



## Notice of meeting of

### Young People's Working Group

**To:** Councillors Ayre, Fraser, Funnell, Looker (Chair),  
Runciman and Vassie

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 October 2008

**Time:** 4.00pm

**Venue:** Bedern Hall, Bartle Garth, St. Andrewgate, York,  
YO1 7AL.

### 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 5 - 10)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2008.

**3. Public Participation**

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**4. Children and Young Peoples Plan 2009-12 (Pages 11 - 14)  
Progress on Consultation.**

This report gives an update on the progress of the consultation on the Children and Young Peoples Plan 2009-12, which is being developed by the Yor-OK Board.

**5. UK Youth Parliament (Pages 15 - 20)**

This report provides supplementary information to that received by members at the previous meeting of the Young Peoples Working Group on the level of support that would be required if York was to resume membership of UK Youth Parliament.

**6. MYPLACE (Pages 21 - 24)**

This report provides an update on progress in identifying suitable city centre facilities that could be developed for young peoples use and made the subject of a bid for *myplace* Government funding

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

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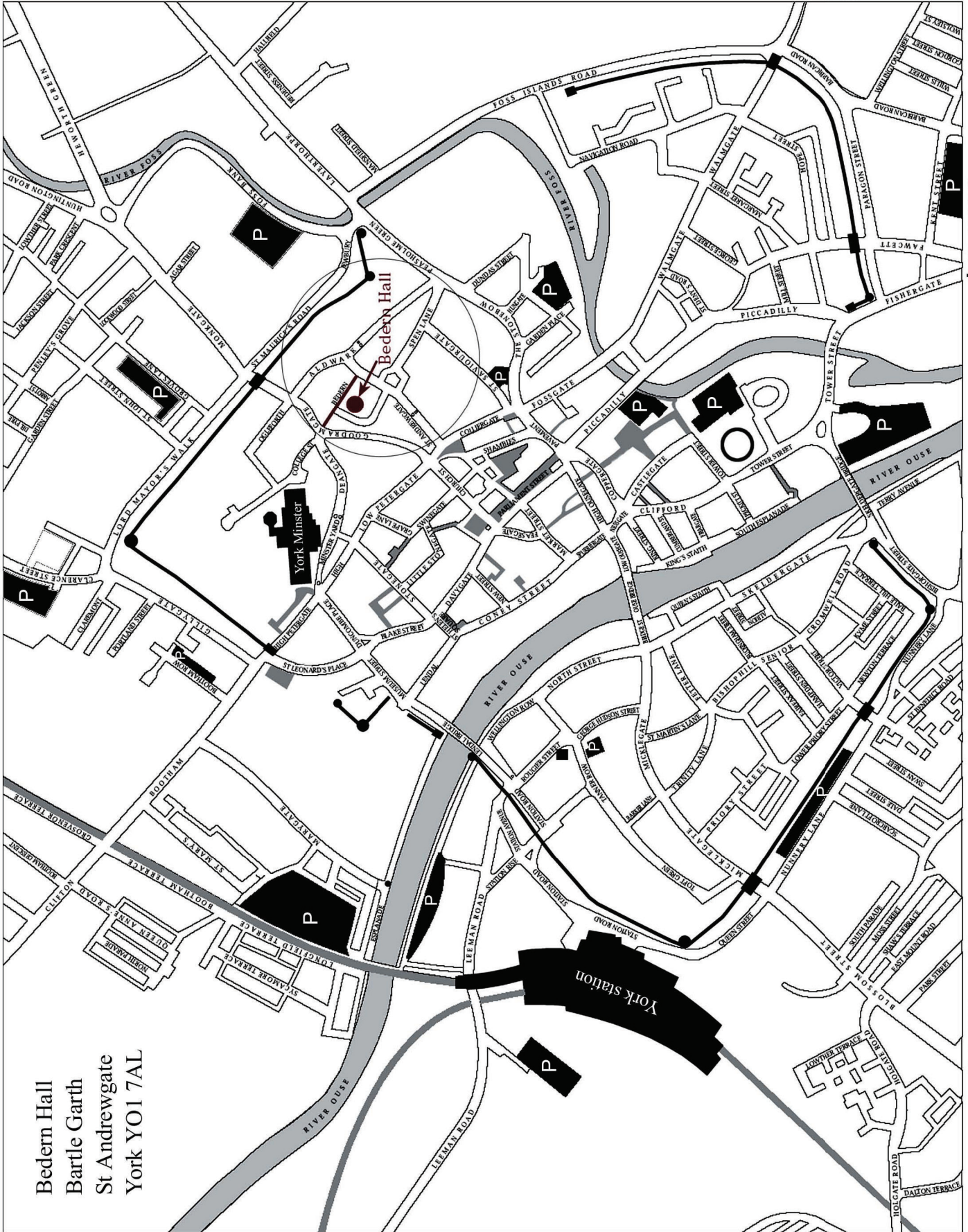
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MEETING	YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP
DATE	10 JULY 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS FRASER (IN THE CHAIR), AYRE, FRASER, VASSIE AND ASPDEN (SUBSTITUTE)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS BLANCHARD, LOOKER AND RUNCIMAN
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER (YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION)

