



**Notice of meeting of
Young People's Working Group**

To: Councillors Scott (Chair), Potter, Levene, Ayre (Vice-Chair), Richardson and D'Agorne

Date: Monday, 17 October 2011

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York

A G E N D A

The formal meeting will be preceded by an informal visit to the site of the proposed Youth Café, at the “back of Borders”. If any Members wish to attend this visit please convene outside **3 Little Stonegate at 5.00 pm.**

The formal meeting will take place at **the Guildhall at 5.30 pm**, after the site visit.

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 of the Previous Meetings and (Pages 3 - 14) Matters Arising

To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 18 October 2010 and 20 June 2011.

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Working Group's remit can do so. The deadline for registering is **Friday 14 October 2011 at 5:00 pm.**

4. Consultation and Discussion with the Youth Council and other Young People

This agenda item will provide the opportunity for consultation and discussion to take place between Members, the Youth Council and other Young People.

5. York Youth Council Annual Report and (Pages 15 - 22) Future Priorities

This report invites Members to meet representatives of the Youth Council for an informal discussion. Members of the Youth Council will present their Annual Report, which is attached at **Annex A**. They will summarise their work over the past year and outline their future priorities.

6. The Young Inspectors (Pages 23 - 26)

This report invites Members to meet some of York's Young Inspectors, to hear about their work, and to debate possible future ideas for activities.

7. Future Work Plan (Pages 27 - 28)

This report invites Members to consider topics for possible inclusion on the future work programme of the Group.

8. 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	18 OCTOBER 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LOOKER (CHAIR), RUNCIMAN (VICE-CHAIR), AYRE, BOWGETT AND ASPDEN
IN ATTENDANCE	REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL, THE MEMBER FOR YORK FOR THE UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

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 Aspden declared a standing interest as an employee of a school in North Yorkshire and a member of the National Union of Teachers (NUT).

No other interests were declared.

8. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Young People's Working Group held on 21 July 2010 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. **REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION OF THE YORK YOUTH COUNCIL AND THE FIRST FESTIVAL OF YOUTH**

Members received a report reflecting on the operation of the York Youth Council and the first Festival of Youth, which took place last summer.

Youth Council

Discussion on the operation of the Youth Council took place around several issues including;

- The number of schools involved, in particular the remaining ones who did not have representation.
- Strategies and policies used to examine what were the most important issues for the Youth Council to look at.
- The current levels of funding for the City Centre Youth Café and the significance of investment from Ward Committees.
- The importance of the location of the Youth Café in the City Centre for transport links.

The Chair spoke about her attendance at the last Youth Council meeting and expressed her delight in its operation.

Officers informed Members that a grant of £20,000 had recently been received from the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust, to help with the establishment of the Youth Café.

It was noted that funding for the Youth Council had been limited from some Ward Committees, but this was not the case for all. However, it was also noted that issues affecting young people had been discussed at all Ward Committee meetings.

Festival of Youth

Representatives from the Youth Council informed Members that although the first Festival of Youth had been a success and they had enjoyed organising it, several lessons had been learnt for the future including;

- The possible relocation from Rowntree Park to a site in the City Centre, such as Museum Gardens.
- That audience numbers had been mixed, however, there were young people who attended on both days.
- There was a need for additional and clear signage, if there was another festival, as performances took place in various locations across the park.

The recent York Food Festival had included a Youth Stage during its evening hours of operation. Officers suggested that if funding could not be secured for a future Festival of Youth, links to other festivals could enable it to continue next year. The Council's Festival team already had links to the Youth Council, having previously advised them on issues relating to the organisation of the Festival.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the comments from the representatives of the York Youth Council be noted.
 - (ii) That the Members of the Young People's Working Group continue to support the development of the Youth Council and its activities.

REASON: To ensure the views of young people are taken into account in Council decision-making.

11. DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING IN YORK

Members received a report, which invited them to review young people's involvement in decision making processes in the City of York and to debate possible future developments. They also received an oral presentation from representatives of the Youth Council in relation to this.

Officers expanded on the idea of Change Champions, which had been presented at the last meeting of the Young People's Working Group in July.

Members questioned various aspects of the report and the presentation including;

- Who would be involved as Change Champions?
- How would this work in parallel with the Schools Councils Conferences?
- That it would be better to trial the idea on a locality basis for the first year, before developing ideas for the future.

