

Notice of meeting of

Young People's Working Group

- To:** Councillors Scott (Chair), Levene, Ayre (Vice-Chair), Richardson, Looker and D'Agorne
- Date:** Monday, 16 January 2012
- Time:** 5.00 pm
- Venue:** The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 3 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2011.

3. Public Participation

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4. Towards the next Children and Young People's Plan (Pages 9 - 14)

The purpose of this report is to inform the Group that work is about to start on the next Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for York, to run from the Autumn of this year until 2016. In particular, plans are being started for a consultation process that ensures that children, young people and parents are informed, consulted and involved as much as is possible in the development of the plan.

5. Youth Café

Officers will provide an oral update for members of the Group on current progress towards the long-held ambition to establish a city-centre Youth Café

6. Youth Council Matters

Members of the Youth Council will be present to explain their current campaigns, to update members of the Group on progress, and to provoke discussion. We also hope that one or more of the Young Inspectors will also be present, in which case they too will update the Group on their recent inspections.

7. Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972

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Committee Minutes

MEETING	YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP
DATE	17 OCTOBER 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS SCOTT (CHAIR), POTTER, LEVENE, AYRE (VICE-CHAIR), RICHARDSON AND D'AGORNE

7. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting, any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor D'Agorne declared a personal interest in the remit of the Working Group as a Careers Adviser at York College.

Councillor Potter also declared a personal interest in the remit of the Working Group as the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People's Services.

No other interests were declared.

8. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND MATTERS ARISING**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Young People's Working Group held on 18 October 2010 and 20 June 2011 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

9. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

10. CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH COUNCIL AND OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE

Discussion between Members, the Youth Council and other Young People who were present at the meeting took place. Details of this discussion are presented under the following minute items, "York Youth Council Annual Report and Future Priorities" and "The Young Inspectors".

11. YORK YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND FUTURE PRIORITIES

Members received a report which invited them to meet representatives of the Youth Council for an informal discussion, and to consider the Youth Council's Annual Report.

Members of the Youth Council who were present at the meeting summarised their report and spoke about the three main campaigns that they had focused over the last year, these being;

- The development of a City Centre Youth Café
- The establishment of a Festival of Youth
- Change Champions

Three Youth Council Members who were also Members of the UK Youth Parliament spoke about achievements that had been reached in relation to the Young Carers Card (which requests that young carers get more time and support) and Future Decision Making Packs. The Working Group was informed that the new Youth Council had met for their first session and would report back to Members at a future meeting.

Discussion between Members and Youth Councillors took place around issues such as;

- Increased participation in Youth Council elections, such as the use of webcams for candidates to make speeches.
- Promotion of these elections and the Youth Council in general, on the schools curriculum in York.
- Widening participation in the Youth Council to include secondary schools.

It was noted that funding to resolve issues was often a challenge (in particular, the widening of the YorZone card to students aged 16-18) and that co-operation from all schools in the city was not always guaranteed.

It was suggested that bus travel and the issues around this could be a priority for the Youth Council. Members suggested that the Youth Council might have a better chance of success if they present the idea of a trial period for the extension of the YorZone card to the bus companies, rather than a full extension.

Finally, it was reported, that the Youth Council was happy to offer Members a standing invite to attend their meetings, the next one being on 2 November 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of the York Youth Council be received.

REASON: To ensure that young people's views are taken into account in Council decision-making.

12. THE YOUNG INSPECTORS

Members received a report about the York Young Inspectors Programme and met some of the Young Inspectors present at the meeting.

Members were informed about the work of the Young Inspectors, in inspecting organisations in York on how they considered young people when providing their services.

It was reported that the Young Inspectors would undertake an assessment of an organisation and then write a report which would be sent to the organisation. The inspections would often take place, after organisations had approached the Young Inspectors to inform them of what their strengths were in relation to their services to young people, but sometimes a 'mystery shopper' assessment would be undertaken.

In relation to how the current Young Inspectors took up their roles, Members were informed that invitations were sent out to Youth Clubs to urge involvement in the scheme. In some cases, potential Youth Inspectors were referred through mentoring schemes.

Members asked the Young Inspectors if feedback and findings from their inspections were being shared with other organisations in the city. The Young Inspectors responded that there were often issues with confidentiality, such as in the assessment of the anti bullying survey, which prevented sharing information with others.