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### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Fraser be elected to chair the meeting.

### 2. 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. The following interests were declared:

- Cllr Aspden – a personal interest in the business generally, as a member of the National Union of Teachers.
- Cllr Fraser – a personal interest in agenda item 4 (Myplace – Application for Lottery Funding), as a member of the Club and Institute Union.
- Cllr Vassie – a personal interest in the business generally, as the father of three children attending schools in the City of York area.

### 3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group, held on 23 April 2008, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / OTHER SPEAKERS

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

Cllr Alexander, who was present at the meeting as the Young People's Champion, had requested to speak in relation to agenda item 6 (UK Youth Parliament). The Chair invited him to make his comments when that item was under consideration.

## 5. MYPLACE - APPLICATION FOR LOTTERY FUNDING

Members considered a report which informed them of the Government's recently announced initiative, 'Myplace', to provide capital investment to improve facilities for young people.

*Myplace* would distribute £190m of Government capital investment over the next three years, though grants of between £1m and £5m. It would be administered by The Big Lottery Fund on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), with a deadline of 30 September for the first funding round. Criteria for the funding were set out in paragraph 7 of the report.

In York, consultation with third sector young people's groups had identified a groundswell of support to proceed with an application in the first round of bids. York CVS were willing to head the project, and their involvement would secure an extra £50k if the bid was successful. The Assistant Director for Partnerships and Early Intervention was leading the Council's contribution. Officers believed that the ideal bid would be for capital funds to radically enhance a run-down city centre property. They were currently examining several possibilities, including those listed in paragraph 13 of the report, although some of these had been eliminated since the report was written. Sites still under consideration included Hungate and the Railway Institute.

In discussing the proposals, Members welcomed the opportunity to gain funding for young people's facilities and the suggested focus of investment outlined in paragraph 8 of the report. They also welcomed the potential for mobile facilities to be part of the bid and asked whether this could include transport to enable those living in outlying parts of the City or in other wards to access the chosen site.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Executive be recommended to support the proposal to make a bid to the Myplace fund and note the Group's comments as summarised above.<sup>1</sup>

REASON: To enhance the facilities for young people's activities in the City.

- (ii) That, in developing the bid, Officers be advised to:<sup>2</sup>
- carry out a wide consultation, especially with young people's organisations, on the content of the bid and the potential location of the proposed facility;
  - propose two or three alternative sites as part of the consultation with young people;
  - ensure that the Council develops and maintains partnerships with other organisations to help prepare and support the bid.



REASON: So that young people are properly consulted on the nature and location of the proposed facility and so that all relevant organisations can be fully involved in developing the bid.

Action Required

1. Forward this recommendation to Executive (as part of reporting process for these minutes) KS  
ST
2. Take these comments into account during the consultation process.