Officers highlighted that the definition of a Change Champion was a fluid one, and all those involved in activities with young people could be referred to in this way. It was noted that funding for a pilot scheme for young people's involvement in decision making was secure for the current year, but that this could be subject to future financial considerations.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the Young People's Working Group supports the notion of "Change Champions" as a means of bringing together young people of all ages with decision makers and elected members.
- REASON: To ensure the views of young people are taken into account in Council decision making.

12. DISABLED YOUNG PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT (JUNIOR A TEAM)

Members received a report from the Head of Integrated Services for Disabled Children, which invited them to have exploratory discussions with representatives from the Youth Council about how to enable disabled young people to share their views and concerns with Members. A representative of the Junior A (Access) Team also was present and gave an informal presentation.

Members were informed of the roles of Officers in working with disabled young people in York and the reasons for the creation of the Junior A Team.

A representative of the Junior A Team informed Members how he enjoyed the activities on offer at the Choose 2 Youth Club in Fulford because they were so varied.

Some Members suggested that perhaps the links between the young people involved in the Junior A Team and the Council could be improved through more Member participation in engagement at meetings of the Team. The attendance of a smaller number of Members would be more beneficial, because it was felt that it would offer the young people more opportunities to speak and would create a more informal atmosphere.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the Young People's Working Group support the role of the A Team, engaging with them four to five times a year.

- (iii) That Member attendance at the meetings of the Junior A Team be investigated.

REASON: To ensure the views of disabled young people are taken into account in Council decision making.

13. CHALLENGING NEGATIVE MEDIA IMAGES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Members of the Young People's Working Group and representatives from the Youth Council took part in a discussion regarding the challenges to offset negative media images of young people.

Discussion focused on several issues including;

- The need for a film and a talk exploring young people's issues in York to be commercially viable for venues to show.
- The possible links that could be made between the Youth Council and the Older People's Assembly.
- The role of volunteering in counteracting negative images held of young people and in boosting self esteem.

Cllr J Looker, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.05 pm and finished at 6.25 pm].

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MEETING	YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP
DATE	20 JUNE 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS SCOTT (CHAIR), LEVENE, CUNNINGHAM-CROSS (SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNCILLOR POTTER), RICHARDSON AND D'AGORNE
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS POTTER AND AYRE

1. **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 non prejudicial interest in the business on the agenda generally through his job as a Careers Co-ordinator at York College.

Councillor Scott declared a personal non prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5 (Future Services and Activities for Young People in York) due to his wife's employment in the Wider Opportunities Programme.

No other interests were declared.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Young People's Working Group held on 18 October 2010 be deferred to be signed and approved at the next scheduled meeting, due to the absence of one of the Members who was present at that meeting.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN DECISION MAKING IN YORK.

Members received a verbal presentation on the development of arrangements for the inclusion of Young People in Decision Making in York.

Members were informed about the work of the Neighbourhood Action Teams in the West of the City, about the Show Me That I Matter Panel and about the York Youth Council. They were informed that the City of York Children and Young People's Plan linked all the groups together.

Members raised questions about how the York Youth Council linked with the Young People's Working Group, and about its composition. Members questioned why Youth Council members were not present at the Young People's Working Group and reaffirmed the view that up to four Youth councillors be invited to become co-opted members of the group. It was noted that all secondary schools in York were invited to take part in the Youth Council, including private schools, but that there remained a number of schools who were not represented. Members expressed their wish to receive a list of those who were involved in the Youth Council.

Officers were asked about the role of the Youth Engagement Officer at a ward level. It was explained that the Youth Engagement Officer was a person who supported overall engagement with Young People on behalf of each ward. It was suggested that a Youth Engagement Officer be invited to a future meeting of the Young People's Working Group.

In response to questions from Members about the York Youth Café, Officers informed them of the current situation. It was reported that plans were fairly well advanced on a potential new city centre venue that might house the café. Members were informed that the young people involved in the establishment of plans for the Youth Café had been supported to set up a charitable trust to help finance the project. It was reported that they had been awarded funding from the Joseph Rowntree Trust to aid the venture, and that other donations were in the pipeline. The Council was also supporting the project both directly and indirectly.

Some Members questioned as to why it was felt that a facility for Young People had to be located in the centre of York, and why it could not be located in the outer areas of the city where

funding and use of existing buildings could potentially be less of a problem.

Officers replied that the Youth Café project was essentially led by Young People, who had been pressing for some time for a city centre venue.

RESOLVED: (i) That the arrangements and developments for including Young People in Decision Making in York be noted.

