caerphilly would and in some cases could help people with confidence and self esteem enough to find jobs or improve their health so our health services are not at breaking point.
The needs of the elderly for access to appropriate sporting and recreational facilities is ignored in this
The 'same service for all' implies that every area of the Borough has the same facilities to start with. That is untrue. The facilities available at Cefn Fforest outweigh the facilities available in the Cwmfelinfach and Ynysddu areas.
The same service for all should still be a priority - otherwise disadvantaged areas will lose out, it should aim to do this through use of schools and existing g facilities. However, schools should in no way loose out financially due to changes in the facilities - nor should they become a business for profit.
The schools cannot cope with all the clubs etc that wish to use their facities so no extra burden should be placed on them .. our children need exercise without the hardship of cold lightless fields etc
The second point contradicts the first point therefore (in my view), second point should be deleted.
The whole ethos of public sector delivery is the same service for all and to move from this will render some members of society marginalised.
There has never been a same service for all as middle class family don't get help , the rich and poorest family have all the help plus middle aged people like us in our fifties no help , people who are young or old are getting help but it's all ages need the help & facilities. Over forties need health check as this is where you need to up your game & body changes .
There should be equal opportunity for all irrespective of age to be active participants within their community . Specialism in sporting and other physical opportunities can only be provided on a regional and strategic basis . The aim of the Authority must be to make same available to all.

There should be equality of opportunity for all sections of society, otherwise people living in disadvantaged areas will lose out. Areas of the greatest need will get the worst facilities.
These existing centers need to be better managed if finance is an issue. Rather than close existing facilities, look around at neighbouring boroughs to see how existing services can be maximised financially.
Think the council is asking which services should be closed down, we don't think any should be closed but open longer to attract more young and adult use
think the money should be spent on helping people who have not got tgeir own house get the list down
This I assume is the current corporate policy and a definition introduction should have been given. Its also geared in again to the schools.
This 'vision' is short sighted and very right wing - many people will lose out
To many trick questions that the public don't realise that by answering them they are backing decisions that they don't understand
We all pay council tax so why is not feasible to carry on as we have done?
we have a duty of care to our young people, if you allow the use of school sports facilities to the general public you are not safeguarding our young people
We need to be looking at long term costs over all health and public service, not just trying to save money in your own little bubble
We need to keep our leisure centres open, children and adults alike need to have the facilities of these places to keep active. Pontllanfraith is a fantastic leisure centre, open grounds, plenty of parking and lovely views from the gym, no house on there please.
What does same service for all mean.... it seems to me you anticipate 'abandoning' remoter areas and giving up on providing a service to them. In which case I disagree unless you are going to improve public transport links to those areas
Whats the fascination with joint school facilities. Does this really satisfy the needs of the community and its growth demographics?
While appreciating financial constraints on local councils, I am very concerned that reviewing the business case would firmly place finance before the health and exercise opportunities of local communities.I believe that the 'same service for all' still applies
Whilst I would agree the Council cannot provide "the same service for all", my concern is that the end product might turn in to "no service for some". It feels like there is precious little investment in places like Bargoed as it is. You need place-based solutions that consider the needs of the local population and ways to overcome barriers to accessing those solutions. You need to make it easier for people to access sports and active recreation, which should start with better advertising of opportunities and more local provision.
Why don't all children in schools get swimming lessons?
Why is it no longer feasible for the council to provide. Everyone pays their council tax!!
Why is it no longer feasible? Without knowing the facts, it would be difficult to find the answer. The council is a public service provider, I believe it has lost sight of this fact. I would suggest there is a lack of commercial awareness and real business acumen amongst the top level of management within the council and thus struggle to make the most of the income they have and let slip the services they should provide
Why is it not feasible!
Why isn't it feasible for the council to provide the 'same service for all'? What does this mean? If this means that some communities will be valued more highly than others, I will certainly disagree. You can't preach about 'fitness for all' when you actually mean 'fitness for the more affluent areas' or 'fitness for those that can afford it'.
Why isn't it feasible? The council over recent years have increased our council tax payments and paid corporate council leader whilst on suspension, not to mention the amount of money spent devising the complicated and largely irrelevant questionnaires. Most people don't know what Q31 is referencing, nor do they have the time to look it up. Questions asked should be what could the council do to improve

facilities and the area, not ask questions that go over people's head.
Why pick on bowls
Why should all communities have local access to same facilities
With decreasing school budgets, unless costs for transport are covered by the LA, I fail to see how school engagement can increase for schools not within walking distance of centres.
With gyms and private recreation facilities opening left right and centre, i think it shows huge lack of vision to be thinking of closing ours....you should be investing in them and promoting them
words --council actions --ever more housing less and less green local spaces more traffic pollution makes a mockery of the above statements supposedly promoting healthier lifestyle
Work with the voluntary (third) sector
Working with schools restricts the availability of facilities to older members of the community during school hours. The council's focus appears to only be on young people who are provided with statutory games lessons.
Yes it provides an essential service across all demographic in the borough. Make it cheaper and they will come!!!!
You cannot as an Authority expect for the schools to shoulder the burden of providing the facilities, there simply is already over subscription of the school sites.
You could just upgrade existing facilities so they are fit for future use.
You find money for yourselves when needed, why not for all.
You need to consider how to provide a good service for all! Don't concentrate on Caerphilly only and invest in other areas of the county.

Question 32: Facilities. If you have disagreed with any of the statements relating to Facilities, please suggest an alternative way forward.

"Future aquatic facilities?" So, pools then... this is eorded appallinly for yhe msjority of residents in ccbc. No wonder we're all apathetic when you ask for our views!
A matrix apporoach doesn't consider the multiple benefits. Look at a WEll being goals and sustainable management principles approach instead
Access to swimming pools should be kept as they are. It is important that all Children have access to a pool within easy travel distance so that they can learn to swim. This is good for health and also Health & Safety given the number of waterways (Canals. Rivers etc) and blankets of water (Reservoirs, lakes etc) in the borough
Activities for all. Access to activities for all. All schools and communities must have easy access to swimming facilities.
Again just fancy words. Please get the picture! Pontllanfraith needs to stay open.
again none of above can happen is leisure centers are closed
Again simply can't make decision on visitor numbers. Areas with low population / isolated areas by definition have less people.
All well and good in the summer, what about the long winter months?
Although I appreciate the need to cut costs within Caerphilly, I feel that there has been a disregard to the community in and around the leisure centres in order to do this. After attending all of the consultation meetings, where many suggestions were put forward, none of them were listened to or considered. Perhaps call another meeting to listen to views.
Appreciate swimming isn't for all (like walking), a state of the art 50m pool in the Borough would attract people from all over Wales as is the case in Swansea and Cardiff. There's no better exercise and helps lots of people with disabilities : injuries recover to undertake other leisure activities, don't just shut the pools because they are costly to run, there are loads of swimming clubs in S Wales that would gravitate to a new centre of excellence.
As I am not a lawyer I do not understand the implications of answering the questions
Caerphilly has continually provided less provision for aquatic activities than surrounding boroughs and from this statement are looking to further reduce this in my view under funding of a key activity segment and life skill that everybody should pcess
Cefn Fforest serves a big community. Local schools use it to deliver swimming as part of the curriculum.
Cefn Fforest swimming pool has provided a facility for local children for generations to learn to swim - a rather important life skill. This strategy will stop this for future generations of children!
Close Caerphilly CBC
Closing one of two swimming pools in the area will mean that Newbridge, which is already difficult to book a slot there will be even busier. Why not increase the prices slightly or increase Council Tax to cover any shortfall, with the amount raised through the increases to be ring-fenced so it can only be used to support the Leisure facilities in the borough
Could a 3G and changing facilities be established on the Rhiw Syr Dafydd field for school and community use?
Cutting the managment structure down will save far more money than closing leisure centers.
DISABILITY?
Do not close leasure centres
Do not cut back on existing provision
Do not understand the questions
Don't close any swimming pools unless you replace them with better facilities
Don't understand what "seeking clarity on swimming entitlement" means. Hope that this does not mean, for example, that Bedwas Swimming Pool might close as rumoured. I am concerned about loosing such a brilliant facility! I strongly believe that the Council needs to improve its publicity/marketing strategies on

the existing excellent to increase the health of the local community and take up..
existing leisure and sport facilities were developed to fill a need, rather than look for areas to cut or close facilities the council should cost for keeping all facilities and change the council tax or fees to cover these costs keep what we have and charge users accordingly
Free swimming for the elderly must be maintained.
Further information needed to be able to comment on the above questions. The Welsh Assembly government is another non effective organisation. It is basically a "talking shop" with very poor quality AMs. Therefore it is unlikely to have a coherent, well thought out strategy while wasting money e.g. (M4 relief road and the impact on the coastal wetlands).
Further work needs to be done to arrive at an acceptable and workable solution.
Future swimming entitlement. If this means reducing access to those that have a financial or physical limitation then no.
Get developers to always provide a facility eg. If they build over 30 homes they provide a park or lido or walk or skate Park
Having only 4 strategic centres would be too far for people to travel. You have a centre of excellence in Ystrad, why not upgrade the rest of the facilities at this site. Remember the ageing population when looking at facilities.
How does CCBC reconcile the ongoing plastics problem with the use of 3G surfaces? I find that Caerphilly leisure centre pool is heavily subscribed and sometimes the public swim slots aren't too convenient. How will this be affected by the proposals? I appreciated that easy access by car is seen as a positive. It is however highly counterintuitive to suggest it is healthy to drive to exercise... Existing communities a very parochial. How will CCBC ensure the closure of facilities does not adversely affect those communities likely to lose facilities?
I am concerned that the strategies addressed in the first and second questions will be detrimental to facilities in areas of deprivation - where the need for such activity is great - health is poor - and ability to travel is limited. I worry that these strategies will be used to close facilities in places that are already losing other significant support because they are economically challenged areas
I am unable to agree or disagree with questions 1-3 for the following reasons; 1) it is not possible to comment on the 'blueprint' without having read the Welsh Government Strategy from which it comes to see what context it had been devised in, 2) there is no explanation of how the decision making matrix was devised or how it will be used. Also it appears to have already been adopted to make decisions regarding leisure centre rationalisation, therefore why ask should it be adopted, 3) there is no explanation as to what swimming entitlement is or what the current entitlement is. There is also no explanation as to what is meant by aquatic delivery or what is meant by aquatic facilities.
I can't play badminton in a community centre, health centre, library or church! Many people, like me, enjoy hobbies that require particular sporting facilities and equipment. Current leisure centres can't cope with the demand for racket sports and field sports... what shall we all do, take up yoga and hiking??
I don't agree with the following measurement factors in the matrix:- - Local commercial offers should not be an alternative and not the only available option; - Spa facilities are a luxury item that should not be universally provided by the council. Local commercial sites provide this form of pampering and it's available for those who want it without the need for further facilities.
I don't know the Welsh governments plans, but Caerphilly should draw up its own plans which governs the county then work through the welsh government to ensure costings could be saved by joining with others on similar needs. In other words Caerphilly to be its own driving force whilst the welsh government support us and others highlighting where councils can join together to save costs. and expertise.
I don't know what this means
I don't think sporting facilities should be too far away from where people live, as it would be difficult for people to get to. There may be buses available but some people may have to take two or three buses to get to the facility and they will probably not do that. I believe more use should be made of the facilities that are already available, albeit commercially/privately-funded, but the fees must be kept to a

minimum so that everyone can access them. I strongly believe in sport for all!
I have recently discovered that Armed forces personnel can swim for free. I'm in the Armed forces and I'm happy to pay for the swim. This is especially so as there's no point having free swimming if you're planning to close a lot of the pools.
I will disagree with anything that has the remotest whiff of reducing spending on sports and leisure.
I would question the 250k of visitor per annum to leisure centres, when the population count in the North of the borough is lower than the South, this simply leads to larger gaps in community provision and deprivation levels between those living in the North compared to those living in the South. Attracting business investment in the North may change this, perhaps economic development could look to improve this after missing out on the strategic hub for the South Wales Metro in the Cardiff City Deal, this inevitably will help increase prosperity and health in the future.
I'm not sure if the above questions would appeal to your average Caerphilly resident.
If co-location and closure of leisure centres are essential, the council must ensure there is a robust public transport network in place to ensure local communities are not deprived of leisure facilities within a reasonable distance.
If things were expressed in plain English one might have a clearer idea what the plan was. Most of the documents are meaningless jargon.
Invest in existing 3G Pitches
Investing in ALL centres to build communities not destroy them
It is practically impossible to assess these issues without detailed knowledge
It is proposed to close either the leisure centre site at either Bargoed or Aberbargoed. It's clear and obvious that the site to close is Aberbargoed. Closing the Bargoed site will mean further travel for those in the north of the borough who wish to access swimming facilities. Public transport options to reach centres with pools are not the best. As a result the most disadvantaged in society, who if other studies are to be believed also suffer the most ill health, will be further disadvantaged. Also there is a greater range of facilities at the Bargoed site which is easily accessible by residents of Aberbargoed.
Keep ALL of the sport and recreation facilities that we have right now as it is working look elsewhere for your budget cuts. As for trying to shut any leisure facilities i think that it is outrageous. Family live next to pontllanfraith and its always busy daily should update the parking there as it manic there are people parking in the streets and walking over. And for Cefn forrest i have friends and their kids have swimming lessons there and is also a well used leisure centre so these two are a no brainer to keep them OPEN!!!
Keep ALL swimming pools open in order that ALL residents can access them. It is a life savings skill and the most important Of all sports for general fitness and wellbeing
Keep existing centres in Pontllanfraith and Cefn FForest open. Why does the Sirhowy Valley have to lose their provision to the Rhymney valley?
Keep existing facilities. Vulnerable people will lose out if local facilities are centralised. The council should be working for all.
Keep Pontllanfraith LC open
Keep pools open if it means for the member to pay a fee?
Keeping 4 main leisure centres and closing smaller ones is going to result in lower participation levels. Convenient access to a leisure centre is important, particularly during the winter months. Users who walk or use public transport may be put off by having to travel further to the leisure centre. This may not be an issue for very keen users but those who are less keen may be deterred resulting in a fall in participation and not the increase the Borough is trying to achieve.
language is too complicated don't really understand what's being asked
Make the questionnaire easier to understand for residents.
Massive new housing development should mean leisure services should be protected not just in the Caerphilly area. But also Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest areas, especially the scale of new development!
Matrices are usually subjective and often have high levels of 'gaming'. This form of assessment is rarely fair and is unlikely to achieve the goal.
Matrix adoption is corporate speak for getting things to fit in with the planned desired required

outcome. Knowing the community you serve is paramount, all wards and districts. for example Pontllanfraith. Keeping the Leisure Centre open. Developing a plan is not sufficient, this ought to be in place already after listening to the whole community needs. Either the existing plan is not robust or the department heads efficiency and vision need to re-evaluated with those who have a vision of provision of services to all in the community.
More needed. Not enough at present
More parks and less pollution in these areas!
N/A
N/A
Needs to include AstroTurf to promote sports that use this surface
No
No
North of Caerphilly Borough needs an actual "swimming pool" as Newbridge is more for youngsters and young families
Not everyone is into sport. Walking and play are important too
not sure what is meant by 3G
Not sure what the above statement actually means! If it means closing swimming pools I would strongly oppose this. We should be developing the ones we have and encouraging greater use of them.
One size fits all plans do not work and need to be individually tailored to different authorities.
Option 3 is incoherent.
Outdoor facilities good but what about winter months and bad weather
paper exercise ==decisions already made--ie master plan
Place more power in the hands of local communities to run facilities or not for profit organisations.
PLEASE PROVIDE THE REPORT IF YOU ARE GOING TO QUOTE IT!
Pontllanfraith 3G is well used and the removal of this would be detrimental to local clubs and residents health and well being
Pontllanfraith is always and already fully booked!!
Rationale and sustainable means cuts
Re third point, why just swimming. All activities should be explored, e.g. Badminton, tennis to encourage participation.
Ref Swimming facilities we have an aged pool at Risca and Newbridge closing one at Cefn Fforest?
Schools to use facilities more often - more swimming classes for primary children and repeat.
Programme each year - not just swimming for one year group. Swimming every year for all year groups
Seeking clarity on the future swimming entitlement along with supporting the rationale for a sustainable programme of aquatic delivery also informing the need for future aquatic facilities See next page
Significant housing growth is not just confined to the south west of the borough. The measurement factors as set out in the report are purely arbitrary and ignore the tens of thousands that use the other centres notably Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith.
Sounds like a lot of work for officers
Stop selling off any "surplus" land for development in certain areas and invest in education, communities and leisure instead. What's the point and basis of building thousands of more homes when the County Borough no longer has the infrastructure, schools, hospitals, GP surgeries and provisions to deal with the increase in population???!?
Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.
Strategy is the need for a good quality network of well-maintained walking and cycling routes.
Strategy should be locally based, targeted and accountable.
Tap should be proritied over 3g.....You already have a glut of these
The borough does not need more 3G pitches. Invest in alternative sports such as athletics where there is a clear need for facilities and a strong and thriving club from which to build from

<p>The Decision making matrix seems more economically focused than towards the health and well being outcomes. There should be a great weighting towards where the greatest need is required for a better outcome on the health and well being outcomes. This may take into account geographical economic areas and geographical areas of where health and well being are not being attained.</p>
<p>The removal of Cefn Fforest leisure centre may in the short term save money for the council, however the long term effects on individuals within the area have not been taken into account. The pool in my opinion is used effectively and should be promoted to encourage more participation. Investing money into Caerphilly leisure centre will not benefit individuals living in the Blackwood and surrounding area. Money should be equally dispersed throughout the borough to ensure all residents have equal access to facilities.</p>
<p>The strategy on local leisure facilities is based on cost, not goals, not motivation, not need. We want people to use the facilities more, not to herd everyone into modern new facilities miles from home</p>
<p>the weather in the part of the country reflex the use of such facilities, so I feel that it is important that the general public have indoor space for lesure activities</p>
<p>There needs to be a cost benefit check on the establishment and maintenance of the different types.</p>
<p>These questions have been worded so it is impossible to disagree so well done!!</p>
<p>This questionnaire has been deliberately worded to ?? the Council's own already decided outcome!</p>
<p>This section absolutely meaningless to the ordinary layman. This is nota questionare on health and fitness. If feels like an endurance task to nowhere</p>
<p>Two level 3 centres are needed</p>
<p>Utilising schools will.lead to increased wear and head, hammering the education budget In future years</p>
<p>Velothon s should be moved around Wales. Not repeatedly inconveniencing the residents of South East Wales.</p>
<p>Very disappointed that pitch At Islwyn high is shut at weekends</p>
<p>We already have swimming and 3G facilities available locally - keep them!</p>
<p>We don't need 3g facilities, grass is fine!</p>
<p>weighting will be thrown to deprived areas of the borough. whereas the Caerphilly basin needs investment to maintain standards and increase growth</p>
<p>When we have local heroes such as Gareth Bale, Sam Warburton and Geriant Thomas we don't have to look too far to find a blueprint that works. As these guys, they should be inputting into local strategies about sport and activity. Do not shrink swimming facilities, grow them for the future and encourage all of us to make use of them. Come on think big rather than the usual introverted opinion and options.</p>
<p>Where 3 G pitches are financially supported by CCBC it should be a condition of funding and those that have the pitches should report on wider community benefit. Where this has not been a requirement I am not sure what you can do to ensure that community use is prioritised.</p>
<p>Why hasn't the plan been developed?</p>
<p>Why use words like rationalising when you mean cutting??</p>
<p>You are removing 1/4 of the provision. Swimming is not easily available in any leisure centre. All grass pitches are fully booked by local teams, reduce provision you reduce the number of teams.</p>
<p>you need to enhance the 3 G provision so there are pitches available in all communities particularity the North of the Borough - that is Rhymney (so it is available for all schools and the communities of Rhymney, Pontlottyn, Abertyswg and Deri plus Bargoed if they would prefer to travel north instead of South) not as low down as Bargoed</p>
<p>You need to look closer to home to make saving as council wasted a lot of money on the three officers</p>
<p>Your form is getting to complicated by the second .. a disgrace in fact .. I do not want the centres closed so whichever answers that might make this happen I chose</p>

Question 34: Please outline what you feel the impact would be on you of rationalising facilities so that the Council's Sport and Leisure service directly manages 4 strategic leisure centres

<p>- Facilities need to be high quality and available year-round. - As a family we are involved in 3 sports clubs that would be directly affected and would likely have to close due to reduced and unavailable facilities, impacting on mental and physical wellbeing. - Travelling time to new strategic centre will directly impact the amount of time that I can spend there, making it not a viable option. Also will increase traffic and pollution in the county - not a good, healthy outcome for anyone!</p>
<p>A review of the other pools to ensure they are delivering maximum income gains could be looked at.</p>
<p>Access to these services should be quick and easy for all. Having to travel further will be restrictive and likely to discourage people from using these facilities. It is already difficult on the occasions I have attempted to use different leisure centres other than Pontllanfraith to be able to book a court for badminton or squash, as well as horrendous problems with parking</p>
<p>Adequate public transport provision to facilities. If run by schools, I anticipate hourly rates will increase dramatically as schools will want to make profit.</p>
<p>All present leisure facilities and amenities should be kept open for the people</p>
<p>As a non driver I would find it hard to visit any of the proposed centres.</p>
<p>As a pensioner I try my best to keep fit and therefore independent by swimming regularly. If all the patrons of the early morning swimming sessions were forced to use a strategic leisure centre then the pool would be overcrowded and therefore unsafe. Swimmers cannot swim if the pool is overcrowded.</p>
<p>As a person who does not like large crowds and suffers with anxiety, using smaller local facilities is helping me to stay healthy both physically and mentally.</p>
<p>As Cefn Fforest is our closest Leisure Centre, and our most used, the closure would impact negatively on us, as a family. My child has their swimming lessons there too. Also, Blackwood is one of the largest towns in the Borough, and to have no specific Leisure Facility provided by the council seems unbelievable. A new centre, locally, would be a better idea if indeed the Cefn Fforest facility is going to close.</p>
<p>As I am currently quite mobile, I don't think there would be much impact on me at present. However, as the borough has an aging population profile, this may impact on many in the future, especially if our transportation infrastructure is not improved or maintained at reasonable costs.</p>
<p>As I drive I am able to get to any of the centres. I could walk along the canal to the Risca centre or I believe get a bus some of the way. Others may not be a lucky. Using schools means that facilities are closer to most.</p>
<p>As I drive I'm able to access local leisure centre</p>
<p>As I mainly use outdoor facilities the impact would be minimal however, if the pontllanfraith leisure centre were to close I think the impact would be negative. Blackwood and pontllanfraith combine to give a wide range of facilities to the community and makes it a 'one stop shop' so the need to travel a greater distance when needing to go any of these facilities would be a negative impact on the community.</p>
<p>As I use Heolddu leisure centre or Caerphilly the above rationalising is fine for me - but just hope the classes at Hengoed Community Centre aren't stopped</p>
<p>As I use Newbridge, there may not be a direct impact, unless the number of users drastically increases. With minimal room to expand, the amount of space available could be at a premium, and the facilities could take a hammering, leading to increased costs and so a false benefit. The expected number of users transferring from closed centres and the resulting impact should be carefully assessed.</p>
<p>As I've said where is Caerphilly's new leisure centre have you got any plans we can see. Where is the one in the north west going to be Bargoed or Aberbargoed. How come you don't know. Do not shut anything until you have some idea.</p>
<p>As long as provision remains for the key towns, then that's fine.</p>
<p>As our club was already moved from Caerphilly to Sue Noakes at Ystrad Mynach if the school manages</p>

