Agenda Item 12

Council
11 November 2026

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WELSH GOVERNMENT: VISION FOR CULTURE & SPORT IN WALES – CALL FOR EVIDENCE

1. What is this about?

The Welsh Government is developing a new Vision for Culture and Sport in Wales and wants to hear from communities. One Voice Wales will submit a sector-wide response and is asking councils to share short, simple evidence.

Here is the access to the consultation document:

https://www.gov.wales/vision-culture-and-sport-wales

2. What is the Government looking at?

They want ideas on how culture and sport can help Wales become:

- Healthier – improving wellbeing through participation
- Richer – supporting jobs, tourism and creative industries
- More resilient – strong organisations, facilities and workforce
- More skilled – better access for children and young people
- More connected – reducing loneliness and strengthening communities
- More confident and bilingual – celebrating Welsh culture and identity

They are especially interested in local, community-level insight.

3. Why does this matter for your council?

Most Community & Town Councils already contribute to culture and sport by:

- Supporting local events
- Maintaining or funding facilities
- Providing small grants
- Protecting heritage and local identity
- Engaging young people

Your everyday experience is exactly what Welsh Government needs to hear.

4. What do we need from you?

You can contribute in two simple ways:

A. A short case study

Tell us briefly about one thing your council has supported (e.g. a local event, sports facility, heritage project, youth activity).

B. A few written comments

You can answer any of the following — even just two or three:

- What cultural or sporting assets exist locally?
- What stops people taking part?
- What has worked well?
- Where are the funding or resource gaps?
- Which groups are least served locally?
- What opportunities could be unlocked with better support?
- What pressures affect local organisations or volunteers?

Short bullet points are absolutely fine.

5. Optional: Looking ahead

If you wish, you can also share brief thoughts on:

- What should people in Wales be able to access or enjoy by 2036?
- What would success look like for e.g children, older people, people with a disability, rural communities?
- What early actions would make the biggest difference?

Again — short comments are enough.

6. Deadline

Please send your evidence to Dr Catrin Jones, Policy Officer, One Voice Wales c.jones@onevoicewales.wales by: **Wednesday 25 November 2026**

Final OVW submission: 18 December 2026

RECOMMENDED: That

Council be asked if it wishes to make comments to One Voice Wales to be included in the submission to Welsh Government