(ii) That a list of secondary schools and others involved in the Youth Council be distributed to Members of the Young People's Working Group.

(iii) That a Youth Engagement Officer be invited to attend a future Young People's Working Group.

5. FUTURE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN YORK

Discussion took place between Members and Officers on the future services and activities for Young People in York.

The role of voluntary groups and community faith groups in providing services to Young People was noted, and it was acknowledged that the Council should seek to work in greater partnership with these groups. It was also noted that certain areas of the city had different challenges to others, and that provision of services for Young People in York would need to move towards a targeted rather than a universal approach.

Officers suggested that greater levels of engagement with voluntary groups could be achieved by offering them the use of Council buildings and vice versa. It was also suggested that a particular aim would be for Young People to be able to access greater support in the evening, and that this could possibly be achieved through co-operation and sharing of services with the voluntary and community sector.

Further to the discussion, certain Members questioned the background to the location of current Youth provision in the city, which meant that some young people attended a centre in a different ward to one where they lived. Officers responded that

the pattern of provision reflected historic decisions, but was reasonably well spread across the city.

Members suggested that if the voluntary sector were to take an increased role in the provision of services for Young People in York, it would be beneficial for training to be provided. However, some Members expressed the view that the people who had run the Youth Centres in York had not had the benefit of examining and understanding the current practices of Youth and Social Work, and so this would need to be included in the training.

6. FUTURE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP

Discussion took place amongst Members and Officers relating to the future of the Young People's Working Group (YPWG).

The Chair circulated an annex on the remit of the Young People's Working Group, which had been produced by Officers. This was attached to the agenda after the meeting, which was subsequently republished.

The Chair outlined that he felt that YPWG, due to its presence as an advisory rather than statutory group, tended only to offer information about what Young People were doing in the city, rather than as acting as an active conduit for views between Members and Young People. He suggested that the Constitution could possibly be amended to include the recommendation for the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People to present an annual report alongside the Youth Council to Full Council.

Members expressed concerns as to why the Working Group had not recently met with the Youth Council or had attended the York Secondary Schools and Primary Schools Conferences. It was felt that better communication was needed between Members and Young People and that this could be done by attendance at the Schools Conferences, and Youth Council meetings by Members. Alongside this it was suggested that Youth Councillors and Young People should to be canvassed as to whether they wished to attend YPWG. It was noted that attendance at YPWG would only be when the Young People wished to attend.

Some Members felt that it would be detrimental to focus solely on the Youth Council as the only forum for the views of Young People, because of its limited scope in representing Young People of secondary school age. They noted that the views of

Young People involved in the Show Me That I Matter Panels and the Junior A Team, for example, should not be forgotten.

Further discussion took place as to whether the Youth Council should be invited to the next meeting of YPWG, and if the Youth Council could discuss a similar item on their future at their next meeting. It was also felt to be beneficial for YPWG to receive a copy of the Youth Council's remit at their next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the following recommendations be forwarded to the Cabinet for their consideration;

- (i) That the opinion of the Young People's Working Group is that its remit to provide a conduit between Young People and Members is at present not being met as well as it should.
- (ii) That the Young People's Working Group meet the York Youth Council in order to address how to increase their engagement more widely with Young People.
- (iii) That consideration be given to holding additional meetings of the Young People's Working Group in order for greater consultation between Members, Young People and Officers to take place.
- (iv) That the remit of the York Youth Council be presented to Members at the next meeting of the Young People's Working Group.
- (v) That following consultation with Young People, further recommendations be presented to Cabinet as to how the Young People's Working Group can progress.

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Young People's Working Group**17 October 2011**

Report from the Assistant Director, Integrated Commissioning

York Youth Council: Annual Report and Future Priorities**Summary**

1. This report invites Members to meet representatives of the Youth Council for an informal discussion. Members of the Youth Council will present their Annual Report, which is attached at **Annex A**. They will summarise their work over the past year and outline their future priorities. Some of the Youth Council Members in attendance will have been elected just a few days earlier; this may very well be the first time that they have attended a formal meeting, or met Elected Members.

Background

2. York Youth Council has been established since October 2009, and is widely seen as a successful and influential body. Young People now have a clearly-identified route to pursue their own agenda, and a number of their early priorities (eg identification of a City Centre facility; organisation of an Annual Youth Festival; Young Carers' Card) have now come to fruition.
3. Membership of the Youth Council is broadly as set out at **Annex B**, although some of the details are amended from time-to-time in the light of experience. Members of the Youth Council elect York's Member of the UK Youth Parliament, and his/her two Deputies.