<p>we may lose this facility too. We are a niche sport that is growing we have an increasing number of children joining. CCBC needs to move with the times and provide an indoor roller rink/skate park so that young people can enjoy this facility all year round and the sport can grow. In Wales there is now inline hockey, inline skating, artistic skating, roller derby and roller discos the Valleys need a facility to serve this growing sport that appeals to young children.</p>
<p>As stated before, I don't drive, and buses in Deri are only run hourly so getting to any location, especially for a specific time is incredibly difficult. There are no direct buses to Heolddu Leisure Centre as it is and so I don't go as often as I would like, which is already having a negative impact on my health. If you set up these 'big 4' leisure facilities, you absolutely MUST ENSURE that there are direct bus links to the smaller, more rural communities.</p>
<p>at the moment I admit I don't even go to Caerphilly Centre, which is about 2 miles away, so Risca would be too far away but Caerphilly would have to offer classes for older groups at convenient times and at a low cost to entice me to start, however beneficial I know it would be to start!</p>
<p>At the moment I can drive, if I lose that . It's walking to the local shop . Too far to use facilities in other towns.</p>
<p>At the moment I travel to Newbridge, for swimming 3 times a week but if I could no longer drive I would have to swim in Heolddu which doesn't provide the early morning swim sessions every morning, and what about the people who can't drive or walk far, and rely on places like Cefn Fforest for their swimming and swimming is the only and the best exercise they can physically do</p>
<p>Availability for using the Leisure Centre closest to me with regard to bus services</p>
<p>Be horrendous. More obesity . More anti social behaviour with youths not having clubs, facilities in their area to go and enjoy outdoor , indoor activities and realise the benefits of sport , exercise. People already playing sport will give up due to travel problems , unable to get there thus teams folding due to numbers . There are not enough facilities now to go round . If more close will have a massive detrimental effect on whole communities.</p>
<p>Bedwas swimming pool is already very busy in the evenings and it is sometimes difficult to swim comfortably. This will only get worse if leisure centres have to amalgamate and will end up putting people off sport rather than encouraging them.</p>
<p>Better choice of exercise classes at fewer facilities</p>
<p>Big is not usually best and centralising is not the right answer. You need to think about getting into communities not pulling back. Schools can't look after themselves let alone adding leisure to the mix. A terrible decision and ultimately rather pathetic. This will not work and I believe going the other way and getting people locally to be involved would be a far better long term option.</p>
<p>bigger is not better please leave things as they are</p>
<p>Blackwood is a thriving affluent town yet there will be not be a leisure centre nearby. More deprived communities will benefit again</p>
<p>By closing both the closest facilities to myself would greatly reduce to zero the amount of times I would be able to use leisure facilities as there would then be none within walking distance.</p>
<p>By closing the leisure centres that I use I simply would not be able to cover the additional cost of traveling to other leisure centres. Classes at some of the centres are also full so I would not be able to even book onto a class. I would simply have to stop using fitness classes</p>
<p>by concentrating resources and plans around 4 facilities suitably located the quality of the provision would be better.</p>
<p>By using school you want to close leisure centres</p>
<p>By withdrawing the swimming facility at Cefn Fforest would have a direct impact on my grandchild who is autistic as he is familiar with his local baths and would not go to one that is not familiar to him.</p>
<p>Caerphilly and Newbridge are already busy and over subscribed therefore I avoid using these facilities. They're not user friendly and can be intimidating. Not everybody has the access to public transport - for example to get to Newbridge I would either have to catch 2 trains on way, one to Cardiff Queen Street then change to go to Newbridge. If I caught a bus it would mean 3 bus journeys one way!! Risca - it would take half a day and half a months wages the cost of public transport (which is also extremely</p>

unreliable (bus service).
Caerphilly desperately needs a new leisure centre pool/pools. Whether stand alone or becomes part of the windy site
Caerphilly isn't accessible to all in Caerphilly borough. Location is not ideal and transport not reliable. Traffic builds in Caerphilly so traffic jams often accumulate and hard to travel to Caerphilly leisure. Not easy for working parents to get to facilities and use them in a timely manner. Travel time reduces use of facility
Can't get to any classes now in this area as there are none !!! And have searched extensively ...get your act together
Cefn Fforest is my pool and gym and heart of the community. Removing it miles and miles away is an immeasurable detriment to the young children, older residents and non car owning customers who will be left without facilities.
Cefn Fforest would be greatly missed by me and I don't think I would go to Newbridge. I'm very happy at Cefn Fforest. I would find it difficult to get to Newbridge.
Cefn fforest has been there since I was a child and I want my child to go there, it's the best baby pool around
Cefn forest is a popular leisure centre that I take the kids to frequently. This will lead to overcrowding of other leisure centres. Shame on you.
Cefn forest is my favourite swimming pool and my grandchildren wouldn't be able to go to swimming lessons.
Cefn Forest swimming pool is much more convenient, also open during the day for public use. If this were to close, it would be much more difficult.
Close CAERPHILLY CBC
Closing the Cefn Forest leisure centre would have a major negative impact on myself and also the local community as it would involve travelling further afield for these facilities
Closing Bedwas pool would restrict the opportunity for swimming to people in the area. The BTM area has always had a rich history in producing a high standard of swimmers. Maybe this could become a centre of excellence.
Closing Cefn forest would have a huge impact on our school swimming provision and would result in all of our leisure swimming transferring to Abertillery. Newbridge pool may be newer but isn't our first choice for familiar swimming. The little pool at Cefn Forest is excellent for the baby!
Closing leisure centres will not encourage people to do more sports. Relying on more private run clubs will not work either as these clubs need space to use. Private clubs who run in commercially hired places are expensive and often require memberships to be paid pushing less well off people out. People who attend smaller clubs, especially niche sports who have smaller numbers will need to travel further to find suitable spaces or will have no space to practise their chosen sport and may disappear. With less leisure centres members of small sports clubs will have to travel to get to their sportsgrounds/ sportshall putting the less well off out of reach of their chosen sports. This will affect the clubs and they may disappear too. Areas where leisure centres/ grounds/ parks disappear will have to travel to get to others. We used to live in Llanbradach and the park was a mere 5 minutes walk away. People of all walks of life and ages enjoyed the park for sports or just walks as others will love their own local spaces. If the parks close then people will start hanging out in the streets instead. Or just not go to the parks at all.
Closing nearest to me- pontllanfraith and cefn fforest
Closing other centres will put other less able people gain access to their local leisure centre and damage both their health and social health. A
Closing Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest would have a massive negative impact. Closing Pontllanfraith in particular will see the loss of a leisure centre 3G pitch and outdoor playing pitches. Local schools do not have the capacity or facilities and if this strategy is adopted I will be denied access to sport.
Closing Pontllanfraith leisure centre will have a negative impact on my life, the community and the village as it is used on a regular basis. Losing this leisure centre will have a negative impact on the identity of the village/community on the whole.

<p>Closing pontllanfraith leisure centre would be a poor move with the 3G facilities being used by lots and lots of young children on a daily basis. Removing this facility will increase demand on other 3G facilities and will reduce availability. Doing this will force some children away from sports due to lack of opportunities. Having sports centres based in these locations will mean that local families will have to travel to use leisure centre facilities and this will clearly result in families choosing not to take part in active lifestyles due to a lack of facilities in their immediate area!</p>
<p>closing sites will have a negative impact - we need to be expanding and encouraging more to use</p>
<p>Closure of Bedwas Centre would result in my exercise regime being severely reduced and consequently my long term mobility being adversely affected.</p>
<p>Closure of facilities must be a last resort and part of a coherent strategy to ensure that communities are not isolated from facilities.</p>
<p>Closure of local centres would mean travelling too far to access services, public service transport does not link to centres</p>
<p>Closure of pint would impact me massively. I wouldn't be able to work out and play sports daily as I do now. I'm in a position to travel and can not afford extortionate public transport. Myself and my family would have no where to train and will likely suffer health conveniences. My elderly parents would have no where to go to keep them physically and mentally healthy. If a school we're to take over then this would hugely impact the availability of the facilities which is not fair. Adults and children do not want to use school facilities and often it is not fair for them to be asked to do so (mental health issues etc.). Facilities would not be available all day as they are now, space is more restricted than pint in terms of racket sport courts and throughout examination periods the facilities would be unavailable. It is not an appropriate solution.</p>
<p>Closure of Pont would likely result in casual football stopping due to reduction in facilities</p>
<p>closure of pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest are my local leisure centres, cannot get to those further away, depriving poor areas of the borough</p>
<p>Closure of the Cefn Fforest Baths would mean no suitable facility for swimming lessons in easy travelling distance</p>
<p>concentrate monies on the 4 outlined and close the rest. my family use 2 of the above and that is all</p>
<p>Convenience of travel and sustainable management.</p>
<p>currently the demand for leisure use is very high, by eliminating some of the leisure centers you create a higher demand so people will lose interest and less people will be bothered to travel extra miles to use leisure facility's. Please remember that not everybody drives therefore to some this will now include bus journeys at that persons extra cost.</p>
<p>Cutting down to only four leisure centres is a complete joke. This would completely reduce my use of leisure centres to 0. It would be impossible to book any of the facilities. It also means it takes me beyond walking distance to any leisure centre and in my opinion completely neglects any resident of Blackwood or its surrounding villages especially if you believe there is not sufficient funding to upgrade the existing facilities. I cannot express enough how much of a poor idea this is, Caerphilly Council Borough Council needs to stop viewing the leisure centres as money making schemes and start realising they are a community service.</p>
<p>Decline in quality of services. Harder to get to. Decline in range of services. More money spent on pay and less on services. Too much admin. Always too much money spent on salaries.</p>
<p>Difficult to answer because in my area the rationalisation outcome is unknown i.e, if Sue Noakes Leisure Centre does close I think there would be a negative impact on the local community as access to facilities would be difficult for families on low incomes in particular. However, if the school takes it over and ensures public access is available and affordable outside school hours then the impact would be positive. The impact upon me if closure were to occur would be a higher incidence of young people engaging in anti social activity.</p>
<p>Don't close local leisure centres as they ensure access for all, including families with low income or families where transport is an issue. Provide a variety of sports and activities across the borough</p>
<p>Drop in Moral, lack of consistent efficiency, progression for staff etc</p>

Early morning swimming sessions likely to become extremely busy in Newbridge based on previous experience when Cefn Fforest pool has been closed
Easier point of contact Better standards/equipment within those centres
Even more pressure would be put on a very small (compared to local population) facility at Virginia Park. Especially the strange public swimming timetable.
Facilities at some venues are run down.
Facilities often can't be used during school hours swimming pools etc and school lead sites closed when school is closed on weekend etc
financial.
For me it would have little impact as the proposed new Bargoed/Aberbargoed facility would be close to home. My concern is for those residents who live further north as having to travel for more than 10 minutes would act as a deterrent. I have declined classes in Caerphilly Leisure Centre as I consider this too far to travel.
From my home travel would be too much of an issue, when I've used Newbridge (next closest) you can't swim lengths they cut off the pool middle ways. Newbridge as it is forms a family pool not an exercise pool.
Further to travel
Further to travel and loss of sense of community in the smaller leisure centre areas
Further to travel and may stop me being as active as I am at present.
Further to travel to nearest leisure centre. School sites - use by general public is subservient to school demands and ideas often at short notice or arbitrarily. The public are not equal partners.
Further travel, more time consuming, 3G in Pont shutting would effect both my boys teams.
Getting my kids to swimming and other clubs etc can be a logistical challenge- locations further apart won't help this.
Governing bodies of schools should have no say in whether their council funded leisure / sporting facilities are accessible to the local communities that they serve when they are not exclusively being used to support their pupils. All sports facilities should be dual use to maximise the opportunities to influence the health and wellbeing of local communities especially with an ageing population, reducing journey times (social and environmental impact) thereby maximising local access opportunities
Great inconvenience. Greater difficulty in obtaining swimming lessons from reduced resources
Great waiting times for booking of halls, swimming lessons etc. Over crowding at Gyms and swimming pools
Greater demand at Bargoed could mean difficulty in securing bookings
Greater demand on these - would they be able to provide the same level of service? Would you be able to book onto classes etc when there are less spaces per amount of people?
Gwneud problemau gyda yn wella iach yn yr ardal. Create problems with improving health in the area
Having 4 leisure centres would remove opportunities from some people. Not everybody has a car and can't access these sites. I took part in the Exercise Wales Scheme my opportunities were limited I would have liked to attend classes in Caerphilly but they were too early to get to. We need more leisure facilities, not less. 4 sites would be overcrowded.
Having had access to cefn forest Leisure centre this year while undergoing rehabilitation after a broken neck, this would not have been available to me had I not been able to walk to the centre. Closing centres and moving to a 4 centre portfolio is not a good decision and will negatively impact thousands of users who can currently access services but will not be able to when centres close or move further away.
Having less access, either too overcrowded at specific times, also having to travel by car.
having less leisure centres would make activities more crowded and difficult to access if you are disabled or a carer it is even more difficult parking in Newbridge is a nightmare as people park in the blue badge area and are not badge holders in the day there are teachers parked there and if it was the only one in our area I see problems and issues the changing areas for the disabled is limited and crowded now
Having only 1 in each area wouldn't work in all cases. Pontllanfraith is regularly used by my daughters girls football team and if closed would leave us no where else to go. Islwyn High is shut during school

<p>holidays because it's not council run. Shutting during holidays is ridiculous because that's precisely when children need a place to exercise and play.</p>
<p>Heavily reliant on joint use between school and leisure centres.</p>
<p>How can children and elderly travel to centres outside the area.</p>
<p>I already</p>
<p>I am concerned about rumours of Bedwas Swimming Pool closing and closure of other facilities in Caerphilly communities. I strongly believe that the Council needs to improve its publicity/marketing strategies relating to existing facilities to increase the health of the local community and take up.. I am unable to drive and would find it difficult to access swimming/classes at another location. I would also miss opportunities to be in contact with other residents of the community as we are leading more insular lives</p>
<p>I am concerned this will lead to overcrowding in certain leisure centres. It can be difficult to book a slot in certain recreation centres and this will only be exacerbated by having more people needing to use it.</p>
<p>I am currently part of a badminton club in Pontllanfraith, this would unfortunately have to end with the closure as facilities elsewhere are impractical or unavailable (Newbridge and local schools - I have looked into both and can expand in upcoming meetings - hopefully). Having visited Newbridge leisure centre on occasions it is evident that issues such as car parking, lack of facilities (squash courts), inappropriate facilities (badminton courts) and already full classes such as spin would result in my not exercising and deterioration in health.</p>
<p>I am lucky to be close to two of those facilities</p>
<p>I am resident in Caerphilly. Clearly as the biggest town in the borough it should have good quality provision. However, will the approach cause further traffic congestion? ie people from outside the town travelling by car to this centre, particularly given poor public transport links to the leisure centre.</p>
<p>I attend New Tredegar GP Exercise on Referral classes and this facility would no longer be available. If the health of the younger members of the population deteriorates there will be less suitable employees/volunteers to help me in extreme old age when I will need it most</p>
<p>I can go to either Newbridge or Caerphilly It's the effect it'd have on other people that's important</p>
<p>I can reach Cefn Forest without driving - should my mobility or driving ability reduce further I would be unable to access a swimming pool in new bridge or bragged easily and i would have to stop going. Local facilities are vitals buses are not easy - either would require 2 buses to reach a swimming pool from Cefn Fforest</p>
<p>I currently use Caerphilly and Heolddu LC's so would not be personally affected.</p>
<p>I do access Heolddu a lot and there would be an impact on myself, and my family if this was to close. There is not another one in Bargoed/Aberbargoed and I cannot see how/why a school would take on the management of the facility if there are financial implications. However for residents in the North of the Borough this is not a convenient location for public transport.</p>
<p>I do not currently use leisure centres so at present rationalisation will have a neutral impact on me. However, the closure of smaller centres will have a negative impact on many people, particularly those without access to their own transport, adults of children.</p>
<p>I do not feel that this would be beneficial for the residents in the borough</p>
<p>I do not work in Wales. I arrive home late so I use Heolddu Leisure Centre, my local facility. Keeping this open suits my own personal circumstances. If it is closed, I would use facilities closer to my work in England before coming home.</p>
<p>I don't currently use the sub standard provisions provided by the County Borough. I question why Bargoed keeps getting such provision as a back water valleys community. Probably some council leader has influence and lives in the area. A wider perspective might actually site the centres in more suitable locations than the usual suspects. Hardly visionary sighting them where they currently are. A lick of paint won't do it</p>
<p>I don't think any of the centres should close, the community needs more, not less centres to enhance health and fitness to all . Being of an age where's I get free use of swimming pools I would gladly pay to keep open.</p>

I don't drive. My son has adhd and I am not comfortable taking him on a bus. Cefn forest swimming pool is walking distance. KEEP IT OPEN
I dont think some leisure centres should be closed the ones I don't think should be closed are Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre as evan though it is not connected to a school anymore it still provides a good service to the community and a service the community relies on it hevaliy as if you closed this Leisure Centre it could result in a massive problem for people who want to use the 3g pitches for example. I don't think you should close Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre as a lot of people rely on this centre and alot of children from that particular area learn how to swim at the Leisure centre if you close <u>Cefn Fforest</u> it could result in children having to go to other far away Leisure centres to learn how to swim.
I don't use any of the leisure centres in Caerphilly County Borough. they do not cater for my needs. Too expensive, out dated equipment. times are not suitable.
I drive to the venue so it wouldn't impact on me that much
I enjoy swimming and despite living in Caerphilly I have to travel to Cefn Fforest as that pool is open in the early evenings after work. I already commute 40 miles each way to work and then an extra 10 miles to use that pool any further would stop me from exercising.
I feel by closing some leisure centres completely will make small villages struggle e.g. Cefn Fforest leisure is the only good thing they have, it is used daily by all different ages.
I feel Caerphilly Council should be helping people to get fit and active, to be healthy, yet all they are doing is making it hard for people.
I feel in the current climate better facilities would be available in all areas if they were concentrated in this way.
I feel that being able to access less facilities as car parking is a big issue in Newbridge leisure centre .i can only imagine it getting worse.
I feel that I would not be able to easily access these centres, I would have to travel a greater distance and also would loose out on the social aspect of the small centre in Cefn Fforest
I feel that if we were to lose the use of some of the facilities which are not deemed viable by the council then it would have a hugely negative impact on the grassroots development of some of the sporting clubs in the borough. Sue Noakes is a huge resource for local football and rugby players of all ages who rely on this facility so that they can play against local teams throughout the season. Without this facility we would be facing a lack of grounds for the children to play weekly on throughout the season which could have a detrimental impact on children wanting to take up a sport.
I feel that this would have a negative impact on jobs in the area
I feel the facilities are well managed as they are
I genuinely don't think that any site should close. I'm a past pupil of Heolddu and was aware that during school hours that the achool had priority over the facilities, so a transfer to them would have no immediate impact on me as I work during the core business hours of 9 to 5pm. However, I do feel a lack of joined up thinking greatly impacts this as I use the facilities from for example, 6pm onwards. Bus services at this time are shocking. Caerphilly leisure sentry is on a main route, but Heolddu means a trek up the hill. I know this survey is about increasing exercise, but my point is about increasing access to existing facilities and with efforts to get more kids involved. All cross valley services seem to end at 6pm, and I've already raised the point on another forum that the last Blackwood Gelligaer bus is 415pm.
I have access to transport therefore the risk is miniml, for those without accessibility to transport this will be more difficult for them.
I have no problem with Bedwas Leisure Centre being shared with the school as long as the community has programmes available to them e.g. aquafit.
I have the means to travel, so if I want to access services, I can go to where they are.
I live in Caerphilly so very little personal impact.
I live in Risca, so there is no impact as I, and my family, can easily access both Risca and Newbridge leisure centres
I live in Ystrad Mynach where there is no lesure Center at all. There are many in caerphilly. We need one here.

<p>I often use Cefn Fforest pool as it's opening hours are better suited to a working adult despite living in Caerphilly. Having grown up in Blackwood I think it's a disgrace to consider removing leisure facilities from the biggest urban area in the county.</p>
<p>I play badminton at our local Leisure Centre with my sisters, mum and dad at least three times per week. This activity not only helps us to keep fit, both physically and mentally, but offers us valuable time together for socialising as a family. For me, the impact of not being able to use this facility include: - loss of fitness as I would be forced to give up my hobby - poorer wellbeing as a result of the lack of socialising and physical activity - Depression and anxiety as this hobby has had a positive impact on my mental health - Isolation and loneliness - financial loss as a result of having to travel further I have calculated that it would cost my family and I over £1200 per annum to take public transport to our nearest alternative (Newbridge) in order to continue playing badminton 3 times per week. Alternative Centres are not feasible for me and will also significantly add to my fuel costs – not to mention increasing emissions. With air pollution in our local area proven to be some of the worst in the UK, this would lead to further negative impacts on the health of local people. On occasion, my family and I have booked courts at Newbridge Leisure Centre, however, we have not found the courts at Newbridge to be fit-for-purpose due to the low ceiling height and also the fact that my colour-blind dad is unable to distinguish the badminton court layout from others that are painted in almost identical colours. In terms of inclusivity, this is a concern.</p>
<p>I play squash as part of my fitness regime recommended after a Well Being health check, if Pontllanfrith Leisure Centre closes this would end my three or four days of exercise weekly as the other squash courts are not accessible when I am able to play.</p>
<p>I see the financial bonus but many of the classes book up way to fast and the higher demand may cause members to book on. I hope you kee the Astro Turf in Risca</p>
<p>I suffer with arthritis and gain benefit from attending Heolddu classes and gym. I would be affected adversely if this leisure centre closes.</p>
<p>I swim twice a week and live in Brithdir. I find it hard to answer this question without knowing exactly what the proposed centre in Bargoed would consist of.</p>
<p>I think Caerphilly needs a proper bigger pool, a one like Cardiff Olympic swimming pool. If, as a result of savings, the Council will be able to upgrade Caerphilly swimming pool, it would be a massively positive impact.</p>
<p>I think if this is the most cost effective way for services we must go down this route to ensure that we have sporting venues that are well kept ,staffed and up to date.</p>
<p>I think it will be a positive move as by doing this the council will be able to compete with the private sector, by offering better facilities, better equipment, class times etc. Overall very positive for the customers.</p>
<p>I think it would b a negative move we need our leisure centres to stay open such as Pontllanfraith</p>
<p>I think it would detract people from using facilities if they have to travel too far. But, on the other hand, you may be able to improve facilities on offer.</p>
<p>I think there are enough centres within a reasonable distance to cope with reducing one or two, it depends on how they are used.</p>
<p>I think these proposals are crazy. I personally would be greatly affected if my local leisure centre (Cefn FForest) were to close, as I, and my Family, use it a couple of times every week. I strongly believe leisure centres should be on a local level and if people had to travel further to use these facilities, it would greatly put people off and would have a very negative impact on residents health and fitness. Also, if schools were to let their facilities be used by the general public, as well as it's pupils, then there would be far greater wear and tear on the facilities and wouldn't be fair on the school pupils attending that school.</p>
<p>I ticked (no impact) this is because all the activities I take part in are in other venues within the borough.</p>
<p>I understand there are some small groups within the different areas of Caerphilly not catered for - the cost of getting to these centres for those on minimum finances must be considered, and has not been mentioned. As with those with disabilities, and needing special transport.. A specialised bus service to</p>

fit both the disabled and those with lack of finance should be considered.
I use (and have used for many years) Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith Leisure Centres and would feel very disappointed for the people in those areas that use these centres like myself, if they were to close. Both centres offer excellent facilities for both adults and children in the community and it would make a lot of people very disappointed if they closed.
I use a gym located on a school site, it is close to home, I can walk to the centre. It is also on my work route so I do not have to go out of my way to use the gym. If this closed I probably would not use the facilities in Caerphilly. It is 30 minutes extra of my time, more time driving, it is too busy and difficult getting into a class therefore being more stressful.
I use Cefn Fforest leisure centre which is 1 mile from my home. Rationalising facilities would mean I have to travel much further to maintain my fitness and health.
I use pontllanfraith and New Tredegar 3G and if these were lost and don't think there would be capacity to accommodate the people that use these facilities.
I Use pontllanfraith as i use it as a GP referral is near where i live and works around my shift pattern and i also like to go swimming up chefforrest as if you go to new bridge i cant work it around my shift with the school using it always to crowded.
I use the gym in Ystrad Mynach but if anything, it needs to be open MORE not less. I know a number of children who attend the football tots sessions there and everybody agrees there need to be MORE classes. By closing Sue Noakes you would be depriving a community of the only gym and sports hall in the area.
I use the leisure centre gyms. Normally Caerphilly but other smaller ones if more convenient. I assume rationalizing would improve the bigger gyms so benefit my training
I use the steam room and lunch time swimming sessions, subscribe to use this and travel from Tredegar to do so. if the steam room or times were withdrawn or changed I would cancel my subscription.
I will be denied access to sport and fitness if you plan to close Pontllanfraith / Cefn Fforest goes ahead. Serious detrimental impact. Not offset by your strategy.
I will remain negative until I see the real detail and then assess whether it allows me to continue doing what I am currently doing and whether it will improve anything.
I won't get to go swimming lessons because my mammy doesn't have a car
I would be devastated if Heolddu Leisure centre were to close
I would expect a greater invest as there would be less facilities to maintain and run and therefore this would result in a more positive experience for me at my local facility (Caerphilly LC).
I would like to see all facilities open and easily accessible to ensure all residents are able to use the facilities in all sports available .
I would like to see more cost friendly swimming pool facilities for disabled. For women . Sessions for those who are older or larger. I know this can be difficult but a big part of not actively participating is not having facilities for privacy when changing and not wanting to be stared at.
i would no longer be able to access a leisure centre, as i currently walk to my local centre. and would not be able to walk to the one you are proposing in newbridge
I would no longer have access to my amazing yoga session twice weekly daytime in pontllanfraith. Lots of local people and a wonderful community disrupted. There are no equivalent daytime sessions.
I would not be willing to travel to bargoed or Caerphilly for leisure activities and would wish for something more local.
I would not have means to travel to any of these.Would you be prepared to provide and fund transport for me and hundreds like me?
I would personally prefer to see 4 modern leisure centres serving the Borough than the current number we have, where most of them are looking very tired, are not being used to their full potential and don't all provide a full leisure service (no swimming pool, gym etc). Obviously the transport links would have to be good for everybody to be able to access them, but I don't see how the Council can maintain the current number of centres we have, and I don't see how people can still expect in this time of austerity to have a leisure centre on their doorstep, regardless of how well it is or isn't used.