**6. 11 MILLION TAKEOVER DAY**

Members considered a report which outlined the key aims of the 11 Million Takeover Day and how this would be planned in York to ensure the full involvement of children and young people.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November had been designated '11 Million Takeover Day', when the 11 million children and young people in England would be invited to 'take over' businesses, schools and councils, and be consultants to organisations that provided services to children. Building on lessons learned from the first Takeover Day, in November 2007, a number of ways were being developed to involve children and young people in the event, which would take place across the week including 7 November. These included shadowing the Executive Member for Children's Services for a day (22 October) and a key-note conference for Primary Schools Councils, as well as inviting feedback from children and young people as service users. The aim was to enable young people to take an active role in events, rather than just shadowing.

Members noted that the next meeting of the Working Group was on 22 October, which provided an opportunity to involve the young people shadowing the Executive Member in the meeting. This could include asking them to bring a report for discussion and / or to contribute to the consultation on the Myplace bid. It was suggested that discussions on the Myplace bid could initially be promoted via schools and / or school councils. In terms of the 'Takeover' events generally, it was agreed that a targeted approach would be needed to reach and engage a more diverse group of young people, beyond those regularly involved in such events.

RESOLVED: (i) That the proposals be welcomed and that the Executive be recommended to support the event and the activities taking place.<sup>1</sup>

REASON: In the interests of engaging children and young people in the local democratic process and other Council activities.

(ii) That the involvement of young people in the next meeting of the Working Group, on 22 October, be agreed in principle, subject to clarification on how this process will be managed.<sup>2</sup>

(iii) That consideration be given to seeking young people's views on the Myplace bid, through the avenues available such as schools and school councils, and bringing them to the meeting on 22 October for discussion with the young people attending that meeting, if the timetable for developing the bid allows.<sup>3</sup>

REASON: To enable the Young People's Working Group to play an appropriate part in the events of 11 Million Takeover Day.

Action Required

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| 1. Forward this recommendation to Executive (as part of reporting process for these minutes) | KS<br>ST |
| 2. Liaise with appropriate parties to facilitate this.                                       | ST       |
| 3. Liaise with appropriate parties to facilitate this.                                       |          |

**7. UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

Members considered a report which looked at the role of the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and the level of support and involvement that should be provided by the Council.

The UKYP, launched in July 1999, was an independent national charity that worked closely with the Government. It aimed to give young people aged 11 to 16 a voice in issues affecting them and a chance to be involved in the democratic process and take positive action on issues of concern. Each local education authority (LEA) in England represented a UKYP constituency, with an allocation of between one and six Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) apiece. York had previously been actively involved but the experience had not proved positive. In 2007, the Involvement Sub-group of the YorOK Board had considered the matter carefully and concluded that representation on the UKYP was not currently a priority. However, recent correspondence from York's MP had prompted the need for further debate on this subject.

Members' comments were invited on the following options:

**Option 1** – maintain the decision of the YorOK sub-group not to join the UKYP and instead to prioritise local inclusion, democracy and participation work, subject to reviewing this decision at a later date.

**Option 2** – to resume involvement in the UKYP and identify appropriate resources to ensure a positive experience and good outcomes for the MYP and young people in York.

Cllr Alexander, commenting as the Young People's Champion, spoke in support of Option 2, noting that he had been contacted by schools and by young people interesting in engaging with the UKYP. He expressed disappointment that York was one of only 10% of authorities not currently involved in the UKYP.

Members commented that there was not sufficient information in the report for a proper decision to be taken at this stage about York's future involvement.

RESOLVED: (i) That a report be brought to the Group's next meeting, providing further information about the operation and cost implications of the UKYP, including the comparative 'value for money' that it provided in terms of involving young people in the democratic process.<sup>1</sup>

(ii) That an MYP from a neighbouring authority be invited to attend the meeting to speak to the Group about his / her experiences of the UKYP.<sup>2</sup>

REASON: To enable Members to make an informed recommendation regarding York's future involvement with the UKYP.