Topics for Discussion

4. Members of the Youth Council will be encouraged to present their Annual Report to Members, to reflect on their two years of operation, and to outline their future priorities. At the time of writing we do not know precisely what they will raise. Members of YPWG will be invited to discuss these matters with the young people; officers will be on hand to address any particular points.

Corporate Priorities

5. The opportunity for an exchange of views associated with this paper is consistent with the Council's objective to encourage children and young people to become active citizens, and to consult them about decisions that affect them.

Implications

6. **Financial** implications: none immediately, but any costs identified would have to come from within existing budgets.
7. **Human Resources** implications: none immediately.
8. There are no, **Equalities, Crime and Disorder, IT or Property** implications.

Risk Management

9. There are no specific risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

10. That the Young People's Working Group receive the Annual Report of York Youth Council, and discuss the topics and issues raised by the representatives of the Youth Council. The outcomes of these discussions may in some cases need to be forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People's Services.

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

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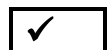
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Report
Approved



Wards Affected:

All



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Annexes:

A Annual Report of York Youth Council

B Composition of York Youth Council

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UK Youth Parliament

UK Youth Parliament is a UK-wide organisation that represents young people's views on a national basis. On 25 January, Castlegate played host to the election to choose three young people to become York's Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs) and represent York's youth in this national forum. Poppy Hindby-Smith, Ella Boorman and Harry Luck have since attended a training residential and regional meetings for Yorkshire and Humberside.

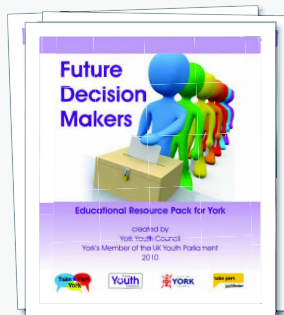
MYP campaigns

YOUNG CARERS: The regional campaign this year is to support young carers. In York a card has been created with York Carers Centre that will enable young carers to ask for a little extra consideration and receive the support they need in education. This is being piloted in York College, Askham Bryan College, All Saints School and Huntington School from September 2011.

The card was launched on 19 September, in an event to raise awareness of the pilot project with headteachers. It is hoped they will be encouraged to involve their own secondary schools from September 2012.



FUTURE DECISION-MAKERS: The packs of political education lessons that were created last year have been updated with information about the new York Councillors. The fabulous resource is being shared with MYPs across the region to enhance political education in Yorkshire and Humberside.



John Bercow MP

York's MYPs and Youth Council hosted a meeting with John Bercow MP to showcase the work of young people in York. The audience was made up of primary and secondary school pupils and politics students.

House of Commons

The House of Commons event was a fantastic opportunity to air the views of young people from across the country to national decision makers including the Children's Minister; Tim Loughton and former Deputy Prime Minister; John Prescott. Not only was it a great opportunity to represent young people, but also to demonstrate to the wider public that the stereotypes of young people aren't true and that we were more capable than in having a mature debate (better than actual MPs, according to the Speaker John Bercow).

Interested in getting involved?

If you'd like to get involved in York Youth Council, visit us at www.yorkyouthcouncil.co.uk or contact Sarah Nicholson on 01904 552355.

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Young people.
Working together.
Improving York.



A year for youth

Twenty-six young people have been nominated to represent the youth of York from schools, colleges and youth groups. This year we have worked with the old and new Councillors of the city. We campaigned to ensure young people are not unfairly targeted by the cuts to the public sector.

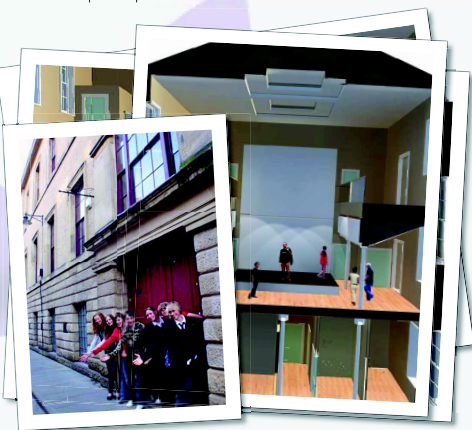
We are proud to announce that we have worked creatively with partners to achieve success in our three campaigns: positive images, the Festival of Youth, and our ongoing campaign for a city-centre venue for young people.

