

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 8 September 2022

Present: Councillors L Dean, G Marsden, L McBriar and D Duncalfe

Youth Members – Georgia (Chair), Adam, Daniel, Areeba, Laraib, Fearne, Courtney, Evie, Josh, Wahab, Grace, Alex and Oliver

Also in attendance: Councillor Berry (Observer), Heather Walton – Youth Participation Worker, Adele Crowshaw - Youth Participation Worker, Jeanette Richards – Executive Director of Children and Young People, Kelly Barnett – Democratic Services

Apologies for Absence: Councillor M Hayes, Councillor C Morris and Councillor L Smith

Youth Members - Maddie, and Phoebe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence are noted above.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dean declared a personal interest in Bury Council, as his partner's employer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting scheduled on 16 June 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The amended terms of reference were presented to Youth Members for their agreement.

It was agreed:

1. To approve the terms of reference.

CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE

Heather Walton circulated a form outlining the key findings from the Circles of Influence Event 2022. Heather asked Youth Members if they were happy with the proposed key findings and if they had any additional ideas from the ones already listed on the form.

Youth members advised that in relation to the key findings:

Item 1 – The most pressing issue for young people is the need for better mental health support in schools.

Youth members advised that they had met with Jane Case and Cathy Fines from the NHS to discuss mental health. It was suggested that awareness of where to get mental health support should be listed under the 'young people's ideas' section of the form.

Item 2 – Young people feel they leave school without the skills needed to succeed in life.

Youth members suggested that first aid, driving and road safety, and CV help should be listed under the 'young people's ideas' section of the form.

Item 3 – Young people want access to good advice and guidance.

Youth Members suggested that career support, appropriate behaviour and youth groups promoting wider activities be listed under the 'young people's ideas' section of the form.

Item 5 – Young people feel unsafe in Bury and on public transport due to concerns about knife crime and youth violence.

Youth members suggested that informing people of who to contact when they have an issue and trying to reach 'hard to reach' communities should be listed under the 'young people's ideas' section of the form.

Item 7 – Young People want to see more action to protect the environment and promote sustainable living.

Youth members suggested that informing young people about products should be listed under the 'young people's ideas' section of the form.

Jeanette Richards provided Youth Cabinet with an update on what Bury Council will do with the information provided from the Circles of Influence Event. Jeanette explained that the plan will be taken to a partnership meeting on 27th September to review and hold to account the wider partnership around the important issues. Jeanette explained that the message needs to be taken out to the wider council teams to make the necessary changes and explained that there will be a meeting held in October where the entire focus will be on children's issues. A plan of action will be formed within the Strategic Partnership Board.

It was agreed:

1. Heather Walton to update the key findings form with the suggestions and ideas from Youth Members.
2. Jeanette Richards to bring the plan of action that is formed at the Strategic Partnership Board to a Youth Cabinet meeting, to be reviewed.

LET'S DO IT INDICATORS

Heather Walton circulated a paper to Youth Cabinet members which highlighted the aims for young people and children in Bury. Heather asked members to form 3 groups to look at the indicators of each aim highlighted on the 'Let's Do It for Children and Young People' paper. Each group had the opportunity to contribute to all of the 'Let's Do It for Children and Young People' indicators.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL YOUTH VOICE UPDATE

Due to the news of the passing of HRH The Queen, the meeting ended.

It was agreed:

1. To defer the item to the next Youth Cabinet meeting.

THE BIG DEBATE - SHOULD EXAMS BE ABOLISHED?

Due to the news of the passing of HRH The Queen, the meeting ended.

It was agreed:

1. To defer the item to the next Youth Cabinet meeting.

**COUNCILLOR
Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 5.10 pm and ended at 6.30 pm)