

AGENDA FOR

YOUTH CABINET

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To: All Members of Youth Cabinet

Councillors : R Caserta, Harris, D Jones, Kelly, O'Brien,
N Parnell, Skillen and Walker

Dear Member/Colleague

Youth Cabinet

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Youth Cabinet which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Monday, 15 June 2015
Place:	Lancaster Room - Elizabethan Suite - Town Hall
Time:	5.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	Food will be available for those attending from 4.30pm in the Lancaster Room

AGENDA

YC.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

YC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Members of the Youth Cabinet are asked whether they have an interest in any item on the agenda and if so to formally declare that interest.

YC.3 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

YC.4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 1 - 4)*

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Youth Cabinet held on 23 March 2015 are attached.

YC.5 MATTERS ARISING *(Pages 5 - 6)*

Letter to Poundland/Poundworld attached for comments.

YC.6 THE WALKING RAINBOW

Tony Beesley from the Youth Service will give an update at the meeting.

YC.7 CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE 2015 - ACTIVITY

Adele Crowshaw will introduce the workshop activities.

YC.8 THE BIG DEBATE

THE BRITISH MONARCHY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED

Monarchy is rule by an individual who is royal, and the system is usually hereditary. The term monarchy derives from the Greek, monos arkhein, meaning 'one ruler'.

The British monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, is the Sovereign and Head of State of the UK and its overseas territories. The monarch, referred to in the abstract as 'The Crown', is the source of all legislative and executive power.

Since Henry VIII, the British monarch is also Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

The British monarch is also the Head of the Commonwealth, and the head of state in 16 of the 54 Commonwealth member countries.

The British political system is a 'constitutional monarchy': the supreme power held by the monarch is largely ceremonial and formal, with actual political power exercised by others.

YC.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Cabinet will held on Thursday 9 July at 5pm in the Council Chamber (Food from 4.30pm in the Balcony Bar).

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Minutes of: **YOUTH CABINET**

Date of Meeting: 23 March 2015

Present: Nicole Parry – YP Chair
Councillors K Hussain, D Jones, J Lewis, O'Brien and
N Parnell

**Also in
attendance:** Emily Branney
Matthew Braithwaite
Jenny Clegg – Gibson
Lizzie Cooke
Molly Healy
Anna-Louise Howarth
Nathan Hughes
Emily Kay
Nicole Parry
Harriet Potts
Bilal Qureshi

**Public
Attendance:** No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**Apologies for
Absence:** Councillor S Southworth

YC.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

YC.2 UKYP INTRODUCTIONS

Bilal Qureshi, Emily Branney and Nathan Hughes attended the meeting and introduced themselves to the Cabinet.

Following the recent UKYP elections Bilal had been elected as Bury's Member of Youth Parliament and Emily and Nathan were his deputies.

It was agreed:

That Bilal, Emily and Nathan are congratulated on their successful campaigns.

YC.3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 February 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

YC.4 ELECTION OF NEW YOUTH CABINET CHAIR

Nominations were requested from those present.

Molly Healy and Nicole Parry indicated that they would like to be considered for the position of Chair to the Youth Cabinet.

Molly and Nicole were asked to explain why they felt they would make a good Chair.

All of the young people present were asked the vote.

Following the election the votes were counted and;

It was agreed:

1. That Nicole Parry be elected as Chair to the Youth Cabinet for 2015/2016
2. That Molly Healy be elected as Deputy Chair to the Youth Cabinet for 2015/2016
3. That all those present be thanked

YC.5 YOUTH CABINET CAMPAIGNS

It was explained that the Youth Cabinet had been involved with two campaigns, one local and one national and had also been asked to promote another campaign.

Some of the discount and pound shops had put a policy in place stopping young people from entering in groups and only allowing them into the premises one at a time.

Those present were asked to split into groups and compose a letter to the stores from the Youth Cabinet asking for more information on the policy and setting out their own thoughts.

It was agreed:

That the information is collated and a draft letter produced which will be agreed by the Cabinet at its next meeting.

YC.6 YOUTHFORIA UPDATE

Bilal reported that he had attended the Youthforia meeting which had been held the previous day at Oldham.

The group had discussed mental health issues and how this issue was being dealt with for young people in the region.

The outcome of the debate had been that the group agreed that teachers should receive training on mental health issues. It was also agreed that schools should nominate a mental health ambassador who would work on raising the profile of mental health issues in their school and work with the school to establish links between mental health services and charities.

Bilal stated that this would hopefully be rolled out to all high schools and colleges across the borough.

It was agreed:

That Bilal be thanked for his update.

YC.7 THE BIG DEBATE

FREEDOM OF SPEECH SHOULD BE RISTRICTED IN THE UK

Those present were asked to decide whether they agreed with the statement or not by moving to the relevant side of the Council Chamber. Those that were unsure moved to the back.

The groups were asked to come up with opening statements in support of their decision and a debate ensued.

Following the debate, closing statements were made and then those present were asked to decide again whether they agreed with the statement.

The majority of the Youth Cabinet present at the meeting concurred with the statement that there should be some restrictions on freedom of speech in the UK.

It was agreed:

That the debate at the next meeting of Youth Cabinet would be:

Do we need the British Monarchy?

YC.8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Lisa Harvey Nebil reported that the 2015 Walking Rainbow 2015 would be taking place on 12 July.

The event celebrated diversity and all were welcome to attend.

**N Parry
Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 5.00pm and ended at 7.00pm)

Bury Youth Cabinet

To Sir/Madam,

We are writing on behalf of Bury's Youth Cabinet. We have received reports of open discrimination against young people (specifically those in school uniform); young people have been denied entry upon arrival as a result of your policy which allows only two school-aged persons into your store at once prior to school opening times.

As an organisation which is an advocate for the young person's rights, we see this policy as being in conflict with equal rights for those aged 16 and under. We are aware that those *not* in uniform have not experienced such discrimination. We do not understand this discriminatory policy – it neither benefits your primary consumer (young people) or yourselves.

We ask you to lift this restriction in the interest of equal rights. If you do not, the cabinet would deem it necessary to take action and would actively boycott **Poundland/Poundworld**.

Should you decide to continue with this policy, we would welcome your presence at the next Youth Cabinet meeting to discuss the matter on **(date)**.

Thank you for your participation,

Anna Howarth and Lizzie Cooke – Representatives of Bury Youth Cabinet

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