

AGENDA FOR YOUTH CABINET



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To: All Members of Youth Cabinet

Councillors : M Hayes, L Dean, L Smith, D Duncalfe,
G Staples-Jones, J Rydeheard and S Thorpe

Dear Member/Colleague

Youth Cabinet

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

Date:	Tuesday, 16 April 2024
Place:	Town Hall Bury
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:	

AGENDA

YC.1 APOLOGIES

YC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

YC.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING *(Pages 3 - 6)*

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 February 2024 are attached.

YC.4 MATTERS ARISING

YC.5 DEPUTY YOUTH MAYOR ELECTIONS

YC.6 FEEDBACK FROM THE YOUTH CABINET MOTION *(Pages 7 - 8)*

Youth Cabinet motion attached.

YC.7 WORK PLAN 2024/2025

YC.8 THE BIG DEBATE: SHOULD SOCIAL MEDIA BE BANNED FOR UNDER 16'S.

YC.9 URGENT BUSINESS

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 27 February 2024

Present: Councillor (in the Chair)
Councillors M Hayes, L Dean, L Smith, J Rydeheard and S Thorpe

Youth Members – Daisy, Rabina, Amelia, Oliver, Sabir, Cale, Mohammed, Noah, Marie, Michelle, Violet, Daniel

Also in attendance: Scout Stirling – Youth Participation Worker, Adele Crowshaw – Youth Participation Worker, Heather Walton – Youth Service Manager, Kelly Barnett – Democratic Services

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor D Duncalfe and Councillor G Staples-Jones
Jeanette Richards – Director of Children and Young People, Jen Mills – Service Manager

Youth Members – Adam, Areeba, Duncan, Laraib, Maisey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence noted above.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 November 2023 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

UKYP ELECTION RESULTS

Heather Walton, Youth Service Manager provided the results from Bury's Youth Parliament Elections:

Rubeen – 974
Samir – 746
Alex – 372
Noah – 299
Kael – 439

It was declared that Rubeen is Bury's elected member for Youth Parliament, with Samir and Kael acting as her deputies.

MAKE YOUR MARK RESULTS

Adele Crowshaw, Youth Participation Worker provided the results from the make your mark campaign, which ran alongside the Youth Parliament Elections. The below subjects were voted as the most important issues to young people:

1. Culture, media and sport
2. Crime and safety
3. Health and wellbeing
4. Jobs, economy and benefits
5. Education and learning
6. Transport, rights, equalities and democracy
7. Climate change and the environment
8. International relations

Bury Youth Cabinet will complete some work and campaigns to support these issues.

MAYORAL ELECTION

Heather Walton and Adele Crowshaw provided an update around the Youth Mayoral Election.

From the first Youth Cabinet meeting in the municipal year, Areeba will become Youth Mayor. A Deputy Youth Mayor will be appointed at the next meeting who will shadow Areeba and become the Youth Mayor in 2025. The role of the Youth Mayor is only open to the young people, who were not successful in the Youth Parliament elections and it is an 'in-house election' voted for by the Youth Cabinet members.

A Youth Member congratulated all who took part in the Youth Parliament elections.

CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE EVENT

Scout Stirling, Youth Participation Worker provided an update from the SEND Circles of Influence Event which took place earlier in the day. Scout will write a report from this event and share this at the next Youth Cabinet meeting which will help to decided the theme for next year.

Youth Members discussed the summer Circle of Influence Event, which will take place in July. It was agreed that once Youth Members have decided on themes then questionnaires will be sent to schools. There will be around 5-6 main themes incorporating the issues raised from the 'make your mark campaign'.

THE BIG DEBATE - THE RWANDA BILL

The Chair agreed to change the published debate topic from the Rwanda Bill to 'Should you be suspended if you are caught vaping in school'.

A debate took place with all Youth Cabinet Member. It was decided that you should be suspended from school if you are caught vaping.

It was agreed:

1. **The next debate topic – should social media be banned for under 16's.**

URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair advised the Youth Cabinet that the chosen topic to be taken as a Motion to the Council Meeting on 20th March 2024 is around vaping. Heather Walton explained that questionnaires had been sent to schools after the Circles of Safety Event and vaping was highlighted as the main issue for young people.

Heather Walton asked Youth Members if they would like to be a part of the young person's panel for interviews. Youth Members were asked to take part in 2 separate recruitment events, one for Youth Workers vacancies and one for the Director of Social Care and Early Help.

DANIEL
Chair

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Youth Cabinet Vaping Motion February 2024

Presented by Bury Youth Mayor, Daniel Lewis and supported by Youth Cabinet Members

In December 2023 young people from Bury's secondary schools came together to meet with decision makers and discuss issues around safety at Bury's First Circles of Safety Conference. Following the conference Bury Youth Cabinet sent a survey to all secondary schools to gain the views of a wider cohort of pupils on the issues raised. Over 1000 pupils took part. The biggest issue that young people raised as making them feel unsafe was vaping. Young people said that:

- Witnessing vaping in school makes pupils feel the environment is unsafe
- Seeing the sale of vapes to young people makes young people feel unsafe
- Young people worry about the content of vapes
- The sale of vapes causes arguments among young people
- Young people have witnessed vapes being stolen which makes them feel unsafe
- Young people are unsure about the risks of using vapes
- Young people feel vapes are targeted at children and young people

Bury Youth Cabinet acknowledges that young people are susceptible to marketing and many become addicted to vaping. Therefore they resolve that there needs to be a careful balance between sanctions and deterrents for young people who are caught vaping. Youth Cabinet resolves that there must be robust mechanisms for tackling the sales of vapes to anyone under the age of 18.

This council notes:

- According to data held by Early Break: Levels of tobacco smoking amongst young people in the local authority area continue to fall but the percentage of young people in Bury claiming to vape regularly continues to rise (16% claimed to vape more than once a week, compared to 10% in 2020)
- Increasingly young people are trying vapes either before or instead of tobacco cigarettes.
- Young people try out of curiosity and because their friends vape.
- The flavours are a key factor in tempting young people to vape, and also in what they buy.
- Vapes contain chemicals that can cause lung disease as well as cardiovascular disease.

Therefore this council resolves to:

- Ensure schools have relevant information for their pupils about vaping.
- Ensure schools are delivering PSHE lessons that examine assertiveness and peer pressure.
- Support Youth Cabinet with a vape amnesty project where a number of vape bins are placed around the borough. Youth Cabinet would like funds to commission an artist who would work with pupils in our schools to use the discarded vapes to build a

sculpture which would then be used as part of a wider education programme delivered by Bury Youth Service.

- Lobby the government about making disposable vapes illegal and tighter restrictions on marketing.
- Investigate the sales of vapes to young people under 18.