

**Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET**

**Date of Meeting:** 23 April 2018

**Present:** Councillor (in the Chair)  
Councillors G Keeley, J Kelly and O Kersh

**Young people in attendance:** Sameer Ahmed  
Aaliyah Akhter  
Joshua Allen  
Rachel Chew  
Caitlin Hartley  
Sohail Hussain  
Emily Keeley  
Numair Khalid  
Usman Khan  
Bethanie Mortenson  
Victoria Ouomble  
Chloe Rushton  
Jack Sloan  
Hannah Wass

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor R.Cathcart, Councillor D Jones and Councillor E O'Brien

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YC.1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the Meeting.

YC.2 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**It was agreed:**

That the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 12 February 2018 be approved as a correct record

YC.3 **FUTURE MEETINGS OF YOUTH CABINET**

Those present were asked to consider how the Youth Cabinet Meetings were structured.

It was explained that the Chair of the Youth Cabinet and the MYP and deputies had agreed the agenda and would be happy if Members suggested items for future meetings.

The young people present were asked where they would like the meetings to be held and it was agreed that, subject to availability part of the meeting should be held in the Balcony Bar or another room and then the debate in the Council Chamber.

YC.4 **C4L MEETINGS**

It was reported that the next meeting of C4L (Curriculum for Life) would be taking place at the New Kershaw Centre on 3 May. All those present were encouraged to attend.

YC.5 **C4L SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Members of the Youth Cabinet split into groups and were asked to prioritise the following issues for C4L:-

Financial Aid  
Politics  
First Aid  
Better Trained Teachers  
Sustainable Living

All of the groups gave feedback on their choices and the reasons behind them.

**It was agreed:**

That the feedback be noted.

YC.6 **STOCKPORT YOUTH COUNCIL EXCHANGE**

It was explained that a group of young people had been invited to visit the Stockport Youth Cabinet and spend a day there.

Numair would update the Youth Cabinet at a future meeting in relation to this.

YC.7 **21ST CENTURY COUNCILLOR - NORTH WEST EMPLOYERS**

It was explained that Bury had been contacted and requested to take part in a project focussing on strengthening relationships between local councillors and their constituents in positive ways. As part of the project, North West Employers were in the process of arranging some focus group meetings to be held locally and had asked if any young people would take part.

It was explained that the meeting would take 2 hours at the most, required no preparation and no follow up.

Any young person interested was asked to leave their contact details which would then be passed on.

YC.8 **THE BIG DEBATE**

The young people discussed, suggested and voted on a topic for the debate.

It was agreed that the debate would focus on the issue of abortion in the UK and whether they agreed with pro-choice or pro-life rights in relation to this.

Those present researched the subject, put together arguments in relation to pro-choice and pro-life and held a debate.

Following the debate a vote was taken and the majority of those present voted for pro-choice in relation to abortion rights in the UK.

**Chair**

**(Note: The meeting started at 5:00pm and ended at 7:00pm)**