

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 8 February 2016

Present: Councillors D Jones, G Keeley, E O'Brien and N Parnell

Also in attendance: Emily Branney
Jennie Clegg – Gibson
Georgia Davies – Smith
Nathan Hughes
Harriet Potts
Bilal Qureshi (Chair)

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Harris, Councillor J Kelly (CI) and Councillor J Walker

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 held on 20 October 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

YC.3 YOUTHFORIA UPDATE - DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016

Bilal and Emily gave an update on what had been happening at the Youthforia meetings they had attended.

Bilal reported that he had attended the Youth Parliament Debate that had taken place on 13 November in the House of Commons.

In the morning, five debates had been held on the following subjects:-

- Tackling Racism and Religious Discrimination
- Mental Health provision
- Public Transport
- Curriculum for life
- Living Wage

When the debates had taken place a vote was held and it had been agreed that the two campaigns to take forward would be:-

National Campaign – Tackling Racism and Religious Discrimination
Devolved Campaign (across England only) - Mental Health

Bilal explained that the afternoon was spent in a workshop looking at tackling issues in the NHS. This included young carers and transitional care, local health providers, inconsistency in services, employment, school nurses and lack of school nurses.

There had also been a workshop to consider how to progress with the 'Don't Hate, Educate' campaign and a plan had been formulated.

Initially a school survey would be designed to ask which religious groups young people would like to be educated about. The survey would also ask questions about discrimination so that statistics could be compiled.

It was hoped that an event would be organised with different groups attending to educate about their religion or race and provide information and answer questions.

Each school would select 1 champion per year group to attend the event and take part in the workshops relating to the different religions and races. The school champions would then be tasked with putting together a 'Don't Hate, Educate' assembly which the whole of their school would attend.

Bilal explained that he had approached the two Bury MPs and had met with David Nuttall to discuss the campaign. He was still waiting to hear from Ivan Lewis.

Emily reported that she had attended the Youthforia meeting that had been held on 24 January 2016. The meeting had covered 3 main topics: Sub area meetings on how to carry out the campaigns. This included the possibility of joining with other areas to discuss the different approaches being used in relation to the campaigns. Budget was reported as being an issue for some areas.

The groups split into smaller groups and took part in a Dragon's Den style pitch in relation to the Don't Hate, Educate campaign.

The final part of the meeting had been a discussion between all of the MEPs about the continuing refugee crisis in Syria.

It was reported that the Youthforia meetings were held across the region at different locations. The MYPs and /or their deputies would normally attend but this had now been opened up to include any young person. Those present were invited to attend the next meeting that was being held in March in Warrington.

It was explained that there was already an established young persons' forum which was undertaking work in relation to mental health in Bury. The young people could tap into this for their campaign on mental health issues.

YC.4 TAKEOVER DAY

Adele explained that the Council would be hosting a takeover day where young people would be given the opportunity to try out a job for a day. Adele asked those present to have a think about the sort of jobs they would like to carry out and this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet.

YC.5 COMMISSIONING DOCUMENT CONSULTATION

It was reported that the Commissioning Document was a guide that is given to officers who want to have a panel of young people undertake interviews.

The document sets out information such as notice required to the young person, information provided prior to interview and the role of the young person in the process.

Adele stated that she would present the document to the Cabinet at its next meeting for the youth cabinet input.

YC.6 BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

The young people were asked to discuss ways to promote the national campaigns. A list was drawn up of what could be done and by whom.

Councillor Jones explained that he had worked as both a police officer and a community safety officer and had given training in relation to hate crime. It was suggested that this should be liked into.

Councillor Parnell reported that there was a Hate Crime School Conference in March that the young people may wish to attend, this could help with the campaign work.

Bilal Qureshi
Chair

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