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Living in Carmarthenshire

Q1 What are the first four digits of your postcode?

Q2 How long have you lived in your local area? *(Tick one box only)*

- up to one year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- 21-30 years
- over 30 years

Q3 In general, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Carmarthenshire as a place to live? *(Tick one box only)*

- Very dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Very satisfied
- Don't know

Q4 Generally, over the last two years, do you think that your local area has...? *(Tick one box only)*

- Got worse
- Stayed the same
- Improved
- Don't know

Q5 If you feel the area has improved or got worse over the last two years, in what ways do you think that the area has changed?

Following recent discussions it has been agreed by Carmarthenshire Local Service Board and strategic partnerships to develop an Integrated Community Strategy which will incorporate the Community Strategy, Children & Young Peoples Plan, Health, Social Care & Well-being Strategy, Community Safety Strategy, Regeneration Strategy and Environment Strategy.

Q6 The Integrated Community Strategy will have one overarching vision. How strongly do you agree we should aspire to the following vision....?

(Tick one box only)

“Enabling people to live healthy and fulfilled lives by working together to build strong, bilingual and sustainable communities”

- strongly disagree
- tend to disagree
- tend to agree
- strongly agree
- don't know

Q7 Please explain your response

Q8 The Integrated Community Strategy will have 5 outcomes that contribute to our over arching vision.

Please rank the following outcomes in order of their importance to you (1 = most important, 5 = not important) *(Please write a number in each box and do not use the same number twice)*

- People in Carmarthenshire are healthier
- People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential
- People who live, work and visit Carmarthenshire are safe and feel safer
- Carmarthenshire's communities and environment are sustainable
- Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy

To achieve each outcome, there are underlying goals that we will work towards as partnerships, across the whole County.

Q9 Please rank the following seven goals for the outcome – “People in Carmarthenshire are healthier” in order of their importance to you. (1 = most important, 7 = not important) *(Please write a number in each box and do not use the same number twice)*

- Ensuring each child has the best start in life
- Preventing ill health and encourage healthy living
- Improving the Emotional, Mental Health and Well-being of all people in the County
- Reducing inequities in health
- Improving housing conditions and reduce homelessness
- Increasing access to health and social care for all people including vulnerable groups
- Reducing drug and alcohol misuse

Q10 Please rank the following five goals for the outcome – “People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential” in order of their importance to you. (1 = most important, 5 = not important) *(Please write a number in each box and do not use the same number twice)*

- Providing the best opportunities for lifelong learning and development for all
- Improving skills and training to increase employment opportunities for all
- Supporting parents and families to develop their children’s learning
- Developing an inclusive society
- Increasing the provision of childcare, education and training through the medium of Welsh

Q11 Please rank the following six goals for the outcome – “People who live, work and visit Carmarthenshire are safe and feel safer” in order of their importance to you. (1 = most important, 6 = not important) *(Please write a number in each box and do not use the same number twice)*

- Maintaining levels of crime that are amongst the lowest in England and Wales
- Improving the confidence of local communities that are tackling the issues that matter most to them and impacting on crime levels
- Reducing anti-social behaviour by working in partnership to tackle local problems
- Working to reduce the incidences of alcohol-related violence
- Safeguarding children and young people from abuse, victimisation, neglect and exploitation
- Reducing speeding and number of road traffic accidents

Q12 Please rank the following seven goals for the outcome – “Carmarthenshire’s communities and environment are sustainable” in order of their importance to you. (1 = most important, 7 = not important) *(Please write a number in each box and do not use the same number twice)*

- Living within our environmental limits using only our fair-share of earth’s resources
- Reducing waste and moving towards becoming a zero-waste county
- Supporting opportunities for the building of economically viable and sustainable communities
- Protect, enhance and conserve our natural and built environment and champion biodiversity in the County
- Developing resilient and sustainable communities
- Developing sustainable transport options
- Ensuring the promotion of the Welsh language and Welsh culture

Q13 Please rank the following five goals for the outcome – “Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy” in order of their importance to you. (1 = most important, 5 = not important) *(Please write a number in each box and do not use the same number twice)*

- Retaining and attracting young people to the County and maximise their achievements and aspirations
- Creating high quality jobs across the County through development and investment
- Keeping investment in the local economy
- Tackling poverty and its impact on the local economy
- To build a bilingual economy and workforce

Q14 Are there any other outcomes or goals you would like to see included in order to achieve the overall vision?

Q15 The Integrated Community Strategy will provide new opportunities for public organisations in Carmarthenshire, such as the Council, Police, Health Board and Trinity St David University, to work together and improve services for the citizens of Carmarthenshire.

How important do you think it is for public organisations to work together? *(Tick one box only)*

- not at all important
- fairly unimportant
- fairly important
- very important
- don't know

Q16 Are there any services or areas of work that can be improved by ensuring that the public organisations in Carmarthenshire work better together?

