

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 7 December 2017

Present:

Also in attendance:

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor D Jones and Councillor G Keeley

YC.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

YC.2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

YC.3 MATTERS ARISING

Bury Takeover Day:

Members of the Youth Cabinet attended various different events on 24 November to gain a greater understanding of how different services work.

Harriet explained how some members visited St Mary's Place, Bury, where the Bury Children's Rights team is based. The team offers a service for children and young people in care above the age of 8 years old that are looked after by Bury Council. They were given the opportunity to look at case studies of individuals within the borough and the decisions that had been taken for them. At the end of the day, the youths were asked to come up with an idea for an app, which will be used in future training sessions for the team.

Another service visited by the young people was the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service at their Training Centre. The training centre included replica houses and cars which were used a demonstration, so the young people got the chance to see how firemen would deal with different fires.

The firemen then took the members to a local primary school to give the young people an insight into how they teach smaller children about fire safety.

The third organisation visited by members of the Youth Cabinet was Early Break, Bury. The cabinet was informed that Early Break is a charity based in Bury which helps young people in the area struggling with drug addiction. The team were invited to see how the charity recruits its staff members, including what qualities they must have.

The cabinet members who visited the charity learnt about drugs which are common within the area, and how they affect those that use them. Cabinet members were then shown a series of case studies including young people from

across the borough who are struggling with substance abuse, and had to decide how the charity should help them

Members of the cabinet all agreed the day was insightful and interesting. Feedback forms were handed out at the meeting for all members who participated in Takeover Day to fill out.

Councillor Cathcart asked the youth cabinet members if there was any 'Taking-Over' on takeover day. The cabinet members who visited St Mary's Place told Councillor Cathcart that they were asked what decisions they thought would be best for people which were in the case studies they looked at.

The cabinet members who visited Early Break informed the cabinet that they were asked to develop a smart plan, to see how the company could improve their service.

The cabinet members involved in the Takeover Day agreed that they day was very informative and insightful.

YC.4 MAKE YOUR MARK

Numair gave an update on what happened at the Make Your Mark event he had attended on 13 November in the House of Commons.

Make Your Mark was a meeting of all the MYP members of the UK, who gather at the Houses of Parliament to discuss the biggest issues facing young adults within the United Kingdom Today.

Numair informed the youth cabinet that the MYPs were given 16 chosen topics to discuss. From these 16, two would be chosen as the Make Your Mark campaigns for the upcoming year. The MYPs debated these topics and voted for the two topics which they believe were the most important.

The Youth Cabinet was informed that the two chosen topics were:

- Votes for Under 16s
- Curriculum for Life to be on the School Syllabus

YC.5 YOUTHFORIA

Members of the Youth Cabinet were unable to attend the Youthforia event due to illness.

YC.6 THE BIG DEBATE- SHOULD THE UK HAVE A MONARCHY?

The debate was held on whether the UK should have a serving monarchy.

Those present put forward reasons for keeping a serving Monarchy and abolishing it.

Following the debate, a vote was taken.

It was agreed:

The UK should keep its Monarchy.

**COUNCILLOR
Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 6.45 pm)