

# State of the Area Debate 2005 Feedback

Thank you for attending the State of the Area Debate. We hope you found the event informative. Please assist us in planning the next event by completing the following questionnaire. This questionnaire is also available in Welsh on request.

- Q1 Which State of the Area Debate did you attend?**
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| <i>Barry Memorial Hall</i> .....   | 28.0% |
| <i>Penarth Paget Rooms</i> .....   | 43.0% |
| <i>Llantwit Major School</i> ..... | 28.0% |
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- Q2 How did you rate the choice of the following?**
- |                               | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Average</i> | <i>Poor</i> | <i>Very Poor</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Location                      | 58.3%            | 30.4%       | 4.3%           | 0.0%        | 0.0%             |
| Room facilities               | 41.7%            | 38.3%       | 10.4%          | 1.7%        | 0.0%             |
| Administration of the event   | 31.3%            | 35.7%       | 12.2%          | 2.6%        | 0.0%             |
| Choice of presentation topics | 20.0%            | 53.0%       | 15.7%          | 2.6%        | 0.0%             |
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- Q3 How did you rate the following elements?**
- |  | <i>Very Good</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Average</i> | <i>Poor</i> | <i>Very Poor</i> |
|--|------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Standard of the presentations          | 18.3%            | 50.4%       | 20.0%          | 2.6%        | 0.0%             |
| Councillor representation at the event | 15.7%            | 49.6%       | 19.1%          | 7.0%        | 0.0%             |
| Overall agenda/format                  | 8.7%             | 54.8%       | 20.9%          | 0.9%        | 0.0%             |
| Opportunity to raise questions/issues  | 21.7%            | 45.2%       | 13.9%          | 5.2%        | 0.0%             |
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- Q4 Where did you hear about this event?**
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| <i>Posters/Flyers</i> .....                                  | 30.4% |
| <i>Formal invitation</i> .....                               | 38.3% |
| <i>Internet</i> .....  | 0.9%  |
| <i>Advertisement attached to your Council Tax bill</i> ..... | 8.7%  |
| <i>Advertisement on a Banner</i> .....                       | 24.3% |
| <i>Word of mouth</i> .....                                   | 11.3% |
| <i>Press</i> .....   | 16.5% |
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- Q5 Please specify name**  
(16.5%)
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| Penarth Times | 7.6%  |
| Gem           | 7.6%  |
| Echo          | 1.27% |
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- Q6 What was your overall opinion of the event?**
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|------------------------|-------|
| <i>Very Good</i> ..... | 13.7% |
| <i>Good</i> .....      | 59.8% |
| <i>Average</i> .....   | 17.6% |
| <i>Poor</i> .....      | 2.9%  |
| <i>Very Poor</i> ..... | 0.0%  |

**Q7 Did you ask the panel a question?**  
 Yes Go to Q8..... 27.8%  
 No Go to Q9..... 58.3%

**Q8 When you asked the panel a question, were you satisfied with the response?**  
 Yes ..... 20.9%  
 No ..... 7.8%

**Q9 Have you any suggestions for improving future "State of the Area Debate" events?**  
 57.4%

**Suggestions**

- Perhaps police could be involved to explain their work and their current crime reduction strategies.
- Wider range of issues.
- Film commentary showing proposals and including large model mentioned.
- Wider advertising to especially encourage young people to attend.
- I didn't have the confidence to speak in public - might it be possible for a limited number of written questions to be dealt with in the future?
- The displays shown all need to be bilingual and not just the occasional pamphlet.
- You had displays from many sections of local authority but not all of them were manned.
- Input from officers would help to answer detailed questions from the floor.
- Pre agenda, structure of event provided before it starts. Chance for the public to pre-submit their questions so that councillors have more opportunity to consider their replies.
- I would appreciate if the stallholders at the back of the hall staying on a little while longer.
- Perhaps it would be a good idea to have questions directly relating to a presentation immediately after it, rather than at the end. There could be a shorter time limit.
- Less about litter & dog mess... more about the important issues.
- Attention to hearing quality, clarity of speech.

**Additional comments**

- Overall I was quite impressed with the efforts made to make the state of the Area debate a success, and I have no suggestions for improvement at this time.
- The three presentations were excellent.