

AGENDA FOR

YOUTH CABINET

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To: All Members of Youth Cabinet

Councillors : R.Cathcart, P Cropper, D Jones, J Kelly,
O Kersh, E O'Brien and T Pickstone

Dear Member/Colleague

Youth Cabinet

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

Date:	Wednesday, 19 September 2018
Place:	Council Chamber - 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.
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AGENDA

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YC.4 MATTERS ARISING

YC.5 C4L MEETINGS

Numair will give an update at the meeting

YC.6 UKYP

The United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) is an elected group of young people from all over the country who campaign for positive change for young people. They meet locally, regionally and nationally with each other and with politicians and other decision makers. In Bury we have one member (MYP) and two deputy members of Youth Parliament (DMYPs) who represent the voice of young people across Bury. Bury Integrated Youth Support Service supports Bury's member and deputy members of Youth Parliament to attend all meetings, providing transport, youth work support and covering all costs.

We hold an election every two years and the next election is on Thursday January 31st. Anyone who is 11-17 who lives or studies in Bury is eligible to stand. **We will be hosting an information session on Friday 12th October 4pm-6pm at The New Kershaw Centre, Deal Street, Bury. All young people wishing to stand as candidates must attend this session.**

YC.7 MAKE YOUR MARK

YC.8 GREATER MANCHESTER YOUTH COMBINED AUTHORITY FEEDBACK

Numair and Beth will give an update at the meeting

YC.9 WORK EXPERIENCE SELECT COMMITTEE - GMYCA

Beth will report at the meeting

YC.10 CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE - FEEDBACK

YC.11 UPDATE ON YOUTHFORIA/YOUTH PARLIAMENT

YC.12 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION INTERVIEWS RESULTS

Numair will report at the meeting

YC.13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

YC.14 THE BIG DEBATE

To be decided at the meeting.

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Minutes of: **YOUTH CABINET**

Date of Meeting: 7 June 2018

Present: Joshua Allen
Rachel Chew
Matthew Gaff
Caitlyn Hartley
Numair Khalid
Bethanie Mortenson
Viktoria Ouomble
Harriet Potts
Jack Sloan
Michael Thornton

Also in attendance: Councillors R.Cathcart, P Cropper, J Kelly and O Kersh

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor D Jones, Councillor E O'Brien and Councillor T Pickstone

YC.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

YC.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Youth Cabinet held on 7 June 2018 be approved as a correct record.

YC.3 YOUTH LONELINESS

Mr Neil Watkins attended the meeting to explain the work that he was undertaking in relation to youth loneliness.

It was reported that youth loneliness is an issue of our time. There has long been awareness of issues about loneliness and social isolation in older people, however recent attention is turning to the serious health issues for younger people and young adults.

With the appointment of the Minister for Loneliness it is apparent that recent media, civil society, research activity and not least the campaigning and advocacy of the Jo Cox Commission is ensuring loneliness is taken seriously.

Younger people can face difficulties when adjusting to life's changes, or seeking a sense of belonging among others who share similar goals and interests. Social media, which is designed to connect, can add to feelings of isolation or provide pressure to conform or appear popular.

Whether old or young, most people have a strong need to feel a sense of belonging and connection with like-minded others. Communities can provide a sense of identity and belonging, which protects people from feeling lonely or isolated in times of change. Having a hub of people with shared experiences, passions or culture to connect with is good for our health and well-being.

The first step to end loneliness is to show we care. The aim of the Loneliness Connects Us Seminar (23rd June, at St Michael's Hall, Whitefield) is to raise the awareness of loneliness, by participating and creating an environment where young and older people and professionals in health care, can share ideas and create projects to end Loneliness.

The Loneliness Connects Us project is a youth co-research project, developed by MMU and 42nd Street, to bring the voice of young people into the growing conversation about youth loneliness.

For more information on this event and to register please follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loneliness-connects-us-seminar-tickets-45481045030>

Neil asked that all present who were interested in attending the event let him know and that they also pass on the information to anybody that they feel would like to attend.

YC.4 C4L MEETINGS

It was explained that C4L (Curriculum for Life) was a national campaign but Bury young people were undertaking work locally to promote it.

Meetings had been held with young people and a survey had been produced for young people to complete to have their views on C4L highlighted.

YC.5 UKYP UPDATE

Numair reported that he would be attending the Youth Parliament which was being held from the 27 – 29 July at Nottingham University.

The main topic for debate would be around reducing tuition fees.

It was also explained that the Make Your Mark campaign would be discussed to highlight topics to debate at future meetings.

YC.6 CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE 2018

The Circles of Influence was due to be held on 11 July 2018 in the Elizabethan Suite at the Town Hall and would be led by the Youth Cabinet.

The event will give young people the opportunity to question decision makers, Officers and professionals from across a whole range of organisations.

Anybody interested in attending the event and/or helping out would have to get permission from their parents and their school in order to attend.

YC.7 THE BIG DEBATE

Two debates were held.

Following the debates votes were taken.

It was agreed:

1. That school uniforms should continue to be worn in schools
2. That prisoners should continue to be given the right to vote.

**COUNCILLOR
Chair**

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

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