Action Required

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| 1. Write report for next meeting, in accordance with publication deadlines.                     | ST<br>ST |
| 2. Choose an appropriate MYP, in consultation with Chair and Vice-Chair, and invite to meeting. |          |

**8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES PLAN 2009-12 - PLANS FOR CONSULTATION**

Members considered a report which outlined the plans for consultation on the Children and Young People's Plan for 2009-12, currently being developed for the YorOK Board for publication in April 2009.

The consultation would build upon the work for the 2007 Plan, which had drawn responses from 4,000 children and young people and been acknowledged by the Joint Area Review as 'thorough and wide-ranging'. The intention was to move along the continuum from information to consultation to involvement, thus ensuring that the community remained integral to the development of the Plan.

Key steps in the process included establishment of an 'Editorial' sub-group to oversee the development and 'shadow reference' groups of children and young people to support development and production of the Plan. A common consultation document drafted by the 'Reference' group was due to be considered by the YorOK Board on 16 July, prior to its release to initiate the consultation process.

Members commented that:

- The report contained too many acronyms, and a glossary was required;
- A special point should be made of engaging young people from minority communities and groups in the consultation;

- Account should be taken of the need to ensure transport to enable physical access to facilities for young people across the City of York area.

RESOLVED: (i) That the developments outlined in the report be noted, with Members' comments as summarised above.

(ii) that a further report be received at a future meeting on the consultation activity conducted.<sup>1</sup>

REASON: To keep the Young People's Working Group informed of and involved in development of the Plan for children and young people.

Action Required

1. Arrange to write report for an appropriate future meeting. ST

S Fraser, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.05 pm and finished at 6.35 pm].



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## Young People's Working Group

22 October 2008

Report from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

## Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 – progress on consultation

### Summary

- 1 This report gives an update on the progress of the consultation on the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12, which is being developed by the Yor-OK Board.

Members are invited during the Young People's Working Group meeting to take part in an exercise with children and young people to discuss in more depth some of the priorities which are being raised during the consultation process.

### Background

- 2 The Yor-OK Board has agreed that a new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) be developed for publication in April 2009. This will cover the years 2009-12.

Key to the plan is in-depth consultation with a wide cross-section of the community, particularly children and young people.

- 3 The meeting of the Young People's Working Group in July agreed: *'In the interests of engaging children and young people in the local democratic process and other Council activities...that the involvement of young people in the next meeting of the Working Group, on 22 October, be agreed'*. This is also linked to the activities for 'Takeover Day' on 7 November 2008, as explained below.
- 4 A common consultation document has been drawn up setting out:
  - Purpose of the children and young people's plan;
  - Current position for children and young people in York;
  - What we want to achieve for children and young people in York.

A toolkit has been produced using this document as a base, differentiated for different ages (under 5's, primary age, secondary age) and settings. This toolkit has been distributed to over 80 different groups which work with children and young people. The consultation approach is also based on mobilising existing

resources as far as possible and has built on the consultation database held via the Children's Trust Unit.

5 Shadow reference groups have been drawn together to support the plan's development. There are 2 groups, Children from Tang Hall Primary School Council and the YorVision Group who are a group of older young people. These groups are involved in:

- Supporting communications and the public profile of the plan;
- Supporting the actual development of plan content through analysis of consultation information;
- Creating recommendations;
- Supporting production of the main plan and specific children and young people's versions.

The Yorvision group has produced a DVD as part of their consultation activities which will be shown at the Young People's Working Group meeting.