I would stop using the council facilities as they are too far away and not very welcoming.
I would use the facilities less, due to cost of transport and its impact on the environment. Also larger centralised facilities will mean less time slots available for public use. We already have to contend with constant swimming seasons.
I would worry that people would transfer to Risca and make it more crowded
I wouldn't be able to access them as the public transport connections are poor and this would mean that I would struggle to continue to swim on a weekly basis and consequently my health would be adversely affected.
I wouldn't directly be affected as I tend to use Newbridge or Caerphilly leisure centre. However, closing any facilities would increase the use of Caerphilly and Newbridge neither of which have the capacity to deal with these extra people.
I'd be devastated if Pontllanfraith and Cefn Forest closed.
If Bedwas pool was to close it would make it difficult for local community to perhaps use other facilities due to lack of transport etc. Furthermore, waiting lists would increase as the demand for open leisure centre would increase. Swimming instructors may no longer be required. Loss of jobs.
If centres local to me were to close, then people on low income who may not have a car or the funds required for public transport may not be willing to travel further to engage with healthy active lifestyles. As it stands, leisure centres are often in walking distance of large towns and communities who would be affected, this would include myself.
If I wish to swim every morning (e.g. on holiday) I can't because the centres are too far apart and likely to have swimming times out of synch.
If it means the closing of Leisure centers (specifically Cefn Forest) then it would negatively impact my 12 year old daughter, who is currently mid way through saving lessons at that facility... the timing and location of those lessons are critically important to her ability to partake.
If Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre closes it will be a tragedy to the centre of the borough where there is a high population.
If schools are unable to run their attached leisure centres - local clubs would fold (as would my badminton club) and therefore this new approach would reduce physical fitness with all the attendant consequences.
If this means that others are closed or not funded then there is a danger that overall there will be less participation in sporting activities. This would then reduce the health benefit especially for those people who cannot afford to travel to a sport centre.
If this means that the leisure centres are upgraded so they feel nice, look nice and have the best facilities then I 100% support this. Currently the facilities are drab and dated. I would pay money to a private provider rather than use them. This is not good for people on budgets that mean they are not able to choose. Our centres, including Caerphilly, are an embarrassment at the moment, unpleasant to use and not fit for purpose. If rationalising changes this to upgrade them then I fully support the move
If you cut facilities it could well lead to facilities at Caerffili becoming overcrowded (they're not great now) plus we have a poor transport infrastructure for those who would need public transport.
If you cut the number of swimming pools the one left open would become crowded
If you insist on closing leisure centres that are local to residents then you will make it impossible for people to be able to access a centre within their locality and therefore they won't exercise and this will impact on their health obviously
If you only had 4 leisure centres open in the whole of the borough, the remaining facilities would become so over subscribed then they wouldn't be enjoyable places to use.
If you take away choice then I will go elsewhere - to private gyms as the equipment is better. The surroundings more modern etc. You take money away from the council as I will be spending in the private sector.
I'm not a big leisure centre user but I think it's essential to retain these facilities for children and young people
I'm very disappointed to see that the strategy proposes to close the Sue Noake leisure centre in Ystrad

Mynach, which I and friends and family use. The centre is a hub for the people of Ystrad Mynach and is used extensively by Lewis Girls school for its many sporting and extra curricular activities. It would be a travesty if this was to close, denying the community an important asset in helping to achieve a fitter and healthier society. The strategy makes reference to schools taking over centres; however this is fine as long as access is still allowed for the public. Rather than closing leisure centres, Caerphilly should look at what Cardiff Council has already achieved. After competitive tender it selected Greenwich Leisure Ltd to run and manage its centres. This has saved the Council millions of pounds, has ensured staff have kept their jobs and the facilities have been considerably improved with massive investment by the charitable social enterprise. Blaenau Gwent has adopted a similar approach with its 3 sport centres all operated by the Aneurin Leisure Trust. Caerphilly has not taken into account that a lot of people like myself do not drive, therefore it would prove extremely difficult to attend any of the 4 proposed centres earmarked to remain.

Inability and reluctance on the part of the stakeholder taking over to ensure future public access.

Incompetent staff - improve this - have ONLY sport qualified people in any position. Sort out the cleanliness which is appalling in all your centres - Cefn Wood especially. Again lazy staff !

Increased journey time to and from sessions Have to leave work earlier to accommodate the above Sons will have to travel much further

Is less facilities those that are present should be able to cope with volume of people i.e. at evening times, therefore more space for extra fitness equipment.

It could potentially lessen the choice of facilities available to me and the the other people in my community, especially when travel is taken in to account. Has the council considered the environmental impact on journey times with the potential closure of some leisure facilities?

It depends on where the facility is, how easy it is to get to and how good it will be. It would be nice to have something worthwhile in Bargoed. I'd prefer it if it was located in town, perhaps near Morrisons. There's an issue with ASB around town. It might help if the kids had somewhere positive to go. I like the idea of alternative forms of exercise like dance. I'd like to see yoga and pilates and perhaps therapeutic wellbeing activities. If there was a really good alternative to Heolddu, I don't think people will mind if this transfers to school management.

It is very difficult now to get reasonable access to 3G pitches for winter training. If you close Leisure centres it will be worse. Newbridge Leisure Centre doesn't have a full size pitch. Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre does. So closing that facility will make it even worse to play games in the winter when grass fields are called off due to rain. The council are spending less money on the upkeep of grass pitches. Last season we lost about 12 fixtures in the borough due to cancellations down to the weather.

It means reduced choice for everyone. The council have made bad choices now the residents just pay for it

It will affect the older generation more, but as we all age then it will affect the future participation of all of us. the disabled are being ignored.

It will be very difficult to access the rationalised facilities especially if the schools will take the majority of the daytime sessions that I am interested in. As a result I will be less healthy and less active as the facilities that I use weekly will be unavailable to me. It is very disappointing that after 2 consultations on this issue the council is still not listening to the views of the people they are meant to be serving. I would suggest that the council looks at other ways of providing services throughout the area and seriously take into account the residents views once and for all. Had the council not wasted so much money on the pay dispute (Caerphilly council pay row costs to rise to £3.6m) and these endless consultations then maybe they would have saved the money necessary to continue to provide all people with active opportunities in their local area. Only by bringing the less prosperous unhealthy areas up to become healthy and prosperous can the council meet their objectives. Closing much needed and well placed facilities and preventing the 140,945 visitors is the wrong approach.

It will impact me by making it more challenging to attend classes. Each centre has it's own timetable.

It will only be positive if you build a new Leisure Centre in Caerphilly and Bargoed and keep spending on them and the other two to ensure they keep to a high standard. if your not going to do that then you

may as well leave them all open.
It will restrict the use of facilities by local children's sports teams. There will be inadequate provision for the number of teams and discourage future generations from team sports. I feel the decision to reduce the number of facilities is financially motivated
It would be a great impact for my, as I am a pensioner and I find the swimming on a regular basis at Cefn Fforest is a good exercise for me!
It would be positive for me and my family as we live close to Caerphilly leisure centre. It would be terrible if we didn't live here though. Having longer distances to travel to access sports (mainly a pool for us) would just mean we wouldn't do it very often.
It would be positive if you build new leisure centres, we have heard it before though, so I'm not sure I believe you.
It would be positive if you built a new centre of excellence in the north west of the borough to attract interest from the heads of the valley, Merthyr and Rhondda, Cardiff and Swansea are too far to travel to routinely
It would be terrible. I like the variety of locations and accessibility is key to inspiring less active people
It would confirm the feeling that much needed services and facilities are being stripped out of my community - communities with the greatest need will be losing out, communities already feeling remote and isolated will feel even more so - my morale and sense of hope for my community will decrease
It would have a great impact on myself. Sharing with Newbridge and Caerphilly will dictate when I can use facilities. I would have to go private somewhere, I think a lot of people would do the same. Therefore losing a lot of custom.
It would have a negative impact. The council should be providing more leisure facilities, not less! I regularly use Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre as a member of Islwyn Running Club because it is where we meet.
It would not impact me
It wouldn't affect me directly in the short term. I'm fortunate to be in a position to travel to a leisure centre of my choice. Many people are not in that position, and are unable to travel further afield to other leisure centres.
It wouldn't have an impact on me as I use Caerphilly LC
It's understandable that leisure's centre will have to close going forward. However, other than Caerphilly leisure centre the other 3 mentioned to remain Newbridge/Risca/Bargoed are all in my opinion outdated and are very poor with availability of activities being offered there. Can Newbridge accommodate all the footfall from both Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest leisure centres closing? The diabolical car parking facilities will put most people off straight away. Again, I don't feel this centre offers enough facilities to cater for everyone's needs. I have a 3 year old daughter and have always taken her out of the authority to access swimming activities, as our pools are boring and from past experiences the water temp is always cold. We have 1 hydro slide in the whole authority which is closed more than open for guests. I am more than happy to travel for leisure activities if the service and resources are suitable, hence why I am often visiting other centres Merthyr Tydfil, Ebbw Vale, Cardiff Olympic Pool, Swansea LC2 as our centres are outdated and offer very little. Other authorities are earning income from residents out of their authority, what are we doing to keep residents using our centres as well as attracting interest from outside?
Job losses
Kids would have to pay more in bus fare and time to get to a centre
Lack of resources would mean limited availability. The availability is already limited so any further limitations would probably stop me using the facilities as the times required wouldn't be available
Lack of transport to key sites, pool further away would make it very hard to get to, would not be able to use.
Less access and all its implications
Less availability, further travel,
Less choice, if there only 4 centres and people use them as you intend them to use them it may be

impossible to get into them because of the number of people using them
Less likely to use the leisure centres because of distance to travel.
Less likely to use them
Less time for myself and my family to exercise as none of these sites are local enough to walk to And as we all exercise and train at overlapping times we would have to stop certain groups.
Living in Caerphilly town I would see the least direct impact. Perhaps an increase in the use of facilities, but also an improvement of the facilities. I would expect the cost of Sue Noake to increase in line with the loss of subsidy and the increased costs required for a school to run the facility.
Local centres would be closed i.e. Cefn Fforest, which would be devastating for the local community. HEALTH MUST BE PRIORITY
Local facilities provide part of a community. Other members can walk to facilities and is on a main bus route for ease of access. Swimming lessons for children would be compromised.
Longer to travel, availability of classes, overcrowding
Loss of local facilities
Loss of local facility - more travel time/more impact on environment. School facilities always closed during daytime for school use, will the times be further rationalised with facilities only opening evenings and weekends? Stopping access therefore the ability to keep fit and active. Ageing society - need daytime use - not going to happen when schools in all day. Winter - too dark to venture out alone in the evenings!!
Mainly use Caerphilly anyway
Many people are against the closure of Pontllanfraith leisure centre because many of the classes are well attended.
Many Pontllanfraith residents would be disadvantaged by closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre. Fewer Pontllanfraith residents would remain, or become, physically active.
me and my son use cefn fforest twice a week. Newbridge hasn't got a small pool to cater for us
Might be more inclined to use them, if facilities are cleaner, closer to me, have better times and more to use. In other words, bigger gyms / pools, and better timetables for these activities
Minimal impact - I attend one class on a school site already so this would not affect me
More loaded questions. I am concerned regarding the wellbeing of the whole population not just myself. Closing leisure centres is not the answer. Your strategy only serves local people and car drivers. Do you expect someone to walk to use public transport to use a leisure facility in Newbridge or Bargoed from Pontllanfraith or Blackwood for example. It's never going to happen and the social excluded are going to be even further left behind. Charging to park at Country Parks was also a stupid decision. If you need to raise funds employ more enforcement officers to clamp down on dog fouling and littering, and when the duties transfer, irresponsible parking but your silo'd approach to consultation and service delivery doesn't allow this thinking.
More locations are needed not less. Not everyone has access to good timely transport. Is it fair that only those who don't drive to centralise facilities?
Most convenient leisure centre will be removed. Likely hood of me visiting the next closest is small.
Most of the centre's don't offer anything I need, so it would not affect me now, but maybe in the future it will.
My children and I use leisure facilities as a family and enjoy our family swims. The leisure is in close proximity for my elderly father in law to make use of and to accompany the children to swimming and other activities held at the leisure centre. This enables us to work knowing that my children are still able to attend swimming etc keeping them fit and encouraging their fitness whilst we are at work. The other alternative would be that they would sit at home playing electronic devices to pass the time. Not a very healthy option. There is already a lack of facilities for young people and to limit their use of leisure facilities any further would be detrimental to the health of our future generations.
My children have had swimming lessons at both Newbridge and Cefn Fforest. I found Newbridge to be very unreliable. Out of 10 lessons 5 were cancelled. The consistency at Cefn Fforest has been amazing for my son especially. Cefn Fforest feeds so many schools also, I believe more than Newbridge.

My children utilise the New Tredegar sports centre on a daily basis as they do not require transport to this local facility. Without this, their levels of physical activity are likely to drop significantly
My concern would be that it would be 'unwieldy ' and therefore extremely challenging to manage at optimum levels.
My family and I would then likely travel to Merthyr borough for swimming as currently Cefn Fforest is accessible by foot. The closing of Pontllanfraith would be catastrophic.
My mental and physical health and wellbeing would be compromised as I do not drive so the 4 proposed facilities would be out of my reach. If people are physically poorly, then suggesting public transport is cruel and counterproductive. In addition, people who manage an hours visit to a leisure centre to improve their health, would be unable to continue if this became a trek to another town on top of it.
My two most local swimming facilities are Cefn Fforest and Newbridge. Newbridge is clearly geared towards the younger generation with a 'fun' element incorporated into the design, with which I have no objection. However, Cefn Fforest provides a pool where swimming lengths is much more achievable and, due to the gradient in the pool, I find Aquafit much more agreeable to my knees here than in Newbridge, where the gradient is sharper. This may appear a trivial reason to many but, when suffering from osteoarthritis of the knees, this subtle difference can mean the difference between participating and not participating. I also feel strongly that the community of Cefn Fforest and the surrounding areas will suffer significantly from the lack of this Centre, particularly the ageing population for whom the logistics of going to Bargoed / Newbridge will be difficult, potentially with the need to catch several buses if transport is an issue for them. I also believe the smaller Centres have an air of familiarity to the community, where they can go and catch up with other regular users, helping not only their physical health but also their mental health - they may otherwise be incredibly isolated at home - attending the Centre could be a lifeline to them. I think the impact on people's mental health wellbeing cannot be underestimated.
My two sons swim regularly at Caerphilly, Heolddu, Cefn Forest and Newbridge. Closing any of these will limit their Ability to train and remain fit
Myself & Children can currently walk to and from a leisure centre without having to rely on public transport or the use of a car. If the plan to have just 4 goes ahead that will mean Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre closing 7 therefore we will not have a local Centre that we can visit as easily as we do now.
Need more data Negative Centralisations? Why? Healthcare is moving forwards more locally, why should sports, leisure centres move towards central locations? What about older people?
Negative impact on my ability to keep fit. To travel to these facilities without a car will be very difficult. These facilities do not provide bowls - a sport very suitable for an ageing population.
Neutral
Newbridge is my nearest LC but there are so many block bookings that you are only able to book badminton courts as follows - Monday 1 at 5pm, Tuesday none at all, Wed 2 at 7pm, Thursday none at all, Friday 8-9pm.
Newbridge leisure cannot be improved and is unable to expand, it is hemmed in. Pontllanfraith has room for development not houses. Spend money on Pont and make it a sports complex, adding swimming pools, bowling green, tennis courts, and is more strategically situated than Newbridge.
newbridge leisure centre is the only place that young people can access, we seem to be overlooked when it comes to recreational facilities
Newbridge would be my nearest alternative. There is no separate dance studio for classes and very limited parking. I only use Pontllanfraith - at least 3 times a week on average, sometimes twice due to work commitments. I would probably end up cancelling my membership, so the council will lose finance - I doubt if I would be the only one.
No access to local sports facility in the Pontllanfraith area of the authority.
No access to a swimming pool north of Bargoed.
No immediate impact on myself.
No impact
No impact

No impact
No impact on services for us, as we live very close to Newbridge leisure centre, however, it may mean it is busier.
No location is useful to me.
No provision in our area - Bryn - we have no children's play area despite a thriving school in the area and several hundred new houses being built
None
None
None
None
None. My exercise is all outdoors making use of open access, country parks and cycle routes
North of the county (area most in need) miss out again. In some places 50% don't have access to a car. What's for them?
Not being able to use facilities due to being over crowded. Not having enough for travel as well as activities.
Not being able to use facilities due to overcrowding Having to travel further will cost more and also involve more time Travelling further means we would not use services as often
Not being able to use facilities, due to overcrowding, or not being able to access facilities due to lack of transport. Also not having enough time for travel as well as activities.
Not enough space/facilities to cope
Not everyone can drive or have a car if they can to access these leisure centres. They probably won't bother if it means catching a bus/train.
Not much impact on myself; but I can quite understand the impact on Pontllanfraith and nearby residents whose leisure centre is to be closed. For example, extra travel time to get to and from a new centre, probable lack of parking whereby the 'secondary' leisure centre may have to accommodate more people and more cars, difficulty in booking squash courts and tennis facilities to accommodate extra people wishing to use these facilities.
Not only the inability to get to the new facility but also the thought of overcrowding would put me off using any facilities in the county.
NOT SUITABLE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO THEM
nothing - no input
Oakdale has no swimming pool . We already have to get by bus or car for that facility .
Open 'more' not less Many houses are being built - more facilities required
Our Badminton group as a whole would have to travel further
Our leisure centre is too busy now so it will be even harder to access classes, activities,gym, swimming etc if other places shut down means people all accessing one point means we just give up exercising as I have done before, as I couldn't access alot classes as they to full plus swimming pool use is just like a Roman bath at times too many people so unable to swim .
Our local pool Cefn Forrest would no doubt close & as my 5 year old goes there regularly to have swim lessons this will have an impact as our other child (6 months old) won't have the same access in the future which may well impact in their chances to learn to swim with other pools further away (more time & expense to get there)
Over crowding poor facilities that cannot cope with demand and deterrence of use
Overcrowding of these facilities
People in depraved wards like Cefn Fforest and New Tredegar would be disadvantaged in regard an healthier lifestyle - leading questioning, geared to 4 strategic centres only and schools.
People who don't drive will be affected negatively
People will not travel great distances (over 4 miles) to visit a leisure centre unless seriously committed and certainly would not if relying on public transport eg Pontlottyn to Bargoed/Aberbargoed. If you can't get people to attend their local centre as it is now then there is no chance of people attending a

"strategic leisure centre". You are straight away defeating your aim of encouraging people.
Personally for me there would be no impact as I work 9-5pm and can only access centres on weekends or evening so a leisure centre attached to a school would be less of an issue.
Personally I believe a more localized approach is better anyway. Accessing, or being able to access ANY space in a local area would be beneficial - for example yoga classes being held at the community centre, church hall, scouts hall etc. The problem would be coordinating this and advertising facilities in real time. The technology is available and I'm sure volunteers would be willing to provide input to a single Council coordinator?
Personally I have been maintaining my own fitness level all my life and currently belong to a self programming and self funded Mens keep fit group for 50 - 70 year olds. I do occasionally use the Bedwas swimming pool. My main concern is for the up and coming younger generation including my grandchildren.
Personally I use a private gym but my wife uses Caerphilly, improvements are needed and May bring members back.
Personally, I would be disappointed if Sue Noakes (Ystrad Mynach) was not adopted by the school. I believe CCBC should have an agreement with the schools allowing CCBC lifestyle members to use the facilities with no extra charge.
PONT SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED GOOD SELLING POINT FOR HOUSES ON OLD CIVIC SITE
Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest should also be included
Pontllanfraith is within walking distance, my group have a block booking at Pontllanfraith for indoor football, I also use the 3G facility. I suspect we will just not bother playing anymore and become couch potatoes instead
Pontllanfraith leisure center was proposed for closure. ~ The impact would have made me stop going to the gym, and more recently also classes held at the leisure center. It would have out priced me as transport to newbridge would have cost me an additional £60-£90 per month to access the gym based on going 3 times a week. I would have had to cancel my membership and pay for individual sessions as and when I could afford to.
Pool too busy to swim / centres over populated
Poorer management of facilities and less enthusiastic staffing
Potentially increase travel needs and reduce accessibility
Proposed centres are and won't be accessible to myself and many locals. I find it very contradictory that you are promoting healthy futures yet taking away our local facilities. Your strategies need to be reassessed
provided transport is available to get to more central centres then the impact should be minimal
Providing there is adequate parking then no issues
Quite happy to travel to Caerphilly to use the leisure centre as a one stop fitness location when at home in Wales. Travel to Kent on a regular bases
Rationalisation would leave the most vulnerable behind with no access to well being amenities.
Rwyf yn aelod Dull Byw ar hyn o bryd ond yn gorfod defnyddio'r gampfa ar adegau tawel er wryn defnyddio'r cyfleusterau. Nid oes digon o gyfarpar ar gyfer pawb sy'n mynychu. Os yw'r cynllun yn mynd yn ei flaen i gael ond 4 cyfleuster yn y fwrdeistref sirol yna bydd mwy o ddefnydd i'r cyfarpar hwn ac felly'n gwneud yr aelodaeth Dull Byw yn wastraff arian. Byddai'n well ymaelodi gyda gampfa preifat sy'n gallu sicrhau bod digon gyfarpar ar gyfer yr holl ddefnyddwyr. Hefyd mae rhai campfeydd preifat yn cynnig sesiynau penodol i fenywod yn unig sy'n atyniad hefyd. I am a lifestyle member at the moment but have to use the gym during quiet times in order to use the facilities. There isn't enough equipment for all that attend. If the plan goes ahead to have only 4 facilities in the county borough then more people are going to be using the equipment and therefore will make the lifestyle membership a waste of time. It would be better to join a private gym who would guarantee plenty of equipment for all users. Also some private gyms offer female only sessions which is also attractive.
School Management severely restrict access to facilities Local access to facilities
School management that doesn't restrict times. That are open for longer than school would be a great

idea, until 10pm
schools cannot afford to take responsibility of joint facilities ==besides under master plan bedwas pool planned demolition within 2 years--paper exercise decisions already made
Schools who do not take on the running of the smaller leisure centres eg sue noake - would impact the health and wellbeing of pupils In That community etc Also at what cost to the school?
Short sighted and lacking vision.....i use othe leisure centres as the ones you mention are already over subscribed packed and you can't get into classes
Shouldn't close facilities... Closing down leisure centres will not encourage people, if people have to travel far eg by car surely it is better to be in walking distance of a leisure centre or park.....
Some people struggle to travel
Sue Noakes is used by Penallta RFC during the dark evenings, if you have 4 locations the rugby club will see a demise in numbers
Swimming at Newbridge is a great facility to have close to home.
Swimming facilities centred in areas where the centre's can be maintained to a high standard and easy accessibility for all generations schools facilities opened up on weekends and school holidays for all school age children to use.
Swimming lessons in Heolddu and Newbridge are at capacity and with the closure of Cefn Fforest this would significantly impact on young children being able to get a life skill of being able to swim. The gym facilities in Newbridge and Heolddu will not meet the capacity for the people within the community. Iswlyn High school do not have adequate gym facilities and pupils are still utilising Pontllanfraith leisure centre.
The 4 strategic leisure centres are the only ones that already have swimming pools - Newbridge, Caerphilly and Bargoed are the only ones that we currently use for swimming
The above 4 strategic leisure centres only is not necessary, councillors have stressed the close proximity to Aberbargoed and CCBC willingness to raise finance. Therefore rebuild Cefn Fforest if necessary! Having had to wade through the nonsense of your survey booklet I offer the following: Dear Sirs, I attended the presentation of CCBC case for the closure of Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith Leisure Centres, on 4/09/18. I listened carefully to the arguments to close these establishments and to replace them with a leisure centre near Aberbargoed. It became quickly apparent that there was no logic to CCBC arguments. The main point of this proposal as far as Cefn Fforest leisure centre is concerned is that the building is 50 years old and not fit for purpose. May I take this opportunity to remind CCBC of the huge amounts of money spent on its refurbishment recently. This argument is farcical! Other bits and pieces were thrown into the mix. Cefn Fforest people using this facility at present could easily travel to the proposed new site in Aberbargoed, because of its close proximity. By the same token Aberbargoed people can easily travel to Cefn Fforest because of its close proximity - and do at present. Point 2 - with a new building CCBC would raise millions to fund a new building and pay off the loan over a long period. Therefore they can upgrade the present sites at substantially lower costs, as they already own the sites. The only statement that is correct, at least in the case of the Pontllanfraith facility is that CCBC has wilfully neglected its duty to maintain these facilities. CCBC has the unenviable reputation of getting things wrong,, various botched road work schemes the list is endless. CCBC needs to be seen to do it better to restore what little reputation it has left. It seems obvious that this is a thinly veiled attempt by certain elements of CCBC to steal, and I use the word advisably, facilities from the old Iswlyn area and relocate them under another ward (I'm aware boundaries have changed). These gentlemen having made an unholy mess of Bargoed, allegedly under the influence of Morrisons, are now turning their attention to our area. I would also remind CCBC that planning permission was only granted for the Cefn fforest facility because it replaced Pontllanfraith open air baths, on what was the last remnant of the original Cefn fforest. Finally, I would like to bring your attention to the following: This is a letter sent to Marquis Flavinious, a Centurion in the second Cohort of the Augusta legion, to his cousin Tertullus in Rome. "We had been told on leaving our native soil that we were going to defend our sacred rights confirmed on us by so many citizens settled overseas. So many years of our presence, so many benefits brought to us by populations in need of our assistance and civilisation. We were able to verify that all of this was true and

because it was true we did not hesitate to shed our quota of blood, to sacrifice our youth and our hopes. We regretted nothing, but where as we over here are inspired by this frame of mind, I am told IN ROME FACTIONS AND CONSPIRACIES ARE RIFE, THAT TREACHERY FLOURISHES AND THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THEIR UNCERTAINTY AND CONFUSION lend a ready ear to the dire temptations of RELINQUISHMENT AND VILIFY OUR ACTIONS. I cannot believe that all this is true, and yet recent wars have shown how pernicious such a state of mind could be, and where it could lead. Make haste to reassure me, I beg you, and tell me that our fellow citizens understand us, support us and protect us as we ourselves are protecting the glory of the empire. If it should be otherwise, if we should have to leave our bleached bones on these desert sands in vain, then beware the anger of the legions." To which I have nothing to add.

