Social

Homes and homelessness

'... the housing issues facing my community are hugely challenging and it is difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The impact on younger people could be absolutely huge and the decisions we're taking today will be something they have to manage when we're gone .'

We found that

We want good and safe housing without spoiling the environment

- The quality of the local environment and access to green spaces are important.
- People think that building more houses takes up local green space.
- Some people living in less affluent areas say they struggle to afford repairs.
- Good houses with good heat and noise insulation will help tackle the challenge of fuel poverty, and make new housing more resilient.
- The standard of rented accommodation in the area is a concern 'For me personally it will be finding a standard of rented accommodation that is fit for human habitation and that is affordable.'

We found that

Having a home and feeling secure is important to us

- There are more homes in the region now compared to 4 years ago, 198, 204 homes in 2017 compared to 200, 281 in 2020.
- Rising house prices are concerning.
- More is needed to support first time buyers and the younger generation.
- There has been an increase in people living in social and private rented accommodation.
- There is an increase in people buying their own homes in Bridgend and Merthyr Tydfil.

We found that

Support for people who are homeless or facing homelessness is important to us

- Homelessness Services have helped a lot of people to stay in their homes or supported them to find and keep accommodation.
- More information about where to get support about housing is needed.
- Homelessness is a concern, with more homeless people present in town centres.
- We think that the third sector is good for supporting people and helping them with advice about money.