6 Key findings to date from the consultation with children and young people are:

<b>Key issue raised</b>	<b>Sample comments</b>
Children to be more involved in local decision making	'Involved in how council funds are spent' 'Events that interest and involve them'
Better support for parents	'A good start in life, parents that are supported from the early years to do their best with no pressure' 'Help and guidance from services' 'Well informed parents'
Improved home-school relationship	'Parents having more interest in school, knowing more about lessons and able to help with re-assuring and homework' 'What do children learn about sex and relationships?' 'Parenting courses in all schools'
Building communities across the generations	'Getting involved with local community' 'A strong community, working together, looking out for each other' 'More community spirit and organised events that will bring us all together' 'Promote and enable feelings of respect for all age groups'
Things to do, places to go – spaces for young people	'More locally based activities' 'Non alcoholic bars' 'Safer play areas, checked by wardens' 'Too many estates are bland and soulless with insufficient youth space' 'Meeting spaces for young people. An ice rink' 'More opportunities to enjoy the countryside'
Healthy lifestyles	'Open children's eyes to nice foods that are

	healthy – smoothie stalls' 'Fun exercise' 'Free healthy cooking on a budget courses' 'Growing and cooking for kids and parents' 'Encourage more cycling and walking'
Safer roads	'20 mph speed limit in residential areas' 'More speed calming measures' 'More off road cycle lanes'
Celebrate achievements	'Time and effort from parents to praise and reward their children' 'Create a celebrate children's day – demos of their achievements/activities'

Additionally as part of the activities associated with 'Takeover Day' in November, pupils from Heworth Primary School will be joining the Young Peoples Working Group for this session. These pupils have been 'shadowing' the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services. They are also organising the Primary Schools Council Conference on Takeover Day itself, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

### Options

7. This paper is for information and consultation only. As part of the Young People's Working Group meeting there will be an exercise to explore some of the issues raised during the consultation with children from the reference group.

### Analysis

8. This process will support the engagement of children and young people in decision making.

### Corporate Priorities

9. This work will 'Improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city '.

### Implications

10. The implications are as follows:
  - **Financial** There are no immediate financial implications arising from this paper. It will add to the consultative process for the children and young people's plan, which itself has incurred a small amount of expenditure which is being met from existing budgets.
  - **Human Resources (HR)** There are no implications.
  - **Equalities** An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken on the Children and Young People's Plan developed for 2007. The key messages on consultation and community engagement from that assessment are included in our current plans for consultation.

- **Legal** There are no implications.
- **Crime and Disorder** There are no implications.
- **Information Technology (IT)** There are no implications.
- **Property** There are no implications.

### **Risk Management**

- 11 There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

### **Recommendations**

12. The Young People's Working Group is requested to:

1) note and discuss the developments outlined in this report and receive a future report on the consultation activity conducted.

Reason: to ensure children and young people's views are conveyed directly to members

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**Report Approved**  **Date** 14/10/2008

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)**

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**Wards Affected:** List wards or tick box to indicate all

All

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Background Papers:**

Further information on national "Takeover Day" can be accessed at  
[http://www.11million.org.uk/youth/11\\_million\\_takeover\\_day/](http://www.11million.org.uk/youth/11_million_takeover_day/)

**Annexes:** None





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## Young People's Working Group

22 October 2008

Report of the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

## UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

### Summary

1. This report provides supplementary information to that received by members at the previous meeting of the Young People's Working Group (YPWG) on the level of support that would be required if York was to resume membership of UK Youth Parliament (UKYP).

### Background

2. Members will recall that UKYP was launched in July 1999 as an independent national charity, which works closely with the Government. According to UKYP's website, 90% of all LEAs in England, are currently participating and there are currently over 500 MYPs (Members of Youth Parliament) and Deputy MYPs.
3. UKYP aims to:
  - Ensure that the young people of the UK (aged 11-18) are given a voice on any issue that affects them in accordance with the principle of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
  - Give the young people of the UK an opportunity to be involved in the democratic process at a national level.
  - Empower young people to take positive action within their local communities based upon their issues of concern.
4. York is allocated 1 MYP place and a number of Deputy MYPs can also be nominated. There is an expectation that MYPs will be supported at local level by a local youth worker to assist access to regional meetings, links to regional Government Offices, and to ensure young people's views are being acted upon. Once a year the UKYP holds an annual sitting, which brings together MYPs from across the UK for a four day residential to create a youth manifesto, which is presented to Government for a response.
5. York was previously very actively involved with UKYP and was a leading authority in the establishment of a Youth Forum. However, the decision was taken to withdraw following reports of negative experiences by our MYP and very poor organisation and support. York has since concentrated on

developing local citizenship, democracy, and 'voice and influence' activity through partnership working, which has resulted in many forums through which children and young people represent themselves and their peers. The Involvement Sub-group of the YorOK Board concluded that representation on UKYP was not a priority for York at the moment, in the light of the focus on a cross-partnership Involvement Strategy.