The centre I use is not on this list, so would affect me directly. I would probably not use any of the other facilities just walk outdoors instead.

The centred use would close and its the best for taking my 2 young kids swimming. As well As the excellent lessons provided there.

The centres are busy as they are, every day, all day. There are rare occasions that I have been and haven't struggled for space - if you close or combine these services, people will be reluctant to go as they know it is busy. At the minute I currently use Cefn Forest in the weekday because I find it is quieter than Newbridge.

The chances of one of the leisure centres being walking distance is unlikely which would be negative. I anticipate it being more expensive than it is now which would also be negative. My family uses Cefn Fforest LC weekly (at least) and although its dated, the classes are excellent and it feels personal.

The council should provide local facilities - massive centres aren't as important as places poorer people and children can walk to.

The current leisure facilities in the county are not up to standard, so I don't attend leisure centres in the county. I attend Ebbw Vale as they have better facilities which my family are happy with. HOWEVER, closing leisure centres WILL negatively impact on other people in the community that cannot access outside of the authority. This is not fair on those who cannot drive, get public transport, etc.

The direct impact would make it more difficult to attend classes and pools, this would have a negative effect on my general health, fitness and well-being.

The four centres do not give all of Caerphilly borough residents equal access to facilities. The council should be investing money equally throughout the borough. Removal of the pool in Cefn Fforest for example may save money short term but long term issues to residents has not be considered. Individuals will be isolated by taking away social interaction. Children in the area should be encouraged to participate in fun activities to promote and their well-being, removal of the centre will cause long term effects on children that already live in poverty and do not have equal opportunities.

The health of a lot of my family would decline dramatically as they won't have access to a local leisure centre such as Pontllanfraith. They rely on the facilities at Pontllanfraith to stay healthy. The closing of the leisure centres would cause them to become more unhealthy.

The lack of Good Public Transport in the borough would be a major factor in less people visiting the '4 strategic leisure centres'. Also local Sport teams find it almost impossible to book the facilities as they are now making it hard for junior sides to train. Reducing the facilities will only add to the problem.

the lack of leisure facilities on my family in the Pontllanfraith and Blackwood area would be great, as they are used regularly by my children and grand children.

The leisure centre I am most likely to use is Caerphilly so the impact would be made I also and if facilities at Caerphilly are improved there would be a positive impact for me and my family

The leisure centres are not big enough now, also schools do not have the budget to maintain sports facilities.

The leisure centres would become overcrowded if there are only four centres. The schools would not provide the same facilities

The loss of Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest leisure centres would have a detrimental effect on myself and my family. The other local centres scuh as Nebridge is over subscribed. The school facilities are

<p>inadequate - Iswyn High pupils have been using the gym at Pontllanfraith LC and have been transported by mini bus for lessons. Other schools pitches are over booked. If these centres close I will be using Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre, which means transport costs and traveling by car instead of walking, does not prove eco friendly .</p>
<p>The loss of Pontllanfraith leisure centre would be unreasonable as Pontllanfraith has lost most of its facilities. Pontllanfraith needs its leisure centre and the Iswyn High School is not big enough to cope with the demand for leisure in the Pontllanfraith area.</p>
<p>The named leisure centres are the ones I use regularly. I would be unaffected by the others transferring to school ownership, and would support this move if it led to increase class provision at each centre.</p>
<p>The population is growing. If you close facilities to build housing you are having a negative effect on the wellbeing of the growing population. Get real! Stop closing facilities! AGAIN just fancy wording. It is the populous that pay you to provide the facilities to encourage health and wellbeing. All this strategy is to try and justify your action. Get the message. The population is growing. So, don't close, maintain and improve what we have and keep these facilities OPEN.</p>
<p>The possible closures of leisure centres would impact upon myself as one of the proposed centre's for closure is pontllanfraith and is the closest one to me which I use 3-4 times a week. I often walk to pontllanfraith leisure centre and it would not be possible for me to do this with any of the other centres proposed to stay open. I use pontllanfraith leisure due to the mix of individuals that use the centre, it is a very comfortable environment which makes people feel at ease which you do not necessarily get from other gyms within the area. I feel that if pontllanfraith were to close the council would be forcing people to find other alternatives that are not suitable which possibly puts people at risk of stopping their physical activities and risk neglecting their physical health. I feel that these closures are just about saving money and not necessarily caring about the individuals that use the facilities. Government keep on mentioning the need for individuals to be more active and live healthier lifestyles so they do not become a burden on the NHS from ailments caused by being unhealthy and obesity, although how on earth are people supposed to be healthy and more active if leisure facilities keep closing. I feel this will just have a knock on effect on individuals where they will be forced to not take part in physical activities because there simply isn't anywhere suitable for them. I feel the closure of pontllanfraith leisure centre would impact upon my health greatly as I can feel self-conscious about using gyms and I feel comfortable using pontllanfraith because of the warm, friendly, non-judgemental environment. I feel this is lacking in other private gyms within the area and worry my own physical activity would decrease because of this.</p>
<p>The proposed 4 strategic sites would provide better equipped and fit for purpose facilities, which would meet the needs of the community.</p>
<p>The reduction of the number of leisure centres would have an impact for me as I use the New Tredegar leisure centre.</p>
<p>The schools will not have the expertise to manage such facilities nor the finances to reinvest in them</p>
<p>There are a large number of people using Cefn Fforest pool in the mornings and I don't think Newbridge would be big enough to cope with the numbers and it is more travelling and what about the junior schools in the area that use the pool.</p>
<p>There are not enough spaces for children's teams / swimming now so how would there be more ?</p>
<p>there are thousands of people living in the borough if you decide to close leisure centres the others just wont be able to cope with the demand which will then need more money spending on yhem to accomadate the extra influx where that money needs spending that could be used to keep the original centres open</p>
<p>There are very few classes available outside of work hours at the moment. These will only reduce. I have been referred by nhs Physio to attend yoga/Pilates classes. Without these I will be back visiting the already stretched and underfunded Physio outpatients in YYF. The council and nhs need a collaborative, joined up approach</p>
<p>There does not appear to be a clear rationale to focus on areas surrounding Blackwood with no direct provision for swimming etc in an area with such a dense population that continues to expand. For families and older people there are costs, time constraints plus there will be additional problems during</p>

<p>school holidays with groups of children having no local access to facilities. Given the identification by the Welsh Government for the need for good local access to address health and well being problems more emphasis should be placed on providing good easily accessible facilities not curtailing and ostracising the a large area of the borough</p>
<p>There is currently insufficient availability for my needs within these facilities plus the ones you are proposing to close. How is reducing availability going to fix this issue.</p>
<p>There should be as much provision as possible for maximum number of hours without prejudice to ensure equality of provision - this cannot be guaranteed with joint management</p>
<p>There will be an effect on my local community if Pontllanfraith closes but not on my own active lifestyle which is confined to daily exercise of walking and cycling.</p>
<p>There will be no impact as I do not use leisure centres, however these facilities are well used by others including disadvantaged groups so I believe it is important to maintain at least two leisure centres in the east of the County Borough at Newbridge AND Risca. Likewise there should be at least one leisure centre in the Blackwood area. Caerphilly is not necessarily accessible to everyone from this part of the County Borough and neither is Bargoed.</p>
<p>there will be no impact on myself, as i live in caerphilly. i do have concern, about the lack of activity in area's of the borough, and our problem with obesity, in particular children. however, if the leisure are not getting used, then re-direct the funds available to the well used leisure centres. in my experiance, caerphilly is a well used leisure centre, with good classes and a good range of equipment in the gym. i do feel that it needs upgrading, as it look tatty now. if i were to be honest, it needs knocking down and re-building.</p>
<p>There will be no incentive for me to travel to these strategic centres. Local leisure/community centres encourage local people to attend and participate. Both young and the not so young gain from using local facilities. Rationalisation will deter those who benefit most.</p>
<p>There will be no local facilities for my self or family members. Shocking decision to close local leisure centres. Wonder why Blackwood has such high obesity levels...only to become worse and worse if all the leisure centres and outdoor spaces are lost to housing</p>
<p>There will simply be not enough leisure centres to meet demand for local sports clubs, schools and communities. Suspect there would be a monopoly on 4 leisure sites by bigger organisations/sports clubs. North of the borough will also be forgotten. New leisure facilities in schools will also not be able to cope with demand. Local sports clubs struggle now to get bookings for training sessions on 3g/astro turf and inside sports hall use. Only get worse if only 4 leisure centres supported by schools.</p>
<p>There would be a financial impact, the closure of a local leisure would mean travelling on public transport which adds the cost. With this cost in mind would I use leisure facilities less? Probably yes so that would then possibly impact on my health, which could in turn over the years impact on my use of the NHS and or social services more because of failing health.</p>
<p>There would be increased demand on services but I feel there would not be enough space for everyone for example swimming lessons, the drmand is high now with slll leisure centres open if some were to merge it would become increasingly difficult to fit all children in</p>
<p>There would be limited impact on myself due to being able to travel easily, however I would envisage that fewer sites would increase demand for services and therefore reduce availability.</p>
<p>There would be no impact on me personally as I live in Caerphilly and it looks like this centre would remain open.</p>
<p>There would be no impact on myself as I only use Caerphilly, but I do think it would have a negative impact on a lot of people.</p>
<p>These facilities are not large enough to cope with demand if all others are shut. Plus with new housing in the area the future benefit to having more facilities and investing in them is there.</p>
<p>Think this would be positive.</p>
<p>This is local to us and many service users use centre. They would struggle with any change and have been coming here many years.</p>
<p>This proposal would not impact me as I use Risca or Newbridge leisure centre. However, I think proposal</p>

<p>would affect the amount of people who participate in sport or active recreation as they have to travel further to access provision or stop participating due to poor or limited transport routes to sustain their involvement in sport or active recreation. It maybe worth looking to see if a bus could go directly to the leisure centres would allow the opportunity for people to access or continue accessing sport or active recreation.</p>
<p>This will have a detrimental affect on the health and well-being of all residents in the borough. If Leisure centres close it then puts pressure on the centres left open. Bedwas Leisure Centre was brilliant to use on a weekend now it is closed to the public only running swimming lessons on a Saturday.</p>
<p>This will impact my family and the environment. None of these are easy to get to. They also encourage me to get into the car rather than walk with the children. I also feel that schools would target the youth market which I think is only part of the answer (not the whole one)..</p>
<p>This would be negative if it resulted in other facilities not being available locally to people. It would require strict requirements to ensure that the facilities remaining open regularly and were maintained to an adequate standard.</p>
<p>This would greatly effect my children's ability to participate in sports and recreational activities within their local community. The effect will also be very adverse for many teams that operate within the area.</p>
<p>This would have no impact on me personally.</p>
<p>This would make my nearest leisure centre outside easy walking distance, so I'd be far less likely to attend</p>
<p>This would not impact on me.</p>
<p>To contemplate having 4 strategic leisure centres in the borough of Caerphilly is simply redicalous!! The provision of curent services are already stretched especially in relation to the provision of swimming for Primary School Pupils. if CCBC were to clos Cefn Fforest where are the 15 Primary Schools that currently use this facility going to go for their swimming lessons? Also only 7 years ago there was an investment of £800,000 in this facility only now once again to be faced with closure. Again one word REDICALOUS!!! Accessibility: With no direct infrastructure in place i.e Public Transoport!! Can you honestly expect young children or the elderly to catch several buses to these proposed new Centres? when the existing Centres are accesible by foot for many people. Cost implications: To reach these new Centres by Public Transport would be to costly for most people where Centres are currently located in the heart of the community no such extra expense is incurred.</p>
<p>To lose Bedwas would be a travesty. It needs development not cutting. It is a deprived area and the local residents need encouragement to engage in healthier and more active lifestyles. If they had to travel to Caerphilly I am sure those who need it most would simply not access the facility. Bedwas may not be fully used now - so develop it and have a plan for getting more people to use it.</p>
<p>To lose Cefn Fforest swimming amenity would be a giant great loss. The convenience and safety aspect of a local community facility should remain for all ages but especially the very young and not so young.</p>
<p>To many sports are focused on single leisure centres</p>
<p>To shut Cefn Fforest would be a big mistake other pools could not cope with the number for morning swims due to school times using the pools. Very bad set of affairs to rely on schools to run pools.</p>
<p>To travel further and having to use my car in order to use a recreational and sports facility would diminish my incentive to use such facilities</p>
<p>Too far away. Think of disabled people and those who can't drive.</p>
<p>Too far. People won't travel. All facilities offer different things. Limiting the centres would make booking and access very difficult.</p>
<p>Too much distance to travel. Possibility of facilities being unavailable. Not enough of correct facilities available.</p>
<p>Totally against this view. Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre provision is vital and important to myself and my family. We can walk to the centre without taking the car saving the environment, we support activities in the local community. This is short sighted and will mean again mean services are congregated in Caerphilly!</p>
<p>Travelling to get to these "hub" leisure centres instead of my nearest one incurs more cost to me. It</p>

would also increase the numbers of persons using those centres stated which in turn limits the facilities you are able to use.
Unfair question, as this is just asking ME. (I tend to only use Risca and Newbridge each week.) However, I feel that closing leisure centres, whilst I realise from a monetary point of view, it is fairly unsustainable, needs to be addressed. This will have a negative effect due to distances needing to travel for the elderly, who may not have their own transport, and parents regarding the exceedingly important swimming lessons, and possibly also having no private transport. (Likewise, schools, as half the day could be spent travelling to its 'nearest' pool.
Until you provide a leisure centre in Bargoed, Aberbargoed area you must keep Cefn Fforest leisure centre open, if it closes it will affect my health. I swim at Cefn Fforest leisure centre at least 4 times a week so I would miss this activity.
Very difficult to get a badminton court in the area now. Schools often wont allow community bookings during school hours.
Very little impact on myself as I live in the South of the borough However I have always much preferred to go to Bedwas to swim as opposed to Caerphilly
We enjoy using our local centers and take advantage of all the services offered Would this lead to a loss of jobs affecting local communities? How can you encourage an active lifestyle if less resources? The 4 strategic center's are located further away, further to travel for families resulting in an increased cost and time getting to and from the centers. Will there be transport available??? Evening and night if people are unable to drive and maybe attended evening classes/swim. How will you manage the extra volume of transferals when services like the children's swimming lessons already have a waiting list to join e.g in Caerphilly LC & Stage 1 lessons in Cefn Forest. Would you add extra classes in already busy LC's? This would affect my childs lesson if he suddenly didn't have a place after 5.5 years of attending If other LC's were to transfer to school management, would this be open to the public as currently or only for schools, Would this lead to reduced services or a complete change? Cost to Move activities to another LC??
We need smaller centres for our communities. Just 4 centres would not be able to sustain the level of users e.g. the 3G pitch in Pontllanfraith. Also you have to have a car to get to these Centres. Bargoed and Risca are quite out of the way. I just feel the Blacwood, Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest would be denied sports access
We need to keep leisure centres open, for health and sport activity. Pontllanfraith has the best outlook with room to expand, put in a swimming pool and make it a sports complex. It is the best for outdoor sports and indoor sports, beautiful setting, lovely staff and plenty of car parking. We don't need any houses there, it will spoil a leisure area that can be improved greatly.
We use Heolddu regularly. As long as have gym and swimming in Bargoed area we will be happy.
We would struggle as a club of over 100 swimmers if you started closing leisure centres
What about Blackwood Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest where communities would lose access
What about Blackwood with the highest footfall, there is nothing. None of these include Blackwood which has the highest footfall in CCBC. It will have even less if Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith are closed. Elderly, disabled cannot access Caerphilly or Bargoed. Newbridge is already too busy. If 14 more schools use it when can the public access the facilities.
What about south east Caerphilly i.e. keeping Bedwas Leisure Centre. Not everyone can get to Caerphilly easily, especially cold dark winter days/nights. From asking around, Caerphilly Leisure Centre is already over-subscribed and difficult to access water activities due to prescribed users having so much use of it already.
What about the middle of the borough and Rhymmney?
What benefits would there be for schools to adopt these facilities? Do school governing bodies not already have enough to do in terms of educating our future generations? If schools profit from leisure facilities what about those schools who do not have the same level of facilities - they will lose out?
What have you done to the Athletics track in Bargoed, I'll tell you. You let it get run down, then you gave it to the Rugby Club, who have stuck a great big stand in the middle of it. Athletics has not been

supported by CCBC at all. My daughter went and ran for Cardiff, as it was so bad here and now my grand daughters are going there as well. 40 years you have not bothered. your all Rugby and football.
While there wouldn't be any impact on me personally, I feel there would be a significant impact on the more vulnerable members of our community who do not have transport or the ability to travel further for recreational exercise. Motivating and encouraging the most vulnerable individuals to exercise is already a challenge; this will present an even greater challenge.
Why should leisure centres in the borough be closed to keep Caerphilly leisure centre open £15m (now £30m) to be spent knocking this centre down and rebuilding in this one part of Caerphilly only. Keep Pontllanfraith open will not cost £15m.
Why would you look to close facilities - surely to reduce any impact wouldn't you look to encourage private running of facilities that are not within a school. By closing facilities you are going to create an unhealthier county by more people travelling by car to travel further afield.
Will affect future generations of children! Maintain status quo! don't rely on schools! It is about future generations as previously mentioned not about me!!
Will most likely cease to use leisure services. In the past when my preferred choice of swimming pool was undergoing refurbishment I found access to the pool at either Newbridge or Caerphilly inconvenient. The distance involved and the session times offered did not fit with my lifestyle at that time. Even though I am now retired it would be too much of a chore to visit a pool other than Heolddu. Is it your intention to make it more difficult for the older person to maintain a healthy lifestyle. As the population of older people is increasing is this your way of helping cull the numbers?
Will the four leisure centre's be any good, are you going to improve them or will they just be the ones that are left
With 4 kids and 1 with disabilities and a wife who also suffers with disabilities, the removal of local facilities will make it near on impossible to visit other facilities. To go from cefn Fforest to Newbridge would take 2 busses and over 39 minutes to travel. Like wise to bargoed.
With upgraded facilities, newer buildings, a fresher look, id be more inclined in joining the leisure centre
Without the availability of unimproved network of cheap and regular public transport covering all communities, especially at the weekends, then the rationalising to the 4 locations would only benefit those in the 4 locations or those with access to cars, leaving a large proportion of the population without facilities.
Would be further for people to travel, and a disincentive to travel to a leisure centre further away from home
Would need to use the Pontllanfraith centre as nearest to home, especially as in my 60's.
Yes
yes
You are catering for the few. Will they use these centres. Travel across the borough not easy.
You are moving facilities away from people who have no transport
You are not providing for those children with additional needs whom cannot access large centres. Your strategy completely ignores their voice and needs.
You cannot book school facilities now as they are already fully booked so closing centers will have a negative impact on me directly.
You can't give me the whole picture so I don't know!
You need to maintain the sports centre we have not reduce them
you seem to have a disproportionate split between East and West given that Risca is at the extreme South of the borough if should not be an issue to consider somewhere north of Bargoed/Aberbargoed for the northern part of the borough
You should manage all four as they are four separate parts. We want more use of LCs not reduction. If you close any then residents will suffer and ultimately the council as residents will become unfit and require more care
You would be isolating areas like Cefn Fforest. There are very little facilities of any kind in Cefn Fforest, elderly people and children who use the pool would be penalised. The pool is a lifeline for many in Cefn

Fforest. The other centres can only be reached by car. Also you are trying to put too many people into not enough Leisure Centres, Pontllanfraith atp is used widely by junior club. If the Centre closed there would not be anywhere for these kids to go. no they could not use the other Leisure Centres or schools Atp because these are alr day full.

You'll be taking away the gym that I usual regularly, and adding a journey of up to half an hour each way, adding fuel costs as well as time. I love the gym in Sur Noake

Your not supporting people to exercise if you close venues

You've not mentioned Pontllanfraith which is an essential leisure centre for sports teams in the borough!! What about Cwmcarn? The council should run the leisure centres not schools

Question 35: If you feel the impact of rationalising leisure facilities will be negative, what could be done to mitigate the impact on you and your family?

- Improved facilities (poor lighting and unclear lines in Newbridge make it unpleasant to play badminton). - Improved availability - opening times in Islwyn High are not appropriate. - Better parking facilities. - Transport provided for locals unable to travel to other leisure centred. - Reduce smartcard prices to account for petrol prices.
1) Reasonable increase in charges 2) Consider other organisations to run them 3) Invest some of the millions you plan to spend on a new leisure centre and maintain existing ones
100% NEGATIVE - DON'T CLOSE THEM SIMPLE!!
A better, more regular, more connective public transport service.
A very small increase across The CCBC area to each household would negate the financial reasons for closure of any site.
Absolutely negative!!! Read my prior comments!!!!
Adeiladu cyfleusterau ychwanegol yn yr ardal Build more resources in the area
Again, there is far more wasted money that can be saved within the council that would enable further investment in leisure facilities instead of cuts
All I wanted to say is keep all our centres and swimming pools open for future generations.....
All leisure facilities within schools including gyms pools and pitches should be available for public use outside school core hours.
Allow grassroots football clubs access to the Centre of Sporting Excellence to use as a training facility throughout the season and provide more 3 or 4g pitches so that we aren't penalised by reducing the number of leisure centres.
Are you lot real? The more I read these questions the more frustrated it all becomes.
As above
AS ABOVE - LEAVE US WITH OUR CEFN FFOREST FACILITIES AND PONTLLANFRAITH LEISURE CENTRE
As mentioned above, I can easily transport my family to various centres if needed. However, this is predominately out of authority which I am pretty sure I am not the only resident in Caerphilly to be doing right now. Reduce number of options on sporting activities as limited spaces providing activities.
As stated above and as a consequence not be able to either travel to the venue or afford the cost to participate in activities.
As stated, not much impact on me as the nearest leisure centre for me is Newbridge; but closure of Pontllanfraith will induce negative feelings for the nearby resident and I fear they will not use other centres. Once it's gone, it's gone.
At the very least maintain the main Leisure Centres. Include the minor clubs and sports associations on decisions to be made to ensure that their needs are met and that they can make future plans.
Bank holiday Monday the leisure centre should be open . Weekend we can never access leisure centre such as swimming because of private parties, etc ,so this needs to be stopped.
Better management. Hold pilates, yoga classes etc but advertise them within the area. There seems to be no advertising of facilities at New Tredegar S.C eg birthday parties. There's no point in adverts just in S.C. Why is there yoga classes at White Rose Centre and private fitness classes at Tirphil C.C. They should all be based in the S.C.
Better pitch facilities, better drainage, better changing rooms
Better public transport to access these sites maybe but I don't feel that this is the answer, more than 4 are needed.
Blackwood and Rhymney need services that can be accessed. Heolddu cannot be accessed easily from either location.
Build a new larger swimming pool
Build an Athletics track next to one of the new Leisure Centre's. put your hands in your deep pockets
Build new facility on a site with good transport links and less traffics congestion.

Build one significant larger pool
By Keep existing leisure facilities open e.g Cefn Forest, the funding issues faced in 18/19 should not mean reduced leisure services Where is the extra income being spent from the recent car parking charges introduced in the local parks e.g. pengam and penallta, Maybe introduce a small increase in entry fees/classes/membership to increase revenue Seek volunteers for events? Increase strategic thinking Offer more appealing packages to students/local employers / hospitals rehabilitation/EVEN CARE HOMES and local Fitness studios to encourage an increase in usage income and business. Rent out areas to local employers/private functions???? Health problems - people get lazy, weight gain, poor health
By Keeping local leisure centres open
By leaving the facilities all ready in place. The site cefn Fforest sits on can be developed to offer extra where the feasibility of the site could become positive. Land to rear of pool is big enough for indoor hall, that can be used for badminton basket ball, 5 a side football. Also could be hired out along side the pool for birthday parties or for a stand alone party hall. Extra room to the side of car park could be extended to allow more off road parking at the site too.
Careful planning or investment in the proposed 4 facilities to ensure space and time to accommodate all.
CCBC only care about capital receipts and lining pockets of its councillors, snr management and directors.
Cefn Fforest is my pool and gym and heart of the community. Removing it miles and miles away is an immeasurable detriment to the young children, older residents and non csr owning customers who will be left without facilities
Centres should be run more efficiently by professional staff with responsibility for individual facility budgets, ensutinvgthat the customer is st the centre of service delivery currently centre staff are not customer focused and do not take redoonsibility to endure classes are maintained and communication is not gods. A more professional approach would make the centres more economically viable
Charge everyone to use the facilities, no more free swimming, concessions
Charge people slightly more for use of services locally
Close Caerphilly CBC
Close one of your other 4, if one has to go maybe Cefn Fforest, but keep Pontllanfraith leisure centre open.
Closing Cefn Fforest will impact the fitness tuition classes for members of my family
Closing leisure centres will stop me taking my children swimming on weekend/skate parks. Loss of jobs.
Closure of Pontllanfraith L C and lack of play areas in a an area where so many children live is short sighted. These children and their parents are not always able to travel to LC s further away
Consider operating other leisure facilities under a concession arrangement - eg Cardiff council's current approach
Consider other ways to run/finance these facilities. Look at other areas to make savings.
Consideration on the difficulty of transport and access in some parts of the borough, in essence. Plus, feeling for the value members of individual communities place on having a leisure centre within easy distance, as opposed to the offputting factors in having facilities further away.
continue to keep pontllanfraith leisure centre open or find an alternative site for this in the local area
Continue to offer facilities across the whole of the county by using money from the more prosperous areas to fund those that need extra money. It is very short sighted to cut leisure facilities as people will struggle to live a healthy lifestyle and then cause many many more problems for the NHS. An integrated approach would would mean that people can stay healthier by taking regular exercise and socialise in their local area which would also elevate the social problems of loneliness and isolation. The health of people in Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith is just as important as the health of those in other areas of the borough and people in these areas will be at a major disadvantage because the public transport is so poor. Travelling to access facilities that are further away will take an extremely long time and waiting for multiple buses will make it unattractive and not something that could easily fit in with daily life commitments.