Q17 Would you like to be kept informed about the Integrated Community Strategy in the future? *(Tick one box only)*

- Yes (please go to question 18)
- No (please go to question 19)

Q18 We are keen to develop information in the future that meets your needs. How would you like to receive information about the Integrated Community Strategy? *(Tick all that apply)*

- through future surveys
- through future 50+ newsletters
- through future 50+ forum events
- through the 50+ forum website

Q19 Please note any further ideas or recommendations here

Food Waste Recycling

Food waste collection takes place weekly in Carmarthenshire.

The small brown caddy is for your kitchen to put your food waste in day to day. When full, this can be transferred into the large green bin that can be kept outside.

Cooked and uncooked food waste can be put in your green bin including:

- Food scraps
- Meat and fish including bones
- Fruit and vegetables including peelings
- Egg shells
- Tea bags and coffee grounds

We are keen to maximise the number of households recycling their food waste and reach our recycling target – even small amounts of food like tea bags still count and help us reach our recycling targets.

Q20 Do you put your food recycling bin out for collection every week? *(Tick one box only)*

- Yes (please go to Q22)
- No

Q21 Why don't you put your food recycling bin out for collection every week? *(Tick all that apply)*

- I'm not interested in recycling anything
- I'm not interested in recycling food waste
- It's too fiddly
- It's too messy
- It's too time consuming
- I don't know when the food waste recycling happens
- I don't know if the food waste recycling scheme operates in my area
- The food waste recycling scheme doesn't operate in my area
- I don't have enough food waste to fill the large green bin every week
- I only buy the amount of food I consume and therefore don't waste food
- Other (please specify) _____

Q22 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the food waste recycling service provided by Carmarthenshire County Council? *(Tick one box only)*

- Very dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Very satisfied
- Don't know / No opinion

Q23. Do you have any comments about the food waste recycling scheme or the blue bag recycling scheme?

Q29 To what extent is alcohol related anti-social behaviour a problem in your neighbourhood?
(Tick one box only)

- Not a very big problem
- Fairly big problem
- Very big problem
- Don't know

Q30 What types of problems does alcohol related anti-social behaviour cause in the neighbourhood?
(Tick all that apply)

- Violence
- Vandalism
- Noise
- Other - please specify _____
- None

Homeshare

Homeshare is a very simple idea. It is essentially an exchange of services - the exchange of housing for help in the home.

A householder offers accommodation to a homesharer in exchange for an agreed level of support. The support needed may be help with the household tasks, or it may be financial support, or a combination of both. Homeshare is essentially an exchange that recognises that two people have needs and something to offer.

Firstly, people who have a home that they are willing to share but are at a stage in their life where they need some help and support. These people are known as Householders. Secondly, people who need accommodation and who are willing to give some help in exchange for somewhere to stay. These people are known as Homesharers.

By putting these two people together Homeshare manages to find the Householder the help, support and security they need. At the same time Homeshare finds the Homesharer a place to call home, possibly rent free and maybe in an area or property that would have been financially out of their reach.

Both people, their families and communities benefit from the arrangement and the costs are very low. Beaurocracy is kept to a minimum but processes do exist to safeguard both the Householder and the Homesharer.

There is no Homeshare scheme in Carmarthenshire at the moment and we are conducting preliminary research to find out whether there is a need for one to be set up. By completing these questions you will not be committing yourself to participating in the Homeshare scheme.

Q31 Are you a homeowner who is interested in participating in a Homeshare scheme? *(Tick one box only)*

- Yes
- No (Please go to Q33)

Q32 What role could a homesharer carry out for you? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Cleaning you home
- Maintaining you garden
- Shopping
- Pet care
- Preparing meals
- Dealing with mail/paying bills
- Companionship for a cared-for relative
- Other – please specify _____

Q33 Do you know of a homeowner who would possibly be interested in participating in a Homeshare scheme? *(Tick one box only)*

- Yes
- No (Please go to Q36)

Q34 What role could a homesharer carry out for them? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Cleaning you home
- Maintaining you garden
- Shopping
- Pet care
- Preparing meals
- Dealing with mail/paying bills
- Companionship for a cared-for relative
- Other – please specify _____

Q35 Is your /their property close to public transport links? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Yes, a bus stop
- Yes, a rail station
- Yes, a community transport service such as Bwcabws or Dial- a- ride
- No

Q36 Are you a potential homesharer who is interested in participating in a Homeshare scheme?
(Tick one box only)

- Yes
- No

Q37 Do you know of someone who could possibly like to become a homesharer? *(Tick one box only)*

- Yes
- No (Please go to Q41)

Q38 What is your / their present situation? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Student
- Medical student
- Overseas worker
- Have experienced a life changing episode such as bereavement, divorce, redundancy
- Other – please specify _____

Q39 Which of the following would be important in deciding which area to live in? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Rural location
- Urban location
- Close to a bus stop
- Close to a rail station
- Car parking facilities
- Other – please specify _____

Q40 Would you / they looking for accommodation to be...? *(Tick one box only)*

- Long term – foreseeable future
- Short/fixed term – 1 year work contract, etc.
- Term time only

Q41 What do you think are the positive aspects of the Homeshare scheme?

Q42 What do you think are the negative aspects of the Homeshare scheme?