Some Members asked if assessments could be carried out unannounced when the Young Inspectors had not informed organisations of the inspection. It was noted that inspections had not been planned in this way. The Young Inspectors added that they wished to inspect provision for young people by bus companies in York. Some Members added that they would inform the Quality Bus Partnership of the Young Inspectors concerns.

Members were informed of the inspection of the Council's Shine Magazine for young people. Conclusions from this inspection included that more pictures needed to be included, stronger language regarding bullying should be used and that more leaflets on Sex Education and alcohol needed to be available for young people in the city.

RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted.

 (ii) That the oral feedback from the Young Inspectors be noted.

REASON: To ensure that young people's views are taken into account in Council decision-making.

13. CHANGE CHAMPIONS

Members received a presentation on the Change Champions scheme. This was not part of the printed agenda, but with the agreement of the Chair, the Working Group received the presentation.

Members were informed about the scheme and what work the scheme had been involved in. They were informed that the scheme was a model of neighbourhood working which trained Young People to look at statistics and priorities at a local level.

This would then allow for an action plan to be produced for the ward regarding the issues that were important for young people in the local area.

Issues that the Change Champions had raised included;

- Open Spaces and the use of these by young people
- The use of more positive signs to replace signs such “No Ball Games”, an example of a more positive sign being “You Can Play Here”.

Discussion between Members and Officers focused on updated case studies of Change Champion work, young people submitting priorities to Ward Committees and if, as a result of the trial in the selected wards, that the programme would be extended in the rest of the city.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Management Team were taking the lead on the trial of Change Champions in the city, but that Members wished to receive a further update report from Officers in relation to Voice and Influence work at a future meeting.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the presentation be noted.
 - (ii) That an update report on the Change Champion and other Voice and Influence work be presented to the Young People’s Working Group at a future meeting.

REASON: To ensure that the Change Champions’ views are taken into account in Council decision-making.

14. FUTURE WORK PLAN

Discussion took place between Members and Officers which related to the work plan of the Young People’s Working Group.

The Chair raised a comment about the presentation of minutes of Working Groups being presented at Cabinet meetings. He suggested that the Chairs of Working Groups should be invited

to future Cabinet meetings when the minutes of their groups were scheduled to be considered.

RESOLVED: That the following items be added to the work plan;

- (i) That a report on Change Champions and Voice and Influence Work be considered at the meeting of the Young People's Working Group in January.¹
- (ii) That an invitation be extended to the York Youth Council to attend the next meeting of the Young People's Working Group in January.²
- (iii) That dates of Youth Council meetings be circulated to Members.³

REASON: So that the Working Group's work plan be updated.

Action Required

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| 1. To produce a report on Change Champions and Voice and Influence Work. | MB |
| 2. To invite the Youth Council to attend the YPWG meeting in January. | SN |
| 3. To circulate Youth Council dates to Members of YPWG. | CP |

Cllr D Scott, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.40 pm and finished at 7.10 pm].



Young People's Working Group**16 January 2012**

Report from the Assistant Director, Integrated Commissioning

Towards the next Children and Young People's Plan**Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Group that work is about to start on the next Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for York, to run from the Autumn of this year until 2016. In particular, we are now starting to plan for a consultation process that ensures that children, young people and parents are informed, consulted and involved as much as is possible in the development of the plan.

Background

2. The present CYPP was launched in April 2009 to run until 2012. Board Members who want to refresh their memories can view the Plan at <http://www.york.org.uk/Workforce/About%20YorOK/children-young-peoples-plan.html>. The 25 Priorities that emerged from this planning process are attached as an Appendix in two formats: that used for members of the workforce, and the version produced by and for young people.
3. The Plan has served us well. It has been widely praised for its clarity and its coherence. Copies of the priorities still adorn the walls of many Headteachers, doctors' surgeries, children's centres, CYC staff and elsewhere. The Plan has created a strategic environment in which outcomes for children and young people have been very successful in almost all areas. In particular the last three years have seen sustained improvements in health and educational outcomes, a discernible "narrowing of the gap", the creation and maintenance of a network of children's centres, and very low rates of NEET, teenage pregnancy, youth offending and other such outcomes. York's children's services have been consistently marked as "outstanding" by Ofsted throughout this period.
4. The exceptions to this picture have been the increase in the number of Looked After Children (to some extent a national phenomenon),

educational outcomes for this group, post-16 opportunities for those with learning difficulties or disabilities, and persistent child poverty. These would arguably need to be at the heart of a renewed set of priorities for the next planning period.