Continue to provide locally based services where you can walk to the centres, and feel comfortable accessing the facilities
Contracting out. Looking to develop approach with outside agencies even if prices increase, like outsourcing.
COUNCILLORS TO WORK FOR FREE
Cut the council wage bill and councillors expenses get rid of the Mayor
decrease cost to permit greater affordable use. currently unaffordable.
Definitely...during winter months hazardous to travel on long journeys
Do NOT build new Centres and destroy the communities where they are already located just simply INVEST in the existing Centres.
Do not close any Leisure Centre with a swimming pool as there is currently underprovision in the County Borough. Swimming is very important in maintaining health for children and older people especially.
Do not close any of our Leisure centres
Do not close centres in the borough, look to either switch management, or adopt and alternate policy of funding to spread funds equally across all centres
DO NOT CLOSE CENTRES!!
do not close pontllanfraith or cefn forrest
Do not close Pontllanfraith, all the additional housing needs leisure facilities
Do not let schools shut their facilities during school holidays. If like Islwyn, school facilities are used, they need to be available 52 weeks a year.
Don't close any LCs Provide alternatives or free transport to others
don't close leisure centres, particularly where youngsters have little or no local alternative, e.g. pontllanfraith
Don't do it. Just don't!
Don't close Cefn Fforest or Pontllanfraith or ever better build the new centre in Blackwood and not Caerphilly
Don't close leisure centres
Don't close Pontllanfraith simple with the absence of Pont there will be more pressure on other leisure centres - especially with the increasing population as evidenced by the housing developments. More people leads to more pressure. Obvious.
Don't close the surrounding centres and put other people at a disadvantage
Don't do it or provide supportive funding
Don't do it.....
Don't do this - find the money from the Senior Officer pay scandal
Don't shut down swimming bars!
Don't shut leisure centres etc. or ensure they are community run.
Don't think there is a negative. All positive.
Don't waste tax payers money on rubbish, but invest in the things we ACTUALLY pay for e.g. Council services
Don't?
Enhance the sport center in Ystrad Mynach to a full leisure center so the local people do not have to travel so far
Enhanced opening hours of then swimming pools. Opening hours at this time for each pool is quite simply a shambles, no consistency. Each day is different
Ensure active travel is safe and provided. Ensure bus timetables are robust enough to reach the right sporting event at the right time Ensure my air quality does not decrease in the areas on routes of travel Ensure that anything that closes has a good exit strategy and that the facilities are just not boarded up and left alone Ensure that any closures to local facilities are managed well and communities are respected Ensure that any physical building closures are knocked down and green spaces are created, so that children have a place to play (rather than leave to rot or sell to a house developer). If sold on, that a

clause is to create a green space or peaceful park that the elderly can enjoy
Ensure everyone has easy access to the broadest range of activities.
Ensure local public transport is available to the consolidated centres Discounted Public Transport to Leisure Centres (or discount at centre on presentation of transport ticket)
Ensure that all remaining leisure facilities are opened and managed by CCBC admin staff throughout the year and not only in school term time.
Ensuring the use of a swimming pool, gym, badminton court and hall for zumba/yoga classes available in the Bargoed area during and after school hours
Extend the access for areas deprived of facilities to more days/ times that working people can enjoy them
Fair & equitable process of determining staffing levels.
Flatten the structure, give budgetary power to supervisor and concessionary power to discounted block bookings etc or after short term plans etc
For example - compel schools to make their facilities available, employing extra staff if need be; establish community colleges.
For me I have my bus pass - the only activity I like is swimming but the baths are too crowded for my age group over 65 to attend. I am also dependent on public transport so living in Crosskeys I cannot get to Risca leisure centre easily, although I can get to Newbridge but the school feels too close and claustrophobic..
For the other facilities to be kept open, albeit managed by another body.
Fortunately the rationalisation will not directly impact me or my family. However, there are many residents who have no access to a car and possibly could not afford to regularly use public transport if good services were available.
free bus travel to sports centres
Free swimming lessons for under 10s
Free transport to and from the leisure centres
Further to travel sometimes.
Have one in Ystrad Mynach instead of Caerphilly
Having another great pool that is open to the public near Blackwood
I am a regular visitor of Sue Noake Leisure centre.
I am unable to drive and would find it difficult to access swimming/classes at another location. I would also miss opportunities to be in contact with other residents of the community as we are leading more insular lives
I am able to travel, but for those who aren't, you need to ensure that the county transport strategy allows for people to travel to and from the centres from their catchment communities
I can only speak for myself but I would be willing to pay a little extra to keep the leisure centre I use open.
I can't afford to use the facilities.
I don't know. I don't have the answer, but it will have a big impact on local football teams if you close Pontllanfraith LC.
I don't agree with 4 supercentres - spread dedicated provisions (mini-clubs) may well better serve our communities. Especially if schools take control of their provisions, which may well further restrict accessibility for many people.
I don't think I would be as mobile as I am if I didn't go swimming every morning.
I feel saddened by the decisions the county are making. I'm not sure all families will have access to leisure centres further away. I'm not sure I'll be visiting them as often. I find parking at Newbridge always tricky. I'm not sure of the outcome for us as a family.
I feel the decision is already made and these questionnaires are a waste of time.
I must say, the country parks are beautiful, and must be used more. One suggestion, is the council provide regular walking clubs, to encourage people who currently don't attend gyms, to start to

exercising.
I prefer Heolddu due to the facilities which are in my opinion better than Caerphilly. A more modern leisure facility that meets current/future needs is required in the Borough. Also Sports activities are often cheaper in Heolddu (e.g. school holiday activities) than in Caerphilly so consistency over costs would be beneficial. However I have a car so can access these facilities, for those that are unable to then ensuring that any facilities are on public transport routes and that classes are co-ordinated to take into account public transport timetables.
I would rather ask why anyone thinks what the positive outcome is going to be.....terrible.
Identifying maximum use of remaining facilities based on demand and not remaining budget - getting the balance between the needs of public, schools and groups etc will be a significant challenge and not being able to meet existing and projected needs could result in less children having the opportunity to access swimming lessons and for those who can afford it transferring to private leisure facilities.
if cefn forest were to close, I would probably not subscribe to Caerphilly council's facilities
If Pontllanfraith is to close transfer the classes to Newbridge
If rationalising means providing a better service at fewer locations then fine. If it's just cost cutting then pls say it as it is.
if the centre is school run it would not be available at the times that I can go training/exercising
If we lose assets, they will be lost forever. I think they should be maintained. I don't believe our council tax should just go council salaries, emptying bins and paying care budgets.
if you are to lose Bedwas pool then you need to sort out Caerphilly. In the 30 years Caerphilly has ALWAYS been a dirty pool and changing room. Ideally building a pool at St Cenydd would be more beneficial
If you do reduce the numbers you must increase the availability of 3G pitches for winter use.
If Ystrad remained open that would be beneficial
I'm a single person so this question doesn't really apply, see above.
I'm lucky I live near Caerphilly Leisure centre. What about thos who will lose facilities close to where they live, while you continue to overpay incompetent senior officials
I'm not sure how the rationale to get more people active is going to be achieved by closing centres and moving them away from population centres (e.g. Ystrad Mynach and Blackwood). The strategy is also likely to increase car journeys and thus increase CO2 emissions and other pollutants, and promote car use at a time when other departments are actively trying to encourage more sustainable modes of transport. It is also worth noting that this strategy could inadvertently alienate those most in need of an active and healthy lifestyle, by placing facilities further away from some of the more disadvantaged borough residents. Basically, if you can't afford a car your stuffed
I'm not sure. I understand why rationalising leisure facilities makes sense in a time of austerity but if you get more people using the facilities as part of a healthy lifestyle, money will be saved elsewhere e.g. medical interventions.
Implementation of a robust public transport strategy to ensure communities can still easily access facilities.
Improve the transport network, reduce cost of use, modernisation of centers
Improvements in public transport. Where I live no public transport to 3 of the 4 sites. There is only one bus per hour to Caerphilly which ceases after 6.00pm. Would need more buses joined up to link with railway stations.
Incentivise local sporting groups by not charging rates.
increase charges for use of Leisure centers which I guess are the biggest cost
increase council tax and/or the cost of usage with the amount raised ring-fenced so it has to be used to support the facilities under threat
Increase services available at New Tredegar sports centre so that far more people are encouraged to use it and therefore justify its existence
Increase the availability of daytime yoga sessions in the remaining centres
increase the council tax.

Increasing class, ensuring the Astro turf at Risca isn't turned to a 3G pitch
Invest in a leisure centre fit for a population the size of Caerphilly town (30,388 residents). Compared to Risca 11,500, Bargoed 11,900 and Newbridge 6,509. In my opinion you could save money by closing Newbridge.
Invest in facilities in the Pontllanfraith area of the authority.
Invest in the smaller local facilities.
Invest in what we have and improve it. Longer opening hours to cater for those that work shifts. Eg I have to leave at 6.30am to get to work. I cannot use a leisure centre before work as the opening hours do not cater for my needs. When I come home it is public swim time for example. Adults only is later in the evening by which time I am preparing to go to bed as I have an early start the next morning.
invest more in all facilities to modernise and provide better services to attract me people, incentivise them to visit
Invest the money in the correct areas and leave the leisure centres and pitches alone. Stop building housing where there is no local amenities doctor surgery space, dental surgery space or schools for the children to attend!!
Investing in All existing centres to enable communities to grow and prosper both in activities, spirit and most importantly health
Investment in more diverse leisure centres
Is it cheaper to maintain a 3G pitch than a grass pitch? Couldn't local football teams train and playing the 3G?
It is really important that facilities are local to where people live to encourage individuals to build an active lifestyle into day to day life. Having to travel to access leisure facilities could be a barrier to this.
It means further to travel to use amenities for those who live close to those facilities.
It seems the decision to " rationalise" them has already been taken. As more people are living longer I think we need more facilities not less, I am a keen swimmer and cannot get into the swimming pool in the day as it is used by the schools.....I have to go at 7.30am to get a swim.
It will not improve it will just get worse. You have nearly NO knowledgeable staff and the cleaning and hygiene is negligible. START AGAIN- keep all centres open BUT clean them up - supervise cleansing and get PROPER staff in to manage ie hands on not at a desk.
It would be a shame to lose cefn forest, a nice long standing leisure centre which has served the community well.
it's really easy, you need greater participation in sport, thinking this is a money saving exercise is missing the whole point of sport and participation in it.
Keep cefn forest open!
Keep all centres open
Keep all existing leisure-sport facilities open. Do not close any leisure centres or swimming baths.
Keep all facilities open
Keep all leisure centres open and improve and invest
keep all leisure facilities open and dont segregate different sports out as when i was younger girls football there was 3 teams now you got like 25 teams and 3 leagues certain sports get better and others lose people. another example the tour de france cycling is now popular as chris froome won so every year some sport thrive and other lose as i said and segregate different sports and recreation is not the answer at all.
Keep all lesuire facilities open and look to open more. The ones we have are always busy and by closing lesuire centres how are local children supposed to get to 1 of 4 main centres not within walking distance.
keep all local leisure centres open. If anything put the membership up by a pound a week!!
KEEP ALL OUR LEISURE CENTRES OPEN
Keep all the centres open. You say you want more people, more active, but if you close centres, most people in those areas affected probably won't travel to other centres and will end up being less active and less healthy, so please keep them open!!

Keep all the facilities open
Keep Bedwas Community Centre open to save the Bedwas/Trethomas & Machen communities. I would not use Caerphilly Leisure Centre!
Keep Cefn fforest and pontllanfraith open.
Keep Cefn Fforest Open
Keep Cefn Fforest open
Keep Cefn Fforest open!
Keep Cefn Fforest pool open or improve the opening hours in Caerphilly pool.
Keep Cefn Forest open!
Keep centres open
Keep existing 3G and gyms
Keep facilities open
Keep it as it is
Keep leisure centers open, i am sure even if the membership costs go up more people would be happy than the alternative of losing their nearby facility's.
Keep leisure centres open
Keep local community facilities and amenities open
Keep more sites open
Keep open Pontllanfraith leisure centre and Cefn Fforest swimming baths.
Keep our local facilities open.
Keep pont open. Sell the land from the chill and surrounding but keep the centre. Surely with all the new homes proposed, new residents will expect local amenities...
Keep Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest Leisure open
Keep Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest Leisure Centres open. If they clos, I will either fund Blaenau Gwent by travelling there to use their facilities or stop exercising all together, which will be detrimental to my health and well being.
Keep pontllanfraith centre open!
Keep Pontllanfraith LC open - it's a vital resource for us.
Keep Pontllanfraith leisure centre open.
Keep Pontllanfraith open
Keep Pontllanfraith open or do as above.
Keep Pontllanfraith open!!
Keep Pontllanfraith open.
Keep Pontllanfraith open. It is profitable - well used and with some thought could be made even better, for example: - convert squash court to spin room - promote classes (much better range than other centres) - re-introduce GP referrals - encourage use of facilities by other organisations e.g. slimming clubs / mother and toddler groups - promote activities for older people.
keep Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest centres open for the community.
Keep pools open.
Keep the centre open
Keep the centres open! We would pay more for the services if we had no other option as we find the prices very reasonable in comparison to others further a field. Having little transport it is beneficial for us to have healthy lifestyle options on our doorstep. I lived in Cardiff where these options were twice or three times the price and even more scarce! So I didn't use them!
Keep the existing centres open and maintained. These centres encourage senior citizens to socialise and keep active at the same time. Friendships build up through participation which positively impact on wellbeing. This will dissolve if this rationalisation programme goes ahead.
Keep the leisure centers as they are, The 4 core leisure centers being of standard price with a 5-10% charge for outer core leisure centers. I would rather pay an extra £5-10 per month to use my local leisure center than to pay triple the monthly cost to access one further away. alternatively, subsidize bus

fares for gym users.. however this seems counter intuitive to lowering overall costs.
Keep the leisure centres as they are
Keep the leisure facilities local as is.
Keep the local amenities and build the four leisure centres so no one is left behind
Keep the local Cefn Forest leisure centre open.
Keep the local leisure centres open
Keep the local leisure centres open and invest in them
Keep the New Tredegar Centre operative.
Keep the services we have but educate and initiate activities that increase use.
Keep the status quo and build on existing provision - build do not cut back. Think of the multiplier effect of increased provision - less health issues. Too fixed upon costs - very closed mind set!
Keep them open
Keep them open!
Keep them open.
Keeping all leisure centres open
Keeping Cefn Fforest open due to the swimming facility and increasing the gym facilities at the other gyms and making them bigger.
Keeping leisure centers open
Keeping Pont open
Keeping the centres open and investing in all. If money from the private sector is available this should be utilised
Leave leasure centres alone
Leave the leisure centres as they are
Leave the sports centres as they are. We can not afford to lose Cefn Forest
Leave things as they are
Less spaces - having to pre-book. Children cannot walk in safety due to the distance.
Like I said build new
Listen to residents. Nothing. make decisions on the health & well-being of the community, not for financial reasons.
Local facilities.
Longer opening hours, staff redistributed and not just made redundant
Longer to travel, availability of classes, overcrowding
Longer week day or weekend opening times.
Look at local Gyms and be more competitive, they are offering Membership for £19:99 per month and have loads of members, councils offer Membership from around £35 it's a no brainer
Look for additional savings in other areas of the council to keep more facilities open. Look at management and councillor salaries.
Maintain and invest in Pontllanfraith leisure centre and Cefn Fforest. Invest the £20million plus in these facilities rather than a new one, or even a fraction of the £20million to keep them open. Change ?? more is also an option to keep them open as a last resort, look at asset transfer. Either way, keep both leisure centres open.
Maintain provision as it is, as is accessible to all groups in the community.
Maintain the status quo for same reason!!
Make bigger car parks to accomadate this.
Make local facilities more competitively priced to attract more use. Private gyms are often cheaper and better equipped. If the Council put up prices and reduce funding then this will drive people away.
Make sure there are a good variety of sports catered for
Make the leisure centres you keep better larger cleaner more parking free buses
Maybe a small increase in prices would help.
More classes

More marketing and making free transport available.
My children utilise the New Tredegar sports centre on a daily basis as they do not require transport to this local facility. Without this, their levels of physical activity are likely to drop significantly
My family have swimming lessons at one of the facilities. How can they be fitted and accommodated at another facility. Reducing local leisure facilities will have a negative impact on the children, who are deprived enough without another facility taken from this and future generations.
My father walks to the leisure centre most days - if there are less centre's open the one closest to him may be out of reach for him to attend. Perhaps a bus service attached to the centres could be used for older people could access the centres and enjoy their continue to maintain a good level of health and physical fitness.
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
Na
Newbridge could be managed by Newbridge school and chef Forest kept open
Newbridge is certainly a local jewel due to its 'recent' renovation. It has such a draw due to its facilities, that others in the borough can only dream of. If others could be updated in a similar way I feel it would draw in more patrons. Public transport to those that remain would need to be improved - for example Regular Gilfach Estate buses til late evening.
No
No consequence
No idea. Council will do whatever is the most financially viable option for them.
None. The closure of my most convenient leisure centre will result in me using private facilities closer to work.
NOT CLOSE PONTLLANFRAITH LEISURE CENTRE AND CEFN FFOREST BATHS. NOT EVERYONE IN THIS AREA CAN AFFORD TO TRAVEL.
Not close Pontllanfraith or Cwmcarn and Cefn Fforest to mitigate the impact would mean us having to travel further afield for the team sports we play for training and matches
not close them...
Not closing it. The parking situation at Newbridge is terrible, there aren't enough spaces now for cars & so I have no idea how it will manage if its going to be having the extra footfall from closing Pont & Cefn Fforest. I am not sure of the bus times or routes so don't know if using public transport is a viable option & it certainly wont be something my children can do alone.
Not closing other sites?
Not closing Pontllanfraith Leisure centre, maintaining, investing and improving the facilities will ensure the Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre remains a prime hub for our family and community. Costs will increase, use of car, use of buses (if running in evening). In Pontllanfraith the swimming baths has closed, the Comprehensive School has closed, the Islwyn Council offices have been demolished. The only things that are promoted in Pontllanfraith is yet more house development and Wind Turbines being built everywhere in the locality. Compare that position with Caerphilly focus and you see the difference.
Not negative if taking the above comment into consideration.
Not shutting Bargoed or Cefn Fforest swimming pools & keeping New Tredegar Sports Centre open
Not shutting down local facilities and instead charge people extra.
Not shutting down local facilities, and instead subsidising the cost of not shutting it down by charging people more to use the facilities.
nothing
Nothing
Nothing

Nothing can be done to mitigate the impact on me, unless you will be offering free membership down at Caerphilly. My travelling time is increased, you are trying to get cars off the road yet I need to drive to Caerphilly.
Nothing can be done to mitigate this, one they are closed the facility will be shut.
Nothing springs to mind. Access to leisure facilities is as important as access to a properly run national health service. If needs be Increase taxes to cover the costs, targeting those who can most afford to pay..
Nothing. If you close Cefn Fforest, I will be unable to access the service
Nothing. There is no way reducing to 4 leisure centres can be positive unless you allow those that are in existence to pass to private ownership for the use of said facilities.
Nothing. Unfortunately this will all be another " remember when we were young and we had " story soon.
Offer a broader option of suitable times for life saving lessons at Newbridge Leisure Centre.
On a personal level I am lucky enough that I can afford to pay to join a private club etc, if I am concerned that others cannot and will miss out.
Outdoor activity spaces made safe. Outdoor activity classes in areas and around borough, promoting walking cycling trail running etc
Personally, other than keeping the Centre open, there is little that can be done to mitigate the impact the closure of Cefn Fforest will have on myself. As stated previously, the design of a pool can substantially alter the way in which the user can exercise comfortably.
Please keep our leisure centres open.
Please see above.
Possible negative impact that may result in disengagement of people from activity
Promote alternative venues by promoting alternative sports I.e skateboarding climbing boxing clubs outside the leisure centres
Promote Bedwas pool - offer further facilities i.e. keep fit classes, zumba - target local people - perhaps work together with workmen's hall, Bedwas & Trethomas community centre - link in with their users. Provide targeted support to help keep older people involved and active in local communities.
Provide free/reduced transport. An incentive to travel!
Providing CORRECT facility information on line and directions/public transport information to arrive at the strategic centres.
Put money into Pont and Cefn Fforest instead of closing them to sell the land for housing. Disgusting
Rather than close leisure centres completely, reduce opening hours or share certain facilities
Rationalisation has to bring greater access to those who cannot afford to pay for the increasing number and availability of private health clubs. To this end children from a very early age should be encouraged to use leisure facilities. I cite RCT again. The Lido attracts a large number of children primarily due to the range of water activities, not present at Caerphilly leisure centre. Similarly, local parks and pitches and sports halls need investment.
Rationalization seems reasonable in money short times.
Really unsure. There are not adequate pitch facilities if e.g. Pontllanfraith was to close. Children's swimming lessons at cefn forest how would they be covered elsewhere. Don't want to travel to risca or caerphilly. Local provision is essential to have fit and healthy children. Don't discourage them!
Rebuild existing facilities on existing sites, CCBC already own the ground. The real reason is, CCBC wants to sell the land for housing!! CCBC should remember that the swimming pool in Cefn Fforest was only allowed to be built to replace the open air pool in Pontllanfraith and planning permission was only given for this site for that reason, on was the last remnant of Cefn Fforest.
Redeploy staff, ensuring no compulsory redundancies.
Reduce opening hours in the week & incentivize private hire facilities
Reflect on your decision which clearly disadvantages the pontllanfraith and blackwood areas of the borough leaving them with no provision at all and bottom of the list for use of other facilities further away. The plans for new housing within both these areas creates further such demand for the service

provision in the areas you propose to close and completely undermines any such strategy you have asked for opinions on within this survey.
Reinvesting in facilities improving them and making them relevant will increase usage
Restructure the councillors and management so that it is a more efficient. Too much money is wasted on top paying jobs that could be put back into the communities facilities
Run the existing facilities more efficiently.
See above
see above
See above Additionally - any new housing developments should also make provision to provide a " clubhouse " which is available only to the residents on that estate / development and each household would have to pay a homeowner association fee/ dues (this is common in the US and works) be bold and do something innovative
Smaller centres should be invested in. Providing the borough with 4 centres does not promote equal opportunities but causes a divide between residents. Children and older people within the borough already have lower life opportunities compared to the neighbouring cities, the council is not promoting our children to prosper and reach their full potential, and for some sport facilities and swimming are things that they are best at. This should be nurtured to improve future generations.
Some of the leisure centres look as if the last time they had any money spent on them was when they were built. In particular more people would use Cefn Fforest leisure centre if there were usable lockers. The centre in Ystrad Mynach is pitiful - there are no classes held there and the fitness suite looks as if it is a storage cupboard. If these two (small) issues were sorted out then these centres would be used more, thus reducing the cost per use. Also , the policy contradicts the aim in getting people out of their cars...as that would be the only way people could reach the remaining centres.
Spend money refurbishing well used local leisure centres rather than invest money into something new that noone wants.
Stop closing them and encourage people to use them. RCT have a fine invest to save model when they have invested in their Leisure Centres and seen usage rise as a result. You should follow their model but as is typical with Caerphilly Council it's all about closures probably to feather the nest of those at the top with their private health club memberships.
stop spending budget on stupid projects!!
Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.
Stop wasting our money
Swimming facility in Caerphilly LC being available for public use all day throughout the entire year, which would obviously then negatively affect the schools' use.
The best mitigation of the impact on me, my family and my Pontllanfraith community will be to keep open Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre.
The centres may become too busy
The council should keep the Cefn Fforest swimming pool open. It is used by lots of schools and residents of the areas and it would have a very negative impact on the area and leave people without access to a swimming pool as bus connection in the area are poor. In addition many people would loose jobs.
The council should provide adequate leisure facilities i.e. a centre/swimming pool, in the MIDDLE of the area, i.e. Sirhowy Valley in Blackwood (Comp School) or Pontllanfraith.
The council to actively support, promote and encourage existing clubs/groups in communities. The council to actively encourage the start up of new sports and leisure groups within communities with specialist help until groups can maintain themselves.
The main negative impact will be loss of swimming pools and distance families will have to travel for kids swimming lessons.
The more facilities available and run by one body will encourage people to attend. Having full time staff that know their customers does encourage attendance
The proposed rationalisation is too severe. To cut the leisure centres from 14+ to 4 will inconvenience

many people. Will 4 leisure centres be able to accommodate the amount of people that use them?
The Ramblers badminton club would need a weekly 2 hour slot during the season in a sports centre near to Ystrad Mynach. The reduction in swimming pools would be off-set if a club for 'moderate' swimmers was created and the pool time made available for them (see previous suggestion).
The same degree of emphasis should be given to mature users as well as school pupils. For example, the (fairly) new school in Fleur-de-lys appears to have excellent sports facilities but doesn't allow anyone but pupils to use them even in the evenings. Newbridge also doesn't allow adults to use badminton/squash facilities during the the day, even if they aren't being used by the school. Not every adult is a paedophile!
The schools facilities will still need to be used by clubs. You need to build more cycle ways, create more walks in the hills and think about other sports other than rugby, like tennis, cricket and athletics.
There is a need to take into account of the older generation who are now having to work longer due to changes in the pension system. Provide more activities for those people already retired between 55-onwards who need to be active and have communication with others in order to help with overweight, stress and onset of memory loss. this affects myself and my family.
There is nothing that can replace Cefn Fforest Baths
There would be a need for more availability for swimming lessons as closing Cefn forest could make it harder for children to have a space in swimming passions. Also public swim could become very busy. Need for larger changing rooms etc. Pontllanfraifh 3G used for children's football. If this closes or could make it harder Tibet places elsewhere due to demand.
There would be no need to mitigate impact on me or my family as we all drive but rationalisation will have a major impact on already disadvantaged groups such as the elderly and disabled
There would be none. I am convinced that people would reduce or stop their physical activity if it was not convenient for them to continue. This new strategy. For those who attend the Sue Noakes Centre to continue their activity it would mean car journeys and extra expense particularly if meant using public transport. Poorer families would suffer - what a good advertisement that would be for the incumbent labour party! Later activities would be abandoned because of transport issues.
They'll have to move to Caerpilly town.
Think big. Consider making new MBK routes in this beautiful valley. Consider road cycling hubs. Make the pools centres of excellence. The council ha amazing facilities. Make the times that people can lane swim more frequent so that there's more flexibility for athletes (or wanna be athletes), and then advertise it. Make these lanes a big thing as often people want to swim but the whole pool is closed off for fun. You can do both and lanes, that are supervised, would be amazing. I often don't go swimming because there aren't permanent lanes and I keep bumping into OAPs who are doing rehab and I can't train properly. Ultimately, there's so much more you can do with what you've got and cut, cut, cut isn't an innovative action. Think big but communicate these things. The council is terrible at communicating this information. I only found out about this survey on accident when I went to register the birth of my daughter. It's like smoke and daggers and this shouldn't be the case.
This rationalisation of facilities is likely to force my family to increase our need to go outside the borough to access the facilities we need.
to see new local programmes being put in place - to replace whatever facilities and programmes are lost
Transport may be an issue.
TRAVEL : PLACES WOULD NOT BE EASY TO GET TO
travel costs decreased time being spent at leisure centres which means less money being spent at ur leisure centres
Trial opening Sue Noakes gym during the daytime and adding some evening exercise classes. I guarantee there would be a great deal of interest.
try listening to what people say---i like living in a dream world
Use council budget better to fund KEY areas.
Utilise facilities that are available. A nominal fee could be charged for access and use of these. One proposed closure has 60,000 people per annum using it.if only£1per person extra was charged this would bring in a substantial income. These proposals need to be re considered.