6. At the meeting of the Young People's Working Group on 10 July 2008, members requested further details on the operation and cost implications of the UKYP membership following a full debate on the matter.

### **Operation and Cost Implications**

7. Resources to support this type of activity are inevitably limited and it is difficult to be precise about the actual budget required. However the UKYP state that the actual direct cost of supporting a MYP will probably not exceed £1100. Support staff will be required to provide approximately 10 days direct involvement with the MYP and DMYPs. This role could be additional to a worker's current job tasks at a cost likely to be in the region of £1500. Detailed expenditure is provided in paragraph 12.
8. Perhaps the greatest cost implication lies with the election process that would need be adopted to elect a MYP. There are many different ways in which authorities undertake this process; however those displaying best practice have authority-wide direct elections, mirrored on local elections, involving large numbers of the youth population. Costs incurred for such are estimated to be at least £15k per annum. Some authorities hold biennial elections which provides some continuity for the post holder and reduces the cost significantly.
9. Other authorities have elections that are linked to school councils, youth forums or, as might be appropriate for York, a link with the annual involvement event in the Guildhall. This would provide a more cost effective route with an estimate of between £1k and £6k depending on the scale of the election and methods used to conduct it.

### **Options**

10. The 2 options outlined in the previous report are still pertinent.

**Option 1** – to maintain the decision made by the YorOK Inclusion sub-group not to join the UKYP and to prioritise local inclusion, democracy and participation work. This decision can be reviewed at a future date.

**Option 2** – to resume our involvement in the UKYP and identify appropriate resources to ensure a positive experience and good outcomes for the MYP and young people in York.

## **Analysis**

11. The analysis outlined in the previous report is included for ease of access. It is acknowledged that there are advantages for York in being represented on the Youth Parliament:
  - The individual(s) elected as MYP should benefit by being fully involved in the democratic process and undertaking the responsibilities of office.
  - Issues pertinent to young people would be highlighted
  - Elections would serve as a way of educating young people about the importance of voting and would raise the profile of the democratic process in the City.

However, there are a number of issues that seem to officers to outweigh these:

- The relative lack of financial resources in relation to a young person's membership, travel costs and worker support time would pull resources and support away from wider work.
- Creating and supporting a mechanism which would only serve to elect MYPs is not cost effective for our authority at this time.
- Elections and wider democratic processes are already supported through the city wide process to elect a Children and Young Peoples Champion; through school councils; and representative councils such as a 'Children in Care Council', which hold elected members to account for their actions.
- The negative experience encountered by young people who previously took part in UKYP activities.
- There appears to be little interest from young people with whom we currently work.

It was on the basis of considering these competing priorities that the YorOk Inclusion sub-group made their decision not to rejoin the UKYP.

## **Consultation with MYPs**

12. Members of YPWG requested the attendance of one or more MYPs from other local authorities. This has been arranged through the regional organiser and they will attend to speak about their involvement and experience of the UKYP and to answer any questions that members may have.