5. The Plan is formally owned by the YorOK Board (the local name for York's Children's Trust). The last government legislated to make such Trusts, and such Plans, a statutory requirement. However, the present government is in the process of removing this requirement. The line from government now is that it still considers partnership working to be a priority, but that it is up to local areas to decide how best to work together, and whether to produce a single Plan. The YorOK Board is expected to confirm – at a meeting which also takes place on 16 January – that it sees great value in continuing to operate as a strategic partnership, and within the context of a jointly-owned strategic plan. The remainder of this paper assumes that this decision has been confirmed.

Consultation

6. Officers will discuss with the Group their first thoughts on ways of consulting children, young people and their families on what they would like to see in the next Plan. This will reflect the views of the YorOK Involvement Group. YPWG Members' own views about this would be welcome.

Options and Analysis

7. The remainder of this paper offers some preliminary thoughts about the structure and content of the new Plan, to allow the Group to have an initial discussion. These thoughts are simply the views of the report Author, and are of course not intended to pre-judge the outcome of the consultation process.
8. One initial question is whether we want more explicitly to make the next Plan a document which covers services for *families*, as well as for Children and Young People. This could be reflected in the very title – eg, we could go for a snappier main title such as “Investing in York's Future” with a subsidiary title such as “The YorOK Commissioning Plan for Children, Young People and their Families for 2013-16”.
9. A further initial question is how to structure any new Plan. The last two Plans have been structured around the five “Every Child Matters” outcomes. These have become something of a common currency across the YorOK workforce and have served us well. However they

are no longer part of official government policy, and the time may have come to move on. We did, it must be said; sometimes struggle to delineate some of the five outcomes.

10. For the sake of debate, therefore, we propose that the new Plan is structured around four headings as follows:

Keeping you healthy, happy and safe

(including health outcomes, emotional wellbeing and safeguarding, work to combat bullying and exploitation)

Great education and training, great opportunities

(bringing together material on schools, transitions, IAG and economic wellbeing, environment, voice and influence)

Extra help for those who need it

(targeted work, preventative work, LAC, narrowing the gap, disabled, minorities)

Things to do and places to go

(positive contribution, culture, youth charter, youth cafe, transport issues, young people's standing in the community)

These suggestions are not intended to stifle debate, rather to provoke it. *The Group's comments are invited.*

11. When it comes to the new priorities themselves, it might be preferable to end up with fewer than the 25 we had last time, and distinguish more clearly the work we need to do to *maintain progress* (eg around NEET, teenage pregnancy, safeguarding etc) from the work we need to do to achieve a quantum *shift in outcomes*. Again, for the purposes of debate, we might expect to see explicit priorities around these issues:

- relentless pressure to narrow gaps in outcomes, wherever they might occur, and whether they be health-related or educational, eg:
 - between geographic communities
 - between LAC children and others
 - between children on Free School Meals and others
 - between other minority groups and others;
- a particular focus on reducing child poverty and its impact;
- a sustained programme to reduce the LAC population;
- a fresh emphasis on mental health services for young people;
- better long-term opportunities for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities;
- better support for young carers.

The Group's comments are invited.

12. Finally, it is suggested that whatever the content, the drafting of the Plan retains those elements of the last Plan which were most successful, ie:

- clear, simple language with no acronyms;
- all proposals to be based on clear evidence;
- all priorities to be based around clear outcomes.

Council Plan 2011-15

13. The contents of this paper are potentially relevant to all aspects of the Council Plan, but in particular to the priorities around:

- Creating communities where young people can flourish
- Supporting families
- Creating a culture of enterprise.

Implications

Financial implications: none at this stage.

Human Resources implications: none immediately.

There are no, **Equalities, Crime and Disorder, IT or Property** implications.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

13. That the Young People's Working Group notes the contents of this report and comment as appropriate on the issues raised around consultation and content.

Reason: To ensure young people's views are taken into account in Council decision-making.

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**Report
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Date

6/1/2012

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All

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Annexes:

**Posters setting out the priorities from the 2009-2012 Children and
Young People's Plan**

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