Very big impact as stated before Newbridge and Bargoed/Aberbargoed, could not cope with the numbers of people using Cefn Fforest from 7.15am until 9pm. That's if you are able to get to these pools.
Very negative indeed. If children and adults in the borough hope to keep fit, active and interested in sports, then keep all local centres open and investment in the future. Do not rip the heart out of the villages by these proposed closures.
We could try (i.e. the electorate) getting a new non-Labour council!
We need a guarantee that our club will not lose this facility.
We simply would not be able to access leisure facilities. By keeping leisure centres open my children could continue with their Tae Kwon Do lessons which they have been attending since they were 4 years old. They have spent the last 10 years doing this class and if they close the leisure centre this will stop.
We want good facilities so this could be an opportunity for you to provide them for us. Good facilities like these will help to ensure people get fit and healthy, it will also make Caerphilly more prosperous and wealthier, bring people into the county borough to spend their money. also put more cycle routes and down hill off track courses which will bring tourists into CCBC.
we'd have to travel further
Where I live no transport to 3 of the 4 sites. Public transport is useless after 6.00pm, 1 bus per hour to Caerphilly is a joke and that is all day, more buses joined up to link with rail services etc.
Will deter more elderly and very young to use facilities that may be close by at present. Children may not feel safe for instance travelling further to the sporting facilities. Also additional costs of travelling and more time travelling will make people less enthusiastic to go to a centralised facility.
yes
yes it can be difficult now and there has been issues with the parking so I would find it more difficult and the changing areas for the disabled would be more crowded and some of the anti social behaviour outside may increase
Yes there are not enough facilities in new Tredegar so rationalising/ co- locating would mean people have to travel further
Yes. Totally negative and contradictory to the main aim which is to encourage a health, active life style.
you cant keep making cuts, what does the future hold, i suspect in a few years you will be proposing only having one leisure centre in the borough
You could possibly start offering direct bus trips to Leisure Centres like Risca and Newbridge from other areas or open up new Leisure Centres in places like Islwyn High School
You need to communicate with sporting club within the borough (some of high sporting standard) to work with yourselves in helping you offer the services.
You need to guarantee suitable facilities and activities across the shole county for kids with additional needs. You also need to drastically modernise and rebuild the 4 proposed centres to bring them inline with others areas across Britain and take the extra numbers from other centres. We already struggle with available spaces for kids swimming lessons, leaving children unable to progress to further Wave stages. Thus your strategy will need to include building far more swimming pools in each of the 4 locations. Look at Gloucester GL1 leisure centre which has fantastic facilities and 4 swimming pools under one roof.
You say very positive things promoting healthy lifestyle etc... but you are always cutting facilities and reducing the areas that children and adults need to use... this smacks of double standards... the soubdites you send out are very positive but in reality the cuts being made are extremely damaging
You will need to extend opening hours and liaise with public transport providers to extend their services.

Question 37: If you have disagreed with any of the statements relating to outreach and intervention programmes, please suggest an alternative way forward

1 above - how are you involved! Sorry but brain is hurting!
Again target locally
Again well worded questions that are impossible to disagree with.
Again, these are clearly positive things that no one would disagree with as being such.
Agree but not at the expense of the loss of Pontllanfraith and Cefn fforest
All YES to the above but what is the point? Rugby Club rents are so expensive some clubs are closing down or in financial difficulty.
Alternative providers of specialist interventions are likely to be less reliable over time than public bodies. Many voluntary organisations for example rely on short-term grants and cease activities when the grant-funding runs out. Private companies may close for a variety of reasons. Volunteers may cease their activities for a variety of reasons also
Any suggestion means accepting a cut in facilities, however I have already given a suggestion for the reduction in the proposed in swimming pools.
As previously mentioned Blackwood bowls club cater for over 45 members of all ages. A unique sport where grandchildren can compete alongside grandparents and parents.
Boroughs should either look out for themselves or have a Gwent set up, not the complication and waste in both.
CEFN FFOREST AND BLACKWOOD ARE GREAT SPORTS CENTRES IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY
Close Caerphilly CBC
Clubs resources are already stretched, closing leisure centers will put clubs in more financial difficulty with regards to maintenance and repairs to existing facilities.
DISABILITY?
Embarrassing to read . Need all this and keep current centres open and create more in line with other areas , county's
Ensure that good evidence exists that these intervention programmes work for the audience you plan to target. Provision needs to be evidence based.
Further Work needs to be done
God am I nearly there?
How can you carry out all these programmes with no/reduced facilities?
I believe a joint strategy in the whole of Gwent is preferable as (probably) a good number of people who work in Caerphilly County Borough live outside the borough By having a Gwent -wide strategy people on the borders could access facilities closet to them And if we work collaboratively we could use facilities throughout Gwent, if other councils agreed
I don't agree that you do these at the moment so the question is poised wrong. You should be though however.
I don't know but it should be the parents and PE teachers doing the job .
I'm not convinced that 'targeting' a certain demographic will work? I feel that generally if people want to help themselves they will seek it out. Perhaps the lever should be financial incentives? Move the Job Centre Plus offices to the strategic leisure centres!
Improve what we already have, stop spending money on sculptures and provide facilities to get kids off the street and adults to stay healthy.
Intervention would be typically be provided to the few who can't be bothered and expects the state to look after them all the time, unemployed people are not in need of specialist interventions - they need more education.
It suggests that you would only intervene as a last resort, you should be helping as a matter of course

Just build some decent facilities
Keep centre open for the old and the kids
Keep leisure centres open
Leave schools to deal with education, use clubs and centres to deal with active lifestyles
Let schools get on with teaching their children and parents concentrate on keeping THEIR children healthy. There is not enough access for public during the day.
LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY
Loss of provision does not increase engagement
More work for officers
Need to encourage parents as well as children
None of the above can happen without the correct facility's which you are planning on closing.
Not by tying into centres at schools.
Not sure about this lot. You give to much away for free, I don't mind paying for a swim. This sounds like a lot of work for officers, to much money is spent on them.
nothing it's personal and up to the individual
Older people should know better. Concentrate on sport for the young.
Option 4 - should read where there is evidence of need and that such intervention can have a positive impact.
parents responsibly not that of local authority.
Please could their be a mention of play for children. I believe that Wales has a statutory duty to provide play opportunities for children
PUBLIC TOILETS ECO FRIENDLY
Ref older people Bowling greens are important for the sport and socially
School investment should be avoided
Schools do enough in this area as it is on the curriculum set out. My suggestion is to leave them to their own devices and ensure they are focused on teaching rather than deal with the wider communities spending issues. Again, we need to motivate the parents and 'middle' ages.
Schools programmes need to start at primary level as older students are already lost (might come back as adults).
Schools should be encouraging healthy eating and lifestyle without the need of external influences.
Schools should not be dragged in to taking clubs and facilities as they have their own curriculum to follow and if schools are following that criteria then they should be creating healthy lifestyles and if leisure facilities go down then kids will not be able to participate outside school hours. Alot of elderly i know use public facilities such as Cefn forrest and Pontllanfraith as i been at both of the gyms talking to alot of the elderly and it helps them keep going and doing something that they love and do not want to lose the facilities.
See last question
Shift the focus to the sections of the community that need to improve their lifestyle- working age people who are ignored in your strategies.
Some of these are manipulative.
Specialist interventions are personal. So the focus should be on centralising individual needs, but using local leisure facilities for all local residents
Specialist interventions can be provided where there is a demand by the private sector
Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.
Supply the schools with enough teachers to do the job and good facilities will encourage collaboration, spend the money on them.
That says it all
The current provision is awful so why should you lead the way forward
The existing facilities should be kept open so people can access them.

The last one sounded like spending more money on officers and less on facilities, not the way to go. Less officers more coaches, if you get involved with that
The money has to be spent on participation and activities that you get best value from.
These places should be for all at all times not segregated into little tick boxes
This isn't a true or accurate policy. Feels like an excuse to close down options for local people. 'Targetted' would need expert opinion that I don't believe exists currently.....outreach or intervention is not working in other key areas so why here. Far too many people will continue to miss out.
To combat obesity could a collaboration with /or a slimming club be started so exercise supports the programme
Walking football for the over fiftys
We have already lost our football home ground and been forced on the local rugby team so sharing is not always good
Well firstly to have a simplified survey form, which seems to be deliberately designed to discourage people from filling it in!!
When did Caerphilly become Gwent?
You need to provide a range of activities....theres too many latino fits and similar....too many circuits and not enough alternatives like fitball yoga belly dancing Pilates aquafits
You should be doing this without being asked! The way forward would be to get rid of the person/persons who contrived this questionnaire and spend the monies more wisely on maintaining what we have.
Your questions are too technically minded for most people. This is deceitful and unfair. Shame on you.

Question 38: Do you have any other comments to make regarding the draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy?

a 3 G to serve the communities of Rhymney, Pontlottyn, Abertysswg and Deri do not dismiss proving leisure facilities north of Aberbargoed/Bargoed
A running track 100% or sports track for all
Actively encourage and provide incentives and assistance to Bowling Clubs so they can take over the running and maintenance of bowling greens and facilities. Currently greens are not getting the level of work and investment to keep them in good condition. Reduction in Council budgets could be achieved by reducing staff costs by allowing clubs to maintain their own greens supported by grants of a percentage of those budgets, together with gifting the necessary machinery and equipment.
All of the above . We are in 2018 not 1970's when I was born when people had no idea on the benefits of healthy living, sport , keeping fit , eating properly . Thanks to local clubs not the council children have seen the benefits of exercise . Pont leisure centre 4g is always full and clubs from the area are still looking for similar facilities elsewhere where there aren't. More is needed not less. Hang your heads in shame
Although many of my answers may indicate little use by myself or impact on myself with proposed closures, I strongly believe that they are an essential part of the community and are widely used and needed by the community as a whole and any removal of these facilities would actually have a negative impact in the community both in terms of health and social well-being
Are school facilities being advertised for public use? For example, does Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili have facilities for the public? Where is the online advertising to make the public aware?
As our club was already moved from Caerphilly to Sue Noakes at Ystrad Mynach if the school manages we may lose this facility too. We are a niche sport that is growing we have an increasing number of children joining. CCBC needs to move with the times and provide an indoor roller rink/skate park so that young people can enjoy this facility all year round and the sport can grow. In Wales there is now inline hockey, inline skating, artistic skating, roller derby and roller discos the Valleys need a facility to serve this growing sport that appeals to young children.
Athletics provision desperately required. RVAC is a thriving successful sports club that needs a home with adequate facilities.
Be open to sensible sustainable options from community clubs. The demand for 3 and 4G pitches is huge and there is a plethora of uses.
Bedwas Leisure Centre to remain open and school and community have access as they do now.
Better cycle paths to encourage healthier and safer travel
Bowling clubs are being asked to self manage and look after their own facilities. This will cause the smaller clubs to fold creating super clubs, the ones who can afford to self manage. This is fine to a point but councils must not abandon clubs who provide a community service to all ages.
Build and open more leisure facilities, the ones that you propose to close are going to have negative effects on locals health and wellbeing
By closing leisure centres you will be making it even more difficult for people to exercise. I can't use my local leisure centre as often as I'd like because it is shut most of the time. I have to travel to Caerphilly where I'm often unable to access the expensive, state of the art cardio gym equipment due to the amount of elderly people taking leisurely strolls on the treadmills or cross trainers. This will only put more pressure on those 4 Leisure Centres. I'd much prefer to be using less expensive gym equipment in my local leisure centre.
Caerphilly Borough Council need to invest in sports and leisure activities and include this as a separate item on council tax. Caerphilly need to take the lead for future generations. We should be investing as RCT the Lido attracts families from outside the borough.
Can't add anything further. am quite exhausted after trying to understand it all
CCBC should only provide facilities for residents within CCBC area. Budgets are very tight therefore

they need to look after us first.
Cefn Fforest is my pool and gym and heart of the community. Removing it miles and miles away is an immeasurable detriment to the young children, older residents and non csr owning customers who will be left without facilities
Close Caerphilly CBC
Closing and reducing local services will directly impact my family and will have long-term implications for us. Having just 4 centres available in the county is just not enough, and people will struggle to use them if they are out of reach.
Closing leisure facilities can never be classed as a good thing. Invest money into making them better and getting people to use them
Consider more for those that work office hours, they don't seem to have volume of class as the morning and sometimes classes are too late for patrons to make way home securely/savely - duty of care??
Consideration for physical limitations of older residents and the impact on their fitness activities i.e. Bowls Members, as they age increasingly find they cannot continue but do not know what else they could do to stay active and mentally well. Bowls fills a social need. Any advisors could speak with clubs for alternative sports.
Consultation is imperative, not just a cabinet decision!!!!
Councils need to scrap their procurement services, policy's and procedures. They would save money by allowing managers to buy goods and services from the open market, in a normal way. You have put in a wall of procedures to prevent the brown envelope culture, but this has cost you dearly. When employees act in a underhanded way, you should discipline them, not create a massive rule book that cost so much money and slows down productivity. This is the type of savings councils should look at before stopping services.
Cycle paths must be further developed. Cycle path between cross keys and trelewis is superb, and very well used by runners, dog walkers, walkers, cyclists. There must be a development to link north to south of the borough. This is key for communities from bargoed down to caerphilly
DEVASTATING FOR OLDER PEOPLE IF CEFN FFOREST WAS TO CLOSE. IT'S EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GET TO.
Do more to support parkrun provision across the county borough. Needs minimal capital investment, and boosts healthy / active lifestyle for those who want to do something for themselves but need some support and encouragement (couch to 5k programmes via local running clubs etc). More organised (not necessarily guided) walks, of varying degrees of ease / difficulty, including summer evenings and on weekends throughout the year.
Do not close facilities we don't have enough as it is
Do not close leisure centres
Do not close Sue Noake L C
Do not forget older residents.
Don't close the smaller centres.
Don't shut anything until it's replaced
Don't understand the need for the personal questions.
Encourage people to do more sport Ensure that facilities are accessible and affordable Promote healthy lifestyle Encourage people to try NEW FUN activities
Ensure daytime access for yoga and other classes, they provide much needed exercise and social contact. Remember that disabled people access daytime classes Consider public transport access when changes are made so kids may easily travel and maybe free
feel council need to look at other problems in area before sport
Figures are not clear on where they have come from nor what costs have been assigned to them. Increase council tax - more money; higher population - more money; reducing budget - where's money going?; active maintenance? (previous years); not a statutory requirement yet part of council tax?; do schools not have PE; new school not up to football standards for leagues; support healthy

lifestyle yet selling fields for development; why is leisure funding schools; 30% adult - specific age group; denser area higher visit?
Free for old age
Future generations rely on parents to educate in terms of lifestyle. So make it easy for them to help re-educate. Initiatives for local businesses who have clubs, cycle to work employees etc
Get everybody cycling on road or off road no impact on the joint and can be done at any age. We need more safe cycle paths and organized cycle rides in a safe manor for all abilities and genders. More awareness of sharing the canal and other paths. Let's get motivated.
Get real! The lot of you. Do the job we require of you and keep Pontllanfraith open. What a total waste of rate payers money producing this form which will probably be followed by endless meetings to discuss what you should be doing all along. You should not require to ask these questions you are paid by us as public servants and should be qualified enough to know your required undertaking and should be acting and working in a responsible nature. You have a duty of care to all to provide adequate facilities for the health and wellbeing of the communities. Get on with the job in question and don't fudge the issue. Pontllanfraith provide the necessary facilities for a wide range of sports and is needed. Keep Pontllanfraith open!!
Great to see a running track and outdoor sports facility developed in Caerphilly, especially in the light of the growing numbers that are taking up running with Caerphilly runners.
Having a healthy community is key to survival rates, longer living and overall happiness. It lowers the risk of mental illness or at least the severity of it. This is as important if not more important than other key areas because all other areas are linked to it. Health. Education. Finance. Getting this strategy right is key. Shutting leisure centres or reducing funding for leisure services is understandable if council money is tight but alternatives have to be provided. As I've already mentioned, if you use school facilities then they have to be available all year round not just in term time. If school staff cannot provide site access then a club representative could be a key holder. Life is simple if common sense is applied when making decisions.
I am a caerphilly council resident but use bleauna Gwent leasuire centers they are more modern, and closer to were I live. Because up the top end of the valley we have been forgotten.
I am a member of a running club In Caerphilly, and one provision the county do not provide is an athletic track. The benefit of a track is that it has the potential to be very easy to access. There are a number of running clubs in the area who would be interested in using a track, which should hopefully mean any subsidy is kept to a minimal (if at all), and it can also be used by schools. Therefore I would be grateful if this development could be considered as I believe it falls within the councils objectives.
I am overall disappointed in the approach of Caerphilly Councillors (and ultimately Caerphilly Council) in the disrespect that they have shown locals in terms of the closure. Consultations have not taken into account all residents and opinions/views, I feel, have not been listened to.
I am pleased to see that the council are working on this strategy to review the provision of sports and leisure facilities in the area. I understand that the council are required to make cut backs and budgets are likely to continue to reduce however sports and leisure should not be seen as a 'nice to have' facility but an essential facility. The cost of poor health on the NHS is incredibly so my belief is prevention is better and we should be aiming to encourage and educate all and the importance of good health both mentally and physically. I am of a local running club and I am also a qualified nurse for Part of my role is health promotion and through the running club we are looking to offer free blood pressure checks and aiming to have professionals to come in to discuss good nutrition so I believe at every facility we have we should be looking to promote good health. So with a gym membership the person could have a free health check and also meet with a nutritionist to educate them. Sessions at centres could be held for all ages. We can't expect people to just go to the gym and get on with it. We need to ensure they know what's best for their health and ways to improve it - I'm sure this is probably already being done within the council but feel the need to highlight it's importance. As a club we would love a running track in the area which we could hire. A track would allow us to set up a junior section for the club - educating from a young age and getting

them excited about sport is key. I would like to thank you for the work you have done and continue to do.

I am very concerned that we will lose some of our Leisure centres in the future which will result in overcrowding in Leisure centres left and unfit and unhealthy children for future generations. The NHS which is already struggling will be under more pressure as proven exercise can help health and wellbeing.

I believe better public transport links, and investment in cycle routes and safe walking routes are essential to healthy active lifestyles too. We need to get to these places to use them after all. Also, encouraging and enabling people out of their cars and walking and cycling instead is essential to assisting people in having a healthy active lifestyle. It embeds activity in their daily life which is in my opinion more important than telling them to go and pay for an activity in a leisure centre 3 times a week. I have started to cycling to work this year and it has been transforming for me, but has also highlighted a lack of certain things. There are no more cycling proficiency courses available which is shocking - my daughter and I had to learn how to cycle safely on roads from books. Cycling on roads is inevitable - while there are some lovely cycle routes they are interrupted by large chunks of dangerous roads. I know it's a challenge in the valleys but people need to be able to cycle safely for more than a couple of miles at a time. I'm lucky I have a car to put my bike in to but not everyone does. Also, cycling Caerphilly borough has highlighted the shocking lack of public toilets, and also the complete absence of facilities at our 'flagship' parks. No toilets at Penallta, toilets that were always closed at Parc cwm Darren. No toilets at Ystrad play park. How can you encourage people to visit these places knowing they have absolutely no facilities when they get there? There needs to be more 'joined up' thinking by the council. Combine this study with the recent public toilet survey and the active travel proposals and work out the gaps please, because one affects the other and none can be taken out of context of the other two. And by all means add in CCBCs commitment to being 'green'. If people can't get there without a car, and can't have a wee when they get there, never mind a coffee or a free water refill, then they are not going to go there and it's that simple, and Caerphilly is neither active, healthy or green. Sort out your travel plans, the public transport provision (after 5pm it is shockingly poor) your walking and cycling links, and your basic facilities at the 'green' spaces (and year round please, not just in summer school holidays - some of us like to be active all year round) and you've provided the groundwork for everyone to be able to safely leave their houses and be outdoors and active. This is important for adults, but even more so for children and young adults to get to parks, leisure centres, green spaces etc safely and have essential facilities when they get there. I'd like to reiterate here that cycling proficiency skills at school are a must, and there should be courses available for adults too.

I believe it has already been decided that some of the older centres will close

I believe that this was a planned move by the Council - Cefn Fforest has been systematically run down to the extent that people don't go there because of something as simple as a lack of usable lockers. The Sue Noake's centre in Ystrad Mynach doesn't hold any classes in the evenings and the fitness suite looks like a reject shop. I think the last time money was spent on Bedwas leisure centre was when it was built. The council refuses to listen to those that use the facilities & have ideas on how the service can be improved.

I believe the questions posed encourage survey participants to agree to all questions. Also, the questions are quite complicated and not all terminology will be understood.

I believe the strategy should involve clubs of all sport getting together with yourselves to supply sporting activities as a member of a high level rugby club we have very communication with the council in relation to any strategy the council dream up.

I believe this is a positive proposition and it would hugely benefit all those who would take part.

I believe this strategy is 10 years late but is a great start. We have very few facilities and we really struggle to get quality facilities across the borough. I have played sports in many locations and we are so far behind Cardiff Borough it's unbelievable.

I can only reiterate that removal of smaller centres may save the council money short term. However,

long term issues have not been taken into account. Centres such as Cefn Fforest should be invested in to improve well being for those living in the area. It should also be noted that removal of swimming pools again may save the council money short term, but when austerity finally ends these areas will be amongst the most deprived, investment of swimming pools with the lack of council owned land will result in these type resources never being replaced. The council should be promoting amenities to draw more investment into the area, rather than making the area more deprived.

I can't understand why we have dozens of rugby pitches in the borough, yet no running track. Every other borough in the Gwent area has a track, even Blaenau Gwent! What an inditement of CCBC and the rugby mafia it is run by.

I did consider a leisure membership but an induction tour convinced me Caerphilly isn't serious about it's flagship leisure centre, Caerphilly LC. There is no soft running track and the limited availability spin classes take place in the bar, very professional!!!! There is enough housing development going on in Caerphilly can't you divert some of the funds from developers to produce a state of the art facility with adequate capacity.