## **Corporate Priorities**

13. Voice and Influence work contributes to 'Improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city '.

## Financial Implications

12. The minimum costs for York's involvement in the UKYP are estimated to be as follows:

<b>MYP Costs</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership to the UKYP	110
Attend 6 – 8 regional meetings estimated average 100 miles	500
Attend the Annual Sitting	250
Incidental expenditure	140
Sub-total	1000
<b>Staff Support Costs</b>	
10 worker days	1200
Accommodation (Annual sitting)	200
Incidental expenditure	100
Sub-total	1500
<b>Election Costs</b>	
Small scale linked to involvement day	1000
Sub-total	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3500</b>

13. The maximum costs, including a full scale annual election would be as follows:

<b>MYP Costs</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership to the UKYP	110
Attend 6 – 8 regional meetings estimated average 100 miles	500
Attend the Annual Sitting	250
Incidental expenditure	140
Sub-total	1000
<b>Staff Support Costs</b>	
10 worker days	1200
Accommodation (Annual sitting)	200
Incidental expenditure	100
Sub-total	1500
<b>Election Costs</b>	
Full scale election	15000
Additional staff costs	2000
Sub-total	17000
<b>Total</b>	<b>19500</b>

14. If we pursue this route there might be some minor **HR Implications** for the officer assigned to support the MYP, who would in practice have to be

redeployed from other work. However, it is difficult to be precise about these implications in advance of a decision to proceed.

15. There are no significant **Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, or Property Implications.**

### **Risk Management**

16. There are no significant risks attached to this issue.

### **Recommendations**

17. Members are asked to:

- 1) Consider the options outlined in the report

Reason: To give due attention to whether the City of York should support the UKYP or not.

- 2) Advise the Executive of the views of the working group.

Reason: To support the Executive in making an informed decision on future involvement with UKYP.

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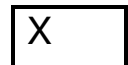


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**Background Papers:**

Further information on the work of UKYP can be accessed at:  
<http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk>

**Annexes:** None

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## Young People's Working Group

22 October 2008

Report of the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Interventions

### **MYPLACE**

#### **Summary**

1. This report provides an update on progress in identifying suitable city centre facilities that could be developed for young people's use and made the subject of a bid for *myplace* Government funding.

#### **Background**

2. Members will recall that *Aiming High for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities* set out the Government's vision for improving youth facilities in response to clear ongoing demand from young people, parents and communities for more and better places for young people to go. The first tranche of funding available under this strategy has been branded *myplace* and is being administered by the Big Lottery Fund on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). £190m is available in capital grants of between £1m and £5m. There are two funding rounds at this stage: the first, with a deadline for bids of 30 September, and a second round with a deadline of 31 March 2009.
3. At YPWG's last meeting in July, Members recommended that the Executive be advised to support a bid for *myplace* funds. They also advised officers to carry out a wide consultation, to propose two or three alternative sites, and to ensure that the Council develops and maintains partnerships with other organisations to support the bid.

#### **Consultation**

4. Over the summer period, extensive consultation was conducted with young people using a variety of techniques. A representative focus group was formed to advise us of the facilities that young people want. Members of this group visited the sites under consideration, and conveyed their views to the Executive Member for Children & Young People's Services and Advisory Panel in September.
5. What rapidly became clear as a result of this consultation was that to be inclusive and available to all young people in the city, any such facilities needed to be located in the city centre, and as close as possible to transport hubs. The

young people felt strongly on this point, and this very much influenced our selection of sites on which to focus.

## Options

6. After extensive discussions with a wide range of partners, officers were able to identify a possible site close to York Station and on the fringes of the major “York Northwest” development site. Young people confirmed that this site met a number of their “essential” criteria. We were also able to identify a number of suitable partners with whom to pursue the idea.
7. Frustratingly, however, and perhaps inevitably in central York, the site in question also presented a formidable range of difficulties. These included the presence of some existing tenants who would need to be redeployed, as well as a series of planning issues (the site being in a conservation area). For this reason, officers with experience of making successful bids through the Big Lottery Fund advised us that we would be unlikely to be able to submit a compliant bid in time for the first deadline of 30 September. In the end the clinching factor was a communication from the current landowners to the effect that, while they were supportive in principle, they would need more time before they could contemplate putting their own resources into the project, or granting a long lease on the facilities (an essential prerequisite).
8. After due consideration, and with some reluctance, officers decided that it would