

Briefing Note

To:	Youth Cabinet
From:	Democratic Services
Date:	27 September 2023
Subject:	Making sure children and young people's voices are heard more in the decision-making processes of the Council.

Recently the Leader of the Council met with other Group Leaders and the Mayor to discuss how to ensure children and young people's voices are heard in the Council's decision-making process.

As members of the Youth Cabinet, the Leader of the Council would like to know your thoughts around ways to ensure that children and young people's voices are heard more in the decision-making processes of the Council?

To date, the voice of children and young people are being heard through the following means:

The Chair of the Youth Cabinet is a coopted member of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Meeting – as a coopted member he is invited to ask questions on any item under consideration and may also put forward items for discussion/review.

Democratic Services are arranging visits for group leaders to visit secondary schools with the mayor to discuss their roles.

A young person from the Children in Care Council co-chairs the Corporate Parenting Board.

The Youth Mayor to be invited to civic events.

Invites have been extended for Council Meetings to the Youth Parliamentary MP, the Chair of Corporate Parenting Board and the Youth Mayor.

The Mayor has set up a tik tock account to promote her work/events she attends

Other suggestions of ways to engage young people and children in decision making

The Youth Cabinet to present a motion once a year, on an issue to be discussed at full council for a decision to be made.

Have you any additional suggestions?

Your suggestions will be discussed at the next Democratic Arrangements Forum with group leaders.