I do believe in sport for all, regardless of where you live and it would have a negative effect to only provide recreational services to areas deemed deprived. ALL areas of Caerphilly should easily be able to access recreational facilities, at a reasonable price and it's the latter that worries me if they are privately-run.

I fail to see how closing facilities and making families travel further will positively impact on health and well-being in the authority or allow our young people to reach their sporting potential. I shouldn't need to take my son to a different authority to realise his potential as a competitive swimmer!

I feel as though cutting a centre will increase crime in poverty struck areas, as local children will be bored and have no place to socialise. I also feel that by cutting centres there will be an increase in health risks for locals.

I feel it is a strategy that is trying to disguise the fact that really it is all about decreased funding and the closing of facilities

I feel that certain communities in the most deprived areas would suffer as a result of some centres closing, in particular Cefn Fforest.

I feel that it is being done as a cost saving exercise, rather than for the good of the community. Under the guise that its for our health and well being. I know council money is tight, but taking away facilities to improve health and fitness is counter productive. With childhood inactivity on the rise, surely the more ways to stay active the better and ease of access to facilities.

I feel that the images, while positive, portray the young and beautiful, with the one exception of the older gentleman of Oriental origin (I was referring to his age rather than beauty!). How will these speak to or reflect the age profile of the next 20 years when it is anticipated that the numbers of 16 to 64 year olds will decrease, but 65+ year olds will increase by nearly 42.2 %? Why not show images of those older people of various shapes and sizes in the county borough who are already trying to improve their fitness? Or some inter-generational images where grandparents with a caring responsibility are providing role models for the infants they help to look after? What about disability sports? Or provision for other under-represented groups?

I feel that the questionnaire is far to long winded and should be more user friendly, I feel that this questionnaire is not going to be completed by the very people who need these facilities.

I feel that the strategy is an important first step. It is important to engage with the community and work in partnership with clubs and governing bodies to ensure that any proposed changes meet the needs of the residents of the Borough - not just for now but for future generations.

I feel the council should be looking at leisure as an opportunity to reduce the impact on our health facilities, increase revenue (e.g. Bike Park Wales) and grow the facility not reduce. Use some business acumen employ some creative business professionals.

I feel we should make better use of local free assets by maintaining footpaths, improving signage. For example walking forest groups, safe road cycling routes, increasing free play opportunities for

children like forest play. We should maintain our leisure centres but make the sports offer there more relevant to young people and never close them or they will be gone forever. Invest in open access free, low maintenance, facilities such as open cycling tracks, running tracks etc. The play areas should be reinstated to Cwmcarn Forest Drive. Community walking clubs from doctors surgeries etc. Caerphilly could be the healthiest county in the UK by maintaining what it has, making better use of the countryside and making strategic investments. Getting clubs to work together for the community not just themselves. Creating new innovative way of getting children engaged through creative play. Has anyone ever visited St Werburghs Church climbing centre in Bristol? Abercarn has a disused church that is going to wrack and ruin. More young people would probably go to a climbing centre than play racket sports in this day and age.

I fully believe that I have wasted my time answering this questionnaire because no matter what the residents of the borough want the council will always do as it wants and this is merely an exercise in political correctness to tick a box and show that you followed procedure.

I have been raised in this Borough and feel totally let down by these proposals. The closure of Pontllanfraith Comprehensive school for housing development, the removal of fields and now the proposal to close Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest Leisure Centres have added to my disappointment in this council. There are insufficient facilities as it is, Newbridge pool is a "fun" pool and the adult swim sessions are too late and too busy. I gave up years ago with these sessions. In my opinion, the council should promote healthy living and not close facilities that are fully used by the public.

I have covered all issues in my previous comments. How wet small the group of people or club is, they are still very passionate and involved with whatever activity they have chosen. If these people are supported in even a small way they will engage with the council and take on responsibilities that would free up council time. An example of this would be the Ynysddu bowling green. As a member of this club I feel that if we were provided with a small grant to purchase our own lawn mower and upgrade the pavilion we would be more than welcome to take on the responsibility which would free up the funds of employing the current green keeper.

I hope this strategy is implemented successfully to improve the health and well being of the community. It could be very beneficial and positive.

I only wish that the less financially fortunate families will be given some kind of priority with subsidies, otherwise more wealthy families will continue, rightly, take their children to sports facilities excluding the less well off. I appreciate that finance is a huge problem but other European countries seem to manage this problem.

I refer to my earlier statement regarding horse riding. This sport involves a large number of people throughout the borough and seems to have been largely ignored in this document. The therapeutic value of being involved with horses and ponies, especially for disabled adults and children has been widely documented. Can the council see its way to funding better bridleways, or at the very least see a clear way to adjust the speed limit in an attempt to make the use of country roads safer? Surely horse riding falls into the category of Sport and Active Recreation?

I think it needs to be looked at again in more detail you cannot just chop off services when the county is growing at an alarming rate how do you propose to keep up with this increase in demand

I think that the whole strategy is a farce and that we already have a bunch of services in both sport and recreation that is working for the community already so why should we change any of it at all? Look elsewhere for cuts instead of trying to rip communities apart which I think this strategy will do if it happens as the strategy wants you to put out certain sports or recreation facilities putting them into groups of popular and unpopular which shouldn't be the case should have your own mind to do whatever sport you want to do and have the facilities to do so in need to do them and participate properly.

I think the Authority needs to provide as much help and information to clubs in applying for grants or providing details of organisations or companies who can provide value for money services if the Authority can't support these services going forward. I play bowls and it covers all generations from the young to the old and provide an important role in the community. Bowling greens require

<p>specialist work done to them particularly during the off season so it would be important to have the right advice and organisations to work with if the Authority decides it will no longer provide this service</p>
<p>I use the Cefn Fforest pool 5 mornings a week which helps me to keep fit and helps with my knee and hip problems, as I can't do long walks or cycle a bike, it is a life saver.</p>
<p>I use the cycle paths quite a lot, but find that some parents struggle to get past the obstacles on these paths with wide buggy while walking also people with children carriages on back of cycles are not able to get through . I understand the need for these so called (gateways) to stop the motorcycle using these pathways but it's make it very difficult for other, surly there should be a standard width for the barriers, some are narrower than other, maybe when they are cemented in and before the cement can set the barrier as moved due to its weight. It's very awkward, and I have helped people get through after they have had to take the children out of the buggies and turn them in such a way it's not possible to keep the child it while getting through the barriers. Please can you take a look at this issue, it seem to be the case all around the Caerphilly cycle paths, as I have travelled on all of them, including the one by Penllwyn school , bottom of Edgehill Pontllanfraith, these are put up but don't think they have been thought through for size issues.</p>
<p>I will admit to being a little naive with this remark but I do think parking charges at our local country parks should be abolished. As a tax payer I feel it puts off a lot of visitors, or they do visit and just don't pay the charge. In this survey you cite promoting community, and these are assets that should be shared as such. My view is that you're paying an inspector to empty the machines, but I doubt they're actually raking in enough to pay for the position.</p>
<p>If Caerphilly County Borough Council wishes to improve and encourage health lifestyles, I see it as counter-productive to close local facilities.</p>
<p>If the council continues to reduce services and facilities, the leisure centres attached to schools will no longer be subsidised by paying customers as they will go elsewhere for a better service.</p>
<p>If this goes ahead then the council will have lost my vote</p>
<p>If this questionnaire is indicative of your process, you need to simplify, simplify, simplify. The "corporate speak" is distracting and verbose. None of your proposals are nearly as complex as the presentation you make of them. Reduce your process.</p>
<p>If this strategy is agreed you know it will stop so many people from being able to swim and play sport. Schools are NOT the answer as they cannot match these leisure centres. Your aim is solely to sell the land to developers. This will make Cefn Fforest / Pontllanfraith deprived areas. As a Labour council this is a disgrace. Never vote Labour again!</p>
<p>If you go to any of the country parks there are lots of people out exercising, these people will not be counted in any footfalls at centres or clubs. It's these people are often forgotten about with funding and resources. Many outdoor activities are cheap and accessible to many across the borough.</p>
<p>If you want communities to be more active and involved in sport then closing facilities in these communities seems paradoxical, no matter how you try and paint it</p>
<p>I'm losing the will to live here!! SEE ABOVE!!</p>
<p>I'm not sure if I'm writing this in the correct place, but helping invest in local facilities, in particular a full running track that could be used by all local running clubs and schools could help significantly. Caerphilly doesn't have anything like this, and with the significant increase in people running, something like this would be a massive benefit to the community.</p>
<p>Improved areas for cyclists should be a priority in terms of improving health and fitness, reducing the number of cars on the road and reducing pollution.</p>
<p>In conclusion I've never lived in a county that has so many cutbacks that affect the local, everyday people.</p>
<p>In my opinion cutting or closing centres will have a negative long-term affect on individuals within deprived areas. Children and older people in specific rely on centres to improve social participation - taking away these centres will and may result in poor health and isolation.</p>
<p>In my opinion there is far too much money wasted on elitist forms of sport. Studies show walking to</p>

be one of the best forms of exercise for all ages and doesn't require expensive gear or specialist facilities and is low risk. The current craze with cycling actually has a negative effect on the environment due slowing traffic, causing pollution and danger and the now ridiculous levels of road closures for events.

In principle, the Strategy looks and sounds good. Even though this is a non-statutory service provision, the long term health savings MUST be the priority when involved in collaborative talks/distribution of funds and provision of facilities. The inequalities of wealth distribution across our borough MUST also be considered in any decision making process before rationalisation occurs.

In this day and age schools should not be places that the general public can just walk into.

Is anyone asking for kids to have their say? Why would you expect adults to know it all?

It is designed to allow council to slash the budget. Why dress it up as a strategic review? How about being honest with everyone starting with the cover up on the executive pay scandal waste. Who is paying for that? We Are, in many ways.

It took many years to build the facilities we have today. However it looks like a race to get rid of as many venues as possible. It will be a case of the haves and the have nots, depending on where you live in the borough.

It will probably be ignored, the consultations are only seen for the public to be as if the Authority is listening but it's just a pathetic exercise to "re-assure" the residents of the Borough and look as if the Authority give a damn - of which they haven't done for many many years, there are too many councillors who only attend the required no of meetings they have to in order to receive their "salaries". Unless CCBC intends to listen and take heed of what the residents actually want, us residents who pay our Council tax, stop making empty promises and pretending to assure communities their leisure facilities are safe when you know from draft proposals and reports they're actually not..... maybe for a couple of years but they're all ready penned in for demolition and to be sold for more housing development to the highest bidder!

Keep all existing facilities for leisure in the Caerphilly borough OPEN

Keep all leisure centres open

Keep all our local amenities and facilities open for the people you are supposed to be representing ie all parks and green spaces, leisure centres, sports fields and country parks. This would benefit all. I think this council has misunderstood for the many not the few. Caerphilly would be leaving the most vulnerable behind.

Keep leisure centres open not just 4.

Keep leisure centres open thus encouraging their use by the local population without the need to travel longer distances. This can be a problem if only public transport is available; bus services may be reduced in the evening when the working population may wish to use centres. 'Sport for All' must mean sport available to all.

Keep local facilities open for local communities, nor purely based on finance/matrixes. Market/advertise existing facilities better. Small investments, for example, having evening coffee shops in local facilities could pull communities together and would also show off facilities available.. Local village communities are already being decimated by shop closures/pub closures and we residents need more places to gather in a community setting. Social media is no replacement for face to face communication.

Keep Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest and all other Leisure centres open also keep our public parks and green spaces for the local people

Keep Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre open, its vital to our community, it's well used and enjoyed by our family and many others within our community, helping keep our community healthier, fitter and providing purposeful living.

Keep the facilities open by charging a little more and allow the larger centres to subsidise the smaller local ones.

Keep up the good work

Lack of emphasis on cycling/walking/. We have popular cycle routes throughout the valleys. We

<p>should encourage leisure centers to become more. To be places of outdoor adventure. For example, sirhowy valley. a great walk but little or no information is gained at leisure centers about it. We could, with the right investment become a county that encourages hikers through the valleys, cycling and walking while also teaching the historical aspect of our county.</p>
<p>Leave the centre open</p>
<p>Leisure centres must not be closed</p>
<p>Less leisure centre means less people may be able to gain access to these facilities, could lead to weight gain and more health issues. Outdoor facilities are good but not in winter months and bad weather. Outdoor facilities not always safe for young children to use on there own while leisure centres (swimming pools) are safe environments. Old people with health and mobility issues outdoor facilities not suitable while swimming good form of exercise.</p>
<p>Links to schools (especially primary) need to be better (facilities/teachers/coaches etc).</p>
<p>Local leisure centres should remain open as they encourage physical activity by old and young members of the community.</p>
<p>Make Caerphilly 10k more accessible to walkers. I regularly Nordic walk, belong to a club, complete Parkrun weekly and have a 10k PB of 84 minutes. We currently are excluded due to UK athletics rules and apparent health and safety issues.</p>
<p>Make it easier to book, dont do block bookings.</p>
<p>Make leisure centre staff full time employees</p>
<p>Make more tennis courts available for the community. Make more basketball courts available for the community. Make more skate parks available in my immediate community. Engage more with 16-21 year olds, create more activities and prevent anti social behaviour.</p>
<p>Make more use of the beautiful outdoor spaces - keep them clean (litter & dog foul free!!) Encourage local communities to take pride in these spaces & use simple ideas to get children involved (Smartphone Apps to walk around local parks/woods to see sights etc) Also extend the cycle paths in the county (in collaboration with Sustrans) & again encourage children to use using technology. Always involve the local community (schools/local clubs/community groups etc) the get their buy in/investment & pride in what is achieved & encourage Volunteering/ongoing support</p>
<p>Make officers accountable for the strategy</p>
<p>Many older people use Pontllanfraith during the day time for fitness classes and competitive activities. Others are often referred by their GPs for rehabilitation. This is impossible where a leisure centre is attached to a school. So another group of people can be excluded from activity - important s this age group are encouraged o stay as fit as possible for as long as possible.</p>
<p>Mental health is an important part of overall health and, if not addressed, will limit people's ability to access physical health improvement opportunities.</p>
<p>Money should be spent to provide sport and leisure facilities for the many eg swimming pools and safe country parks where all ages can participate and not for niche groups eg skateboard parks , ice skating rinks. Skateboard parks are quite intimidating to younger children and pensioners with their gangs, hoodies and graffiti</p>
<p>More artificial pitches are desperately needed to provide children with training facilities for winter use.</p>
<p>More youth facilities needed in Ystrad Mynach area for teens, in particular MUGA and sports clubs teen kids will enjoy.</p>
<p>Much more support should to be given to disadvantaged communities Future generations and well being - people want to sustain what we have already got Community Centres are so diverse in what they offer, they cannot be categorized as the same as leisure facilities. Therefore a further exploration is required of the various kinds of provisions and the buildings in which they are provided. Day time provision to meet the needs of older population following GP referrals either by private body or council Given that swimming is the best form of exercise, we cannot envisage 4 swimming pools accommodating the whole of the borough. Priority should be given to the provision of pools sufficient to meet the needs of the whole population of the Caerphilly borough. Council should</p>

<p>further consider alternatives i.e trusts, cooperatives and social enterprises etc. The Council should avail the Centre of Excellence open to the public. It should be a centre that is inclusive not exclusive.</p>
<p>My late husband suffered with vascular dementia and loved swimming, he could not cope with all the people and crowds in the pool and also needed help changing. I wish I had asked about 'dementia friendly swim' this would have helped a great deal.</p>
<p>My only comment is to engage with our local club, Caerphilly golf club, to assist and support the development and survival of the club to maintain this provision within the county</p>
<p>My swimming pool is Cefn Fforest pool. I am one of many older people that take time to keep fit by swimming 5 days a week. Most of use can't walk or run any more and swimming keeps us going, take that away and we will spend more time in A&E.</p>
<p>Need to encourage young people to do sport and healthy lives will follow. We need a decent park and areas for older children to be encouraged to be active, as well as leisure centres close by (easily accessible on bus routes etc - unlike Islwyn School) to allow children and young people (as well as adults) to be active.</p>
<p>Need to ensure that all aspects of participating in activities are considered. From storage facilities of pupils PE kit at school to the inclement weather. Need to ensure published research is considered for what works for whom, barriers and facilitators. Need to ensure that families are considered as a whole PE needs a bigger place in the curriculum and not ad hoc. Pupils can be sat for long periods. We need all activities to be promoted and introduced to children where reasonable as early as possible. Often traditional sports like football, rugby, netball are overly promoted. Children need to know that to be active you don't always need to be participating in a team game. Need to promote that some activity is better than nothing. Need attractive outdoor spaces, living in South of Caerphilly I prefer to travel to Cardiff where I can do safe circular walks with features of interest. We need safe places to exercise and safe ways to travel to these places</p>
<p>Need to start with younger members to adopt sport into lifestyle from early age. Teenagers need to have the ability to travel to facilities too easily. Provide more facilities for running clubs, encourage swimming and make these more readily available. Work with local clubs to advertise close by that are available in the area. Publish timetable to clubs and location - local netball, football, rugby, gym, swimming, gymnastics, trampolining, hockey etc, etc - let people know when and where people can join clubs.</p>
<p>Needs to be look at not from an office point of view but from a user point of view</p>
<p>Needs to be rewritten as it does not seem to "regard" needs for sport and activity in our communities (except for Caerphilly town centre). Will not be anywhere left for future generations to participate in sports. This consultation is far too long-winded, confusing with far too many statements to unravel - language used is too complicated and at times ambiguous. A disappointing survey, much, much too long. Hard work!</p>
<p>New swimming pool for Caerphilly. Cycle network joined up between Ystrad Mynach, Llanbradach to Caerphilly, as cycling at the Cedar tree roundabout is positively dangerous.</p>
<p>New Tredegar has lots of green areas... need tennis courts, skateparks and football pitches/ basketball areas</p>
<p>no consideration of bio tourism and environmental enhancement schemes as a recreation. such a system would like to be the key element of the future and wellbeing requirements. developers should pay greater contribution to local services rather than placing burden on public purse.</p>
<p>No cost benefit analysis undertaken prior to the document being distributed. No meetings held in Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith wards, 2 hours in library. Concern as previously stated that the slots of the meeting was 2 hours between 4pm and 6pm on 4/9/18 - when it was requested a meeting be held in the specific wards concerned - Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest, which was rejected. Residents have mentioned they believe it is flawed because only 2 hours and there was not even a register of attendance when they visited Blackwood.</p>
<p>No references to the obesity crisis were made. Surely better use of the centres would be made if they were linked with a program</p>

None it seems very comprehensive
Nope because at the end of the day CCBC ignores residents and does what it wants -ALL WRONG WASTES MONEY
Not shutting down sports facilities
Overall I feel that Caerphilly has a lot to offer. My 5 year old has swimming lessons in Caerphilly pool ... and loves them. ... is really patient with the little ones and does have a fab job!
Page 24, under heading MAJOR FINANCIAL CHALLENGES - First point "further savings of over £34m are needed in the next three years". Why weren't the figures (referenced in the interim chief executives letter to All Employees dated 31 July 2018) used; i.e. ".....report to Council on 22 February 2018 confirmed the need to make further estimated savings of £41m over the next five years". This is typical of why many constituents do not believe this Council is open and transparent in their day to day dealings and communications with residents of the county borough.. Is there an intention to directly contact all those individuals who have attended leisure facilities via the GP Referral Scheme, to complete this survey? Will there be timely transportation services in place for users to attend those (fewer) facilities which will remain following the outcome of this consultation?; (I believe fewer facilities will be one of the outcomes following this consultation). Why couldn't a "Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019 - 2029 made simple" be produced / published in order to assist residents to be engaged in this important consultation?
People need activities to be close to home to encourage them to stay fit and healthy.
People should be encouraged to undertake more outdoor facilities and in particular cycle and walking paths should be improved
Please bring back Gaynor Kellenher classes - it kept the elderly mobile and helped with movement.
Please consider a seasonal pass to the parks that now charging for parking. Paying for parking is not an issue, but finding the change every time can be.
Please continue the GP referral exercise scheme at Risca. It is enabling less active adults to improve mobility and there are psychological benefits as well. The training given is professional and builds confidence as they are so well trained. These schemes enhance the lives of so many and need to be encouraged nationwide.
Please ensure that local clubs are regularly engaged and part of conversations regarding strategic decisions regarding recreation within the Borough. They are the lifeblood of the community and playing a huge part in encouraging participation in recreation activities. The Council must be more proactive and collaborative in their approach to delivering this Strategy. I feel that providing an athletics track within Caerphilly would be an essential part of making a statement of commitment to this Strategy.
Please expand facilities for disabled and encourage people by providing facilities for the older generation and the unfit instead of placing all the focus on targets for the young and fit. We are not all gym bunnies but would like the opportunity to use one of the facilities without being put off before we can even start. Also toilet facilities at country parks would be a great addition
PLEASE find a way to leave the centres open
Please include a blanket ban on leisure centres selling junk and processed foods in vending machines! Your message is conflicting - one hand saying 'come here to get healthy,' and on the other 'then fill your body with rubbish from the vending machines!' I think the worst two examples are Caerphilly which has an obscene amount of junk-filled vending machines and St. Cenydd which laughably has a 'Nutrition Station' which consists of one single vending machine containing junk! Now, I am a professional fully qualified in both nutrition and fitness and leisure facility that sells this junk is idiotic if they think it promotes healthy changes.
Please introduce crèche facilities Monday - Friday for a few set hours a day to allow us to use the facilities when we have small children. Could introduce monthly memberships to cover the cost of crèche. Then a few classes during the crèche times along with the option to swim or go to the gym during these times would definitely benefit parents with small children.
Please just invest in the existing Leisure Centres.

