

Youth Cabinet Motion – July 2025

Presented by Youth Cabinet Mayor, Violet Eadington and supported by Laraib Malik (deputy youth mayor).

At our most recent Circles of Influence conference, it was identified that not all high schools within the borough have a School Council. Additionally, some existing councils lack a structured framework. To ensure comprehensive representation of young people across Bury, the Youth Cabinet proposes that Bury Council offer support to every high school to establish a School Council with appointed representatives. These representatives would participate in full Youth Cabinet meetings and a quarterly School Council Forum. To support this initiative, formal training will be offered to all schools, promoting a consistent and effective model.

Rationale:

- Every student should have a platform to voice concerns, share ideas, and provide feedback on school life, contributing to positive change.
- Leadership skills such as communication, collaboration, and decision-making are essential for young people but are often underdeveloped.
- It is crucial to educate students about democracy, responsibility, and active citizenship.
- Schools that engage with student perspectives can better identify areas for improvement and implement meaningful changes.
- Empowering students fosters a sense of value, inclusion, and engagement in their school community.
- Strengthening communication and collaboration between students and staff enhances the overall school environment.
- The Bury Youth Cabinet acknowledges that the academisation of local schools presents challenges in maintaining consistent School Council standards.

This Council Notes:

- Not all schools currently have functioning School Councils.

This Council Resolves To:

- Encourage schools to participate in the provided training and forums.
- Promote the benefits of School Councils to encourage widespread adoption.
- Support full Youth Cabinet meetings and student representation initiatives.

By implementing these measures, we aim to create a more inclusive, democratic, and student-focused education system across Bury.