Our big issues

City centre venue

A continued campaign from last year is to open a city centre venue for young people. By popular vote of the Youth Councillors, the cafe will have fair trade products and an ethical purchasing policy.

The lease of the building is in its final stages, and now the Youth Council is focusing on enabling young people to be involved in the steering group and creating the identity of this special place.



Festival of Youth

The second Festival of Youth was a great success despite the weather. All the acts had a great time entertaining crowds of onlookers both young and old, and the day proved to be a fantastic showcase of York's young talent.

The Youth Council is really proud of this year's festival as it met our aims to organise an enjoyable day showing young people in a good light. We really hope that, if this becomes an annual event, next year the weather will be on our side.

Change Champions

Change Champions is York Youth Council's initiative to make sure that young people (including those at primary school) can meet with local service providers to discuss issues relevant to their ward. They then create an action plan to make a positive change where it is needed. These meetings are run by young people who have been trained in facilitation.



Positive images

Young people in York told us they were concerned about the negative media stereotype of teenagers. This negative image creates a division between the generations and is not helpful to our community.

This year we set out on an ambitious campaign, hosting an exhibition at the City Screen for a month that challenged the negative media image and gave a view about how young people feel they are misunderstood by their community.

A performance by young people on the main stage at the York Carnival bridged the gap between the generations by showing some of our common interests: music, fashion and *Doctor Who*.



And much more...

✳ **CITY BEAUTIFUL:** we looked at four key themes: development sites, streets, parks & river, and city walls.

✳ **CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL:** we have done a walk around the footstreets of York looking at how the city can be improved for residents and visitors without compromising its heritage.

✳ **TRANSPORT CONSULTATION:** we prioritised and advised on the most effective use of the limited available funding.

✳ **POVERTY CONSULTATION:** Youth Councillors helped by finding out what 200 people in York think.

✳ **LOCAL SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:** the reduction in money to local authorities means services need to be prioritised. York Youth Council has contributed to the decisions by saying what are the most important services for young people in York.

✳ **POLICE MEETING:** we attended a meeting of police in the North Yorkshire area at their head office.

✳ **INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL:** we discussed how things can be made more accessible for young people in York's schools.

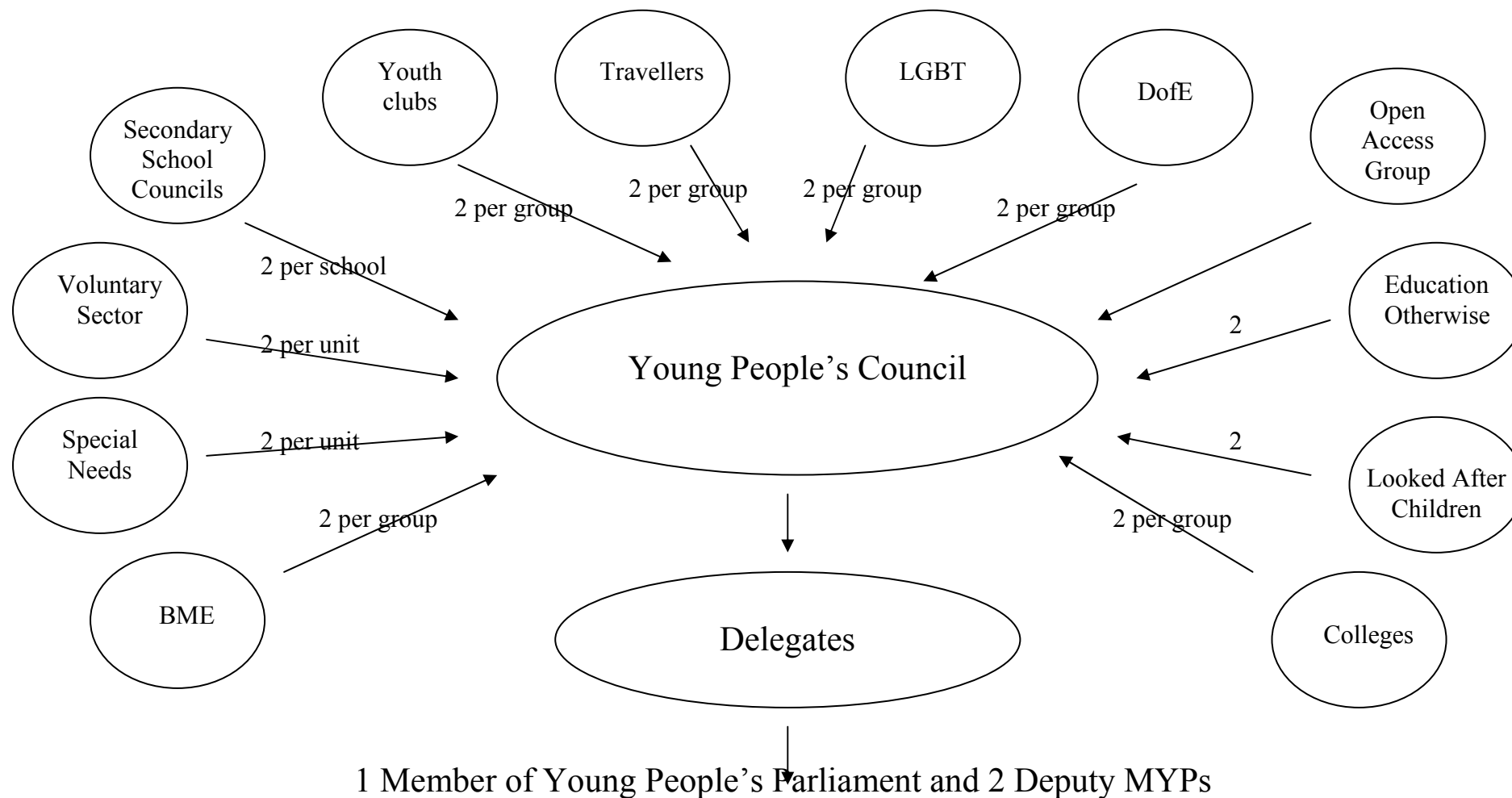
✳ **WORKSHOP FOR NEW COUNCILLORS:** we discussed how the Youth Council and Councillors can work together to improve York for young people.

✳ **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY:** Dionne Pentland attended the service at Clifford's Tower followed by the event at the Merchant Adventurer's Hall.

✳ **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL QUILT SQUARE:** we made a square for a large quilt made by voluntary groups in York commemorating 50 years of Amnesty International. The completed quilt will be displayed in York Minster.



Annex B – Membership of York Youth Council



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Young People's Working Group

17 October 2011

Report from the Assistant Director, Integrated Commissioning

The Young Inspectors Programme

Summary

1. This report invites Members to meet some of York's Young Inspectors, to hear about their work, and to debate possible future ideas for activities.

Background

2. York Young Inspectors programme recruits and trains up a group of young people from marginalised backgrounds to inspect services in the City and give feedback from a young person's perspective on how they could be improved. The programme has been established for 16 months. In that time, we have:

- Trained over 30 young people
- Completed 14 inspections

Two inspections have been of Health Services and have worked alongside the NHS "You're Welcome" criteria. We are aiming to encourage more partner organisations to engage with this process.

3. The process and focus of the inspection is agreed with the organisation before the young inspectors begin working on it. A wide variety of inspections has been undertaken, ranging from traditional services (YOT, Castlegate, GP's surgeries) through to open spaces (parks) and online tools and resources (anti-bullying survey and Shine website).
4. The Young Inspectors are supported in developing an inspection process that examines the service/ area they are looking at. This can involve:
 - On line research
 - Examining reports/ materials
 - Interviewing staff

- Surveying other people using the service
 - Mystery shopping the service
 - Observing the service.
5. Results from each inspection will be typed up, and recommendations will be developed - highlighting areas of strength as well as areas for development. Examples will be presented to YPWG Members at the meeting, and the young people will be encouraged to put forward their ideas for future inspection areas.

Corporate Priorities

6. The opportunity for an exchange of views associated with this paper is consistent with the Council's objective to encourage children and young people to become active citizens, and to consult them about decisions that affect them.

Implications

7. There are no immediate **Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Crime and Disorder, IT or Property** Implications.

Risk Management

8. There are no specific risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

9. That the Young People's Working Group receives the oral feedback from the Young Inspectors, and discusses the topics and issues raised. The outcomes of these discussions may in some cases need to be forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People's Services.

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

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Young People's Working Group

17 October 2011

Report from the Assistant Director, Integrated Commissioning

Future Work Programme for the Group

Summary

1. This report invites Members to consider topics for possible inclusion on the future work programme of the Group. It is suggested such topics might include:

- Update on the Restructuring of Young People's Services
- Overview of the Involvement Strategy for Young People
- Priorities for Inclusion in the Children and Young People's Commissioning Plan
- Regular Updates from York Youth Council

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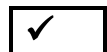
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