Please keep our leisure centres open. They are the last source of health and wellbeing for our communities.
Poorly drafted document that when put into questions lead a user to answer questions in a way that could be misconstrued as agreeing with the strategy.
Provision of better athletics facilities in the county are needed to allow the children of the county to compete on a level playing field with children from neighbouring counties. During the recent heatwave it has been fantastic to make use of the National Lido at Pontypridd. It would be fantastic to have a similar facility within our county although in an era of cut backs this is probably wishful thinking.
Quite a complicated form to fill in, just to support the future of our Leisure Centres. Many people will be put off filling it in, but I will canvas everyone I know who uses any Centre to do their best and put their views forward.
Recreation and rehabilitation important 'low impact' exercise
Reducing local services and leisure centres will just create barriers to stop people being active. Make better use of these facilities
Road closures of over 100 miles to accommodate cycling events in the most densely populated area of the country is a massive and unnecessary inconvenience to many thousands of residents and many businesses. Remember who pays the taxes pay for the support of the councils leisure facilities unlike the participants in this event who contribute nothing that benefits the community generally.
Run leisure centres as a business - ring fence them any profits generated can be reinvested back into the facilities. Make it easier to book sessions at leisure centres with more use of technology - online booking, personal accounts/ incentives. Finally the council should be working closer with the NHS not just schools, the council should put a " unhealthy" levy on businesses such as fast food and using that money to provide 1st class state of the art leisure facilities so that people from outside Caerphilly would travel to.
SAVE CEFN FOREST and reinstall adult only lunchtime swimming sessions
Some of the questions are one sided as most people have not read the documentation. Very clever by the Council not.
Some points I'd like to make: - Ensure the 4 leisure centres have large capacity - large gyms with lots of machines and a variety of them, to draw in local people from using gyms elsewhere (i.e. EasyGym / Puregym / JD Gym in Cardiff, where commuters such as myself tend to go due to competitive pricing and their large capacities) - Provide a large variety of classes at varied times. Stagger the same classes so that they are not always at the same time on the same day, so that people can have a variety of classes that they can attend around work. - Adult swim classes at better times - 9 to 10pm is not really feasible for many, I would prefer to go at maybe 7pm, without having to swim around kids or be wary of them jumping in at the deep end. I am not confident enough to go to lane swimming. - More dog poo bins in parks!! It is absolutely ridiculous that Penallta Park has just two or three bins in the carparks, and nowhere else throughout the park. People walk their dogs all over the park, yet they have nowhere to deposit dog poo until they return to the carpark. I personally will always wait til then, but many people do not care and will leave the bagged poo tied to trees, fences or left on the path. This is FAR worse than just leaving the poo (without a bag), as it contributes to plastic pollution and will not break down. If you want to stop dog fouling, then make an effort to provide the facilities and not give people an excuse
Sort out the progress bar on this screen, it hasnt moved on from about 10 percent completed. I was beginning to think it'd never end.
Sounds like a bunch of ready made excuses for cuts to services that local, people rely heavily on. Awful reading and terrible policy making. I believe Caerphilly is better than this and could make a huge difference to the people that need them.
Sports clubs are increasingly finding demands on them making their clubs less viable. Rationalisation of resources through sharing facilities is the logical choice- Risca and Trethomas Bluebirds both use Ystrad Mynach 3G . This however causes a backlash from their "home " base for leaving the

community.
Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.
Surely the money spent on all this consultation could have gone towards improving existing facilities?
The borough should be expanding its facilities and not causing people who currently participate to have to cease
The borough would be better served by having fewer sports centres but ensuring those that retained are invested in and maintained. Improved communication on use of open spaces so residents are aware of what's accessible. Remove car parking charges at country parks and access car parks to cycle routes.
The council has great means and great facilities, of course improving them can always be done. Selling or economising them through austerity is a cop out. After all austerity will end someday and what will be left. I have personally seen these luxury cars at my local leisure centre (as members) so maybe a means tested payment plan to charge more to the users who can afford it would help. Ferrari 458 Audi R8 Audi RS6 Audi RS2!! Maseratis BMW M5's and M3's Range Rovers And a mustang to name just some of the cars.
The council have provided a lengthy and detailed document but have stated that they are in no legal obligation to act on this. If this is the case, what is the point on wasting money on the report if it does not intend to stand by it.
The council should advertise their facilities better. There are so many good facilities on offer but you don't often find out about them unless you know someone who uses them.
the Council should consider that the strategy could be assisted by supporting the facilities available from other sports centres and assist with promotion and maintenance of such premises in terms of equipment that may be available from closure of redundant premises following restructuring.
The current facilities are excellent in my view especially the quality of classes and the trainers who teach them. The Leisure Service personnel are therefore more important than the actual facilities.
The decision to 'rationalise' sport and leisure services is short-sighted, with consideration given only to the immediate financial challenges faced by the Council, with little thought for the longer term consequences of such a decision on the health and wellbeing of the local community. Ultimately, consequences that are likely to lead to greater financial stress on the Council and public services in the future. When CCBC proposed to close Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre, users spoke of the impact of the closure would have on them - many of these impacts significant and multi-faceted. This will apply to people in other communities who are set to lose their precious services. Impacts included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several users stated that the Centre had provided them with a safe space, and the appropriate support, to enable them to overcome mental health problems. One personal said that they 'feel comfortable' at PLC and that they would not consider visiting an alternative facility. Other quotes include: 'Pont LC has helped me develop confidence, has helped me beat depression and anxiety. I walk here twice a week, it's great it's here'. 'It has helped me overcome anxiety and my instructor, Hayley Williams has encouraged me to increase fitness and self-confidence.' • A large number of users and clubs stated that they will no longer be able to continue engaging in sport and leisure activities if the Centre closes. This includes netball clubs, football clubs (adult and children), seniors walking football club, soccer skills clubs and badminton groups – some of which have used the centre for c.50 years. It also includes a girl's football team. Engaging young girls in sporting activities is particularly encouraged in order to help them develop healthy lifestyles throughout adulthood. One respondent said 'closure would be a disaster for the club', another said the closure would have a 'catastrophic' affect whilst others described themselves as being 'devastated' at the prospect of giving up their much loved hobbies. • There is a concern that the greatest impact will be on the health and wellbeing of young people and senior citizens, who may be less financially solvent and often rely on public transport. Older adults also cited social interaction as an important aspect of the Centre. As you will be aware, loneliness and social isolation in older people is an increasing issue and the NHS strongly promote engagement in social/community activities to combat this, such as those

provided by PLC (<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/women60-plus/Pages/Loneliness-in-older-people.aspx>). Many people are concerned that their primary source of social interaction will be taken away. In doing so, this decision appears to fly in the face of the objective to create 'a Wales of cohesive communities' (Future Generations Act, 2015): 'I am an old age pensioner and would find it impossible to access provision elsewhere which would be costly and detrimental to my health and wellbeing' 'I'm at an age where health and wellbeing is promoted, the closure is a big step backwards.' 'I'm 60. It gives me the chance to stay fit. It's local and handy for me. A big part of the community' 'I'm 55 and it's my only means of keeping fit' 'It's a great opportunity to allow over 55s to keep fit and socialise' 'I have been attending for nearly 40 years. It is vital to so many community groups. It will bring an end to many of my valued activities and social contacts' '... after this I won't be able to keep fit and healthy' • Many people are concerned they will have nowhere else to go, believing that other centres will not be able to absorb current or future demand. As a result, many respondents said that they believed that their fitness levels would diminish and some were concerned that this could lead to health problems and higher incidences of obesity. • Some respondents noted that the Centre is the only one within walking distance of their home and were concerned about the financial implications of travelling further afield. Others without access to private transport were concerned about the accessibility of other services.

The inclusion of more running tracks and athletics facilities, especially flood lit ones for winter training has surely got to be a must, it doesn't have to cost the earth, just up grade the Bargoed track and have a better booking process in place, I'm sure Clubs wouldn't mind paying a small fee to use it

The key to all considerations about Council provision of sports facilities should be costs. Facilities should be provided only if they do not make a loss, in other words do not need to be kept open at a net cost to the tax payer. In any case the main reason for these facilities may lie in their titles - leisure centres. This gives reason to doubt that they are mainly used in serious pursuit of healthy activity. tax payers' money should not be used to pay for leisure. A councillor recently said that the net losses incurred by certain centres was only £300,000 plus! If these centers are sufficiently valued by the people who use them they will be willing to pay economic fees, rather than standard fees, to use them. Healthy activity is not limited to leisure centres. It is up to people themselves through their lifestyle. Gardening, walking, etc to keep fit. Or they can buy an exercise bike, weights or other equipment. Those who are serious about keeping fit will do so.

The likelihood of young people or older people making their way from Blackwood to Bargoed or Newbridge is, knowing my locality, very poor. I think it's unusual that the council would want to leave one of the most densely populated areas of our county without a dedicated council Leisure Centre. Cefn Fforest Centre serves a much larger number of schools than Newbridge, for instance. How would swimming facilities be provided for these schools?

The local authority should be leading the way to provide active centres for all. There should be no closures, as not everyone can drive or has access to transport. We should be heavily funding sports for all. Obesity is on the increase and will in future generations become an epidemic, which will be a heavy burden on our health services. If the authority funds heavily now into the centres and make them accessible for all, regardless of the ability to pay admission fees, then some of these issues can be alleviated. Research has suggested that if people are more active, then they will live longer. This has to be a positive step forward and would lead to a less burden on our health services in the future,

The pools provide swimming lessons for children. They provide adult only swimming. I can't swim. They do not provide adult swim classes. You have to stop thinking that classes can run because people know how to do them.

The problem for elderly people (and others) who don't drive is getting to facilities and open spaces.

The proposal feels poorly thought out

The provision of suitable swimming facilities is very important .Not all the baths are suitable. Consider increasing charges and charge more for use by non residents

The provision of swimming pools should be regarded as a key area to be considered. It is highly unlikely that School Governing Bodies will be willing or able to take over Leisure Centre facilities and

highly likely that these will close. Were Governing Bodies consulted before the Strategy was published? This suggestion is basically a buck-passing exercise
The questions appear to be designed to provide the evidence required to achieve the desired outcomes
The report provides evidence for helping communities become healthier, but if you are removing community or smaller sites how are you helping the community? People need to be able to access sports closer to home, you should be making sports and recreational activities more accessible to more people.
The S&AR Strategy sounds and looks great, with some lovely sound bites and buzz words. No doubt the public consultation will be completed at great cost to people like me, the tax payer, whilst the council has already decided what it is going to do.
The strategy appears to have been written for the leisure professional and not the non-professional resident e.g. the use of terms like co-locate and its reference to other strategies which are not explained but have obviously influenced its preparation. It makes reference to working with commercial partners to develop leisure facilities but does not explain how this will be done so that residents still have affordable access to such facilities. There should be a fuller introduction outlining the current level of provision, the cost of provision and the difficulties the council faces in maintaining this in the future. This would set the context for the decisions made in the strategy. The opportunities for the 'Great Outdoors' providing accessible, affordable and responsible leisure use are not explored. The affect of the proposed rationalisation on the four strategic centres has not been addressed. The ways in which clubs will be supported has not been identified.
The strategy assumes that people will be able to travel to the four leisure centres and be able to park. None of the locations have surplus parking at current busy periods. None are particularly endowed with good public transport.
the strategy gives no details of how the council will provide local facilities for future generations of local children at the 14 schools that use Cefn Fforest baths
The strategy has detailed how to save money by the possible closure of leisure centres. It also refers to a corporate facility being built in the South West of the county. It doesn't shed much light on how other facilities would be improved. I would like to see more done to improve cycle/footpaths e.g. The provision of a totally off road path down the length of the Rhymney Valley similar to the Taff Trail. This would be used by walkers, joggers, people cycling to work and people cycling for recreation. Also good interconnecting paths.
The strategy has not looked with enough detail at the way Schools could take on existing leisure centres that the Council would like to cease funding for. The Council sports and leisure department is best placed to run these facilities the most economically (shared labour, skill base, shared management etc.), so there would be increased cost to each facility which no consultation has been undertaken with schools to see if it is even financially viable for schools to take over the facilities.
The strategy is another blatant attempt to close Pontllanfraith leisure centre and obtain the capital receipt.
The Strategy is spot on. Priorities are clear. Missing is any information relating to budgets etc. Need to watch duplication and there's little reference to private sector provision. As a Trust we fully support your efforts.
There are not enough leisure facilities at present, closing any of them will have a further impact on communities.
There needs to be more emphasis on providing classes or sessions for pre-school children. My daughter currently accesses external classes for dancing and gymnastics as CCBC does not provide such sessions for very young children. I would like to see a toddler athletics session in the Borough, as I am now pursuing an athletics session for my daughter in torfaen, as they offer athletics for 3 year olds. There is a lot of emphasis on swimming for younger children, however not all children enjoy or thrive in the same sports or activities. I would also like to see varying classes in Newbridge, as there is not alot of choice for adults. Again there is multiple sessions for spin sessions. You need to

introduce something like boogie bounce, bokwa, yogalates, powerhoop, instead of Zumba. You did offer a Latin dance exercise class, but has now been removed from the lost of activities available. I currently access Newbridge for poundfit, zumba, aquafit and family swimming. There is nothing available for my 3 year old to access here.
There should be specific consideration of how the resources are used and by what type of people. As an example, there is no point in having lots of offer during the day and not a lot in the evening or weekend. What are people who work supposed to do? During the dark winter where can people run safely in the evening, especially if not in group?
There's two age spectrums here, while children should be encouraged to be involved in all types of sport. The older members of our borough have less opportunity to enjoy leisure activities, that's why I feel that bowling greens should be given special consideration
Thinkabout people not pounds. People already don't trust your judgement as a council so do tge right thing for once!
This is a perfect opportunity for the Council to adopt a proactive strategy to combat obesity, increase participation in sport and provide first rate facilities for the residents of the county borough.
This may be a draft but the fact that a lot of money and time has been clearly spent on it suggests that it just needs rubber stamping. As such, I don't see the point of a consultation as you have clearly drafted your strategy and me pointing things out won't make you change your mind.
This questionnaire is too long and too complex.....most people won't bother to complete it.....are you really interested in people's thoughts or just going through the motions
This strategy has the potential to take hundreds of Caerphilly residents out of physical activity. There will be more health issues generally in the local population as a result. I have given my reasons earlier. I have played with a badminton club at Ystrad Mynach for 40+ years. Closing the Sue Noake Centre will close my club and all the others that use it regularly. This strategy generally will drastically lower participation rates in sport throughout our county.
This strategy is totally flawed as it would leave thousands without access to sport especially in the Blackwood and surrounding areas. It places an unrealistic reliance on schools to provide access to sport. It ignores the massive development already taking place in Pontllanfraith and the closure of Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest would be a disaster for those communities. It also ignores the massive costs involved and people are being asked to agree to something that doesn't exist and may never exist.
This survey is too intensive for majority to fill in and should be ignored as part of your consultation. The questions in this is nearly data collecting exercise. Why is there no alternatives given in the strategy? It seems as though the decision is made before the public consultation.
To cut down to only 4 leisure centres will have a negative effect on large parts of the borough.
To rationalise to 4 locations will have a negative effect on parts of the borough where facilities are limited at best.
To transfer local leisure centre activities to schools would have a negative affect on both the people that use the centres and the children at the school and would do nothing to encourage people to live an active and more healthy lifestyle !!
Too in depth to read without a copy and not access to a computer. Strategy is complicated.
Was this survey made complicated to confuse the public therefore hoping they would not be completed so that the council has its own way?!!
waste of time effort and money--decisions already made
We come here with our service users as its very local to us and the change would disrupt them.
we have big reserves - what are we doing with it ? Labour is becoming the party of cuts in Wales
We need local facilities to encourage everyone to use them. Cefn Fforest is vital to the community of Pengam, Fleur de Lis, Blackwood, Aberbargoed and other neighbourhoodservices.
We need more facilities like running tracks in the area to develop the elite athletes in the area, the bargoed running track is not fit for purpose.
We need to look long and hard and keep our leisure centres open, especially Pont.

What has this public exercise cost?
Where fitness classes are currently provided in existing leisure facilities that will be closed, will such classes still be available after school hours for the facilities that will be managed by schools moving forward?
Why make the survey so long winded and confusing to complete.
With more and more homes being built in the area the population ever expanding, the need for these facilities is greater than ever - for mature users as well as youngsters. We need more not less. It's akin to selling the family jewels, once they're gone, they're gone!!! Finally, I believe this survey is designed to encourage participants to agree to all questions and not to invite debate or disagreement. A lot of the terminology amounts to gobboldegook and will not be understood by the general public.
yes
yes leave it to the individual, we don't need 'big brother' telling us what to do and how to live our life style
yes the idea to remove the leisure centres is dumb it's more cost effective and helpful to keep the current ones
Yes, CCBC have missed a trick by not providing an athletics track somewhere within the borough. The track at Bargoed is a disgrace. Surely the council missed a trick by not siting one either at the facilities in Ystrad Mynach or at one of the newer schools e.g. Cwm Rhymni or Islwyn.
Yes, why take well used facilities away from pontllanfrairh and Cefn Fforest
Yes, please sort out and improve safer cycling paths across the borough
Yes. Implement a strategy to encourage active travel.
You could start by finish what you started like the cycle track at cwm calon
You have made this form incredibly difficult and lengthy. I imagine you will have a poor response
you have not included any reference to the disabled community at all, perhaps you should even if you ignore what they say.
you need more local leisure centres not less, to enable more people to access them, as a lot of people are unable to travel, there is an obesity crisis in the general population, which could be mitigated by better access to leisure centres, putting barriers in the way by closing local centres does not help!
You should not have built houses on the old factory sites at Virginia park, you could of built the new Leisure Centre there, before knocking down the old one. The Whole of Virginia park area should be kept for sport, it's an area in the middle of the biggest town in CCBC and is perfect to host all sports.

Question 39: If you feel that the proposed changes will affect you as an individual (positively or negatively) because of any of the following, your ethnic origin, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, religious beliefs or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents, please give details below.

a lot of classes and swim sessions are not suitable for full time workers. I'd like to see more variety for evenings
Access to local facilities is essential for those who do not have a car or are disabled.
Access to Sports facilities North of the CEARPHILLY Borough Council areas because you intend to close them. Thus not encouraging people & children to keep fit & healthy. Especially as they have said Wales has the least healthy & unfit people & children.
Age - the lack of buses through Hollybush will not allow me to use facilities
Age disability
Any changes would be welcomed if the produced classes in the BARGOED area
As a newly retired woman I aim to keep healthy and am looking at opportunities available locally mainly in daytime. I need to have access by public transport where possible, planning for the future.
As a parent, impacts my children's health and fitness. The last two pages ask questions about a persons belief and sexuality, which shouldn't have any impact on the services you supply. Ask people why they chose one sport/class/playground over another.
As a responsible mother of an adult with disabilities i am aware and know of many disabled people you must try and get their input.
As a senior citizen I need access to nearby leisure facilities, specifically swimming pools, to help maintain my healthy lifestyle.
As an older person, I find it much easier to drive to the New Tredegar Centre for Exercise on Prescription services than to go to Caerphilly. A new centre in Bargoed/Aberbargoed might be OK but I do not see any funding proposal for this in the Strategy
At present I go to Bryn Bach in Tredegar in order to walk (as I am still able to drive). I also take my 97yr old mother there as she has very limited mobility but is able to walk a little with the aid of a walker and enjoy the facilities it provides. I also have some mobility problems find that the terrain there is flatter and am able to walk a little further. Although it costs me in petrol money I do not have to pay for parking and therefore do not have to limit the duration of my visit.
Being a single mother I relied on local centres to give my children the chance to improve their health and confidence. I have always worked and the centre in Cefn Fforest provided summer sports clubs that was invaluable at that time. Obesity is an on going issue especially with children from low income families, the council should be taking into account all issues when evaluating centre closures. Money has to be a key consideration but not at the expense of our future generations not being given the same opportunity as those in neighbouring cities. Caerphilly should be promoting individuals well being not creating more deprived areas. It is not enough that we only take care of some of the residents the council should be taking care of its residents equally.
Bydd rhaid sicrhau bod unrhyw ddarpariaeth yn hygyrch i bawb a bod staff ar gael gyda'r sgiliau angenrheidiol i ddarparu gwasanaeth hamdden i bawb, beth bynnag yr iaith, anabledd ac ati It is necessary to ensure that any provision should be made accessible to all and that there are staff available to provide a service within leisure for all, whatever their language and disability and so on
Close Caerphilly CBC
Don't down sport facilities
Due consideration needs to be given to provision for older/disabled people in the county. Projections

indicate the numbers will rise yet the document seems to concentrate of young people, clubs and exclusive centres. What about those who don't want to become famous or excellent but just want to maintain fitness and socialisation!
due to my disability I feel nervous if kids are present in the pool. I therefore only attend public sessions during school term times
Encourage sport for the older person and open the TOILETS
I am 67 and closing Cefn Forest would make it much more difficult for me to access a swimming pool and other elderly people too. maintaining my exercise improves my mobility and helps with weight loss both of which are important to me as i want to maintain my independence as long as possible
I am not disabled but surely if you close placed down then you reduce the accessibility to facilities of certain disabled categories.
I believe that CCBC is discriminating against the socially and economically deprived. The facilities in pont and cafe forest are used extensively and this consultation document is a joke for lots on residents. With poor reading and writing skills, this survey is painful to complete and I know of hundreds of people who are unable to contribute despite being desperate to do so.
I do feel that there should be more disabled over 65 exercise classes with healthcare professionals in attendance to follow on the rehab heart care that we already have running at six weeks..
I feel that as an older resident, closing facilities that I can access by walking, and replacing with facilities several miles away is effectively denying me the opportunity to participate.
I feel that closing Cefn Fforest leisure centre would have a negative impact on the community as well as the local schools that use the pool for lessons .
I feel there is a lot of focus on young people who are school Age and that is unfair.
I feel this strategy could be beneficial to myself, my children and grandchildren.
I firmly believe swimming will keep my body and joints healthier and stronger for longer
I have arthritis and occult spina bifida and I find swimming at my local leisure centre helps immensely. I would be extremely disappointed and very unhappy with any closures.
I have only just learned to swim at Cefn Fforest and am thrilled that I can use this facility by walking there from home. I swim approx. 4 times a week :)
I have young teenage children who will not be able to access facilities due to difficulties in travelling there. A medical condition means that access to local facilities is vital for me.
I hope there will be a positive impact with more facilities to encourage disabled older and unfit people to come forward and make small changes to improve health
I see several deaf ladies Attending classes..it is very difficult for these ladies to socialise and do the lasses as no provision is made for them
I tend to use my local environment for sports and recreation. Forest running, walking, mountain biking and road cycling
I think the proposed changes discriminate against me on age grounds. Older people need encouragement to stay active with sports like bowls/swimming. As they grow older transport becomes more difficult for them.
I will not be able to travel further afield to access my leisure facilities. Bus route to Oakdale (Islwyn High?) It's not big enough for the children as it is.
If Pontllanfraith leisure centre was to close my health and wellbeing would suffer.
If the council wants to save some money stop sending forms out in Welsh and English, 90% of people throw the Welsh one straight in the bin.
If you Close the local centres, it would be more difficult to get to the others as we get older
Imposing and unnecessary.
It will affect a large number of CCBC people it is very popular with the older generation as it helps us to stay fit. I always thought that the council wanted the older generation to keep active!!
It will affect my ability to provide my children with the opportunity to learn to swim, be involved in other sporting activities.

It will effect my lifestyle. I swim daily in Cefn Fforest and I use a number of leisure centres for the gym, Cefn Fforest, Heolddu, Sue Noake.
It would be NEGATIVE, I use Cefn Fforest daily though all weathers to try and keep myself to a reasonable fitness without it the incentive would be lost. All the Centres must stay open, no compromises
Its quite simple: (1) CCBC is strapped for cash. (2) CCBC does not care for communities. (3) The strategy is so biased that the outcome is obvious. (4) This isn't a survey, its a declaration of war, making it difficult for residents of participate is recreational and sporting activities!
Local facilities are good for local residents and communities to use, closing these will have a negative effect on the locals ability to use the relevant facilities for health, fitness and wellbeing.
Mental health needs to be considered when encouraging physical health - local facilities allow people to feel part of a community and comfortable
More needs to be done to encourage less able and disabled people to use leisure facilities without discrimination.
NA however the proposed changes will not have a positive impact
negative because you are clearly suggesting giving out slots to clubs and businesses
No as long as all future investment takes into consideration the purchase of dual use equipment to allow accessible access for cardio and weight stations for disabled customers replacing equipment that currently excludes disabled wheelchair users.
No I don't believe the changes will affect me in any way for reasons such as gender, sexual orientation etc
No, but considerable efficiency and cost savings could be achieved by minimising the effort put into these activities.
Not enough centres/swimming pools to teach all children to swim. No facilities for overweight/unfit community. More pressure on the health service. I suggest more than 4 pools are necessary to accommodate all the schools/school children to learn to swim - where are the adults going? Ladies only sessions are extinct and adult only sessions are close behind.
Parent of two children with additional needs.
Please consider, when you analyse disabled access to leisure centres, whether there is anything the council can do to provide an accessible environment for Autistic participants, who may not necessarily react well to the current environments in our facilities.
Politically correct rubbish.
Positive if money is not spread too thinly.
reducing in service or rationalizing will limited disabled access
Some of your classes are very expensive, to people who live pay cheque, to pay cheque, it is more logical to buy food.
Stop trying to close leisure centres which are critical points of contact and ensure people in all communities have accessible services. Including those unable to drive or travel far to reach centres.
Stop wasting money on 'hair brained' ideas like Muslin Women swimming nights. Has anyone seem these ladies attend?
The proposed changes will adversely affect me as a senior citizen. Local centres (Cefn Forrest) and it's availability gives me the impetus to attend regularly. Meeting similar aged leisure centre users on a very regular basis have given me an added social life. I and many seniors would not travel to one of the four proposed sites. Therefore we would be denied a sensible opportunity to keep physically active, socially active and having a sense of well being. I
The questions referred to as in ethnicity, sexuality, religion or language are irrelevant as to using the sports facilities to promote health, fitness and wellbeing.
The strategy does not appear to consider the effect on older people having to travel further to the four large leisure centres, if and when, their local facility is closed.
The Velothon event has a massively negative effect on mine and other worshippers ability to attend our various places of worship on these Sundays when all the roads are closed and no alternative

transport is available due to these road closures in the whole of South East Wales.
These Proposed changes will definitely effect me in a negative way but not as stated above. As i have a long term injury my back that is still being assessed and i use both Cefn forrest and Pontllanfraith regular as i cannot do sport as full as i used i used to do it 7 times a week i can now only do it for 30 mins 2-3 times a week and work it around my shifts and these centres work around my shift and are not too far away as i get a dead leg when travelling too far so keeping the leisure centres to me is vital. As it keeps my anxiety and depression at a certain state as well as keeping the regular exercise and keeping me going. I use it regular through our health care as a GP Referral. keep all sport and recreation facilities that all i ask thanks for reading :)
This appears to be an exercise to pass responsibility to the public and local sporting groups. What are we paying rates for.
This will benefit me positively as it will be an opportunity for me as a personal trainer to aid the project in some way.
Wales is all for keeping healthy but by shutting pools will only increase the need for doctors etc. That is not what Wales is about. Cefn Fforest pool is used by schools in the area, what will happen then?
We need more help for the aged
Welsh ought to be the first language on every sign, instruction booklets, provision of services in our community. We are Welsh, it is our language and ought to actively promoted in the provision of Leisure facilities across the provision.
what does colour creed or any of the above matter if you plan to shut facilities anyway
What is the point of this statement? It's utterly ludicrous
What the devil has this to do with race or religion? We are talking about a sport centre. Get real!!
Would be necessary to drive to Newbridge Centre, which will affect me due to being in the 60's and wishing to keep active as get older.
Yep. With caring responsibilities for two children, therr are only certain times i can go and i need to be back for the children. Pushing provisions fuerthher away will have a hugely negative impact
yes as an aging resident I would not feel inclined to excersise outdoor in our indecent climate. also I would not feel safe exercising outdoors.
yes I have seen disabled being abused outside leisure centre over parking we realise there are limited spaces and provisions but we have people from other councils using the centre and this leads to residents not able to get into swimmimg
Yes it impacts me in not being able to offer a local service for my dependants.
Yes, it will disadvantage anybody who doesn't drive, especially with the public transport in the area being so poor. Those with disabilities, elderly, young would all have more difficulty getting to the gym/exercise classes. Caerphilly already has several private gyms. Ystrad Mynach has ONE - Sue Noakes. Please don't take away what little we have.
you have ignored disability, these people fit into every demographic that you say you want to respect and yet the whole survey made no mention of disability until the very end. Clearly the disabled community needs an advocate on the council because you are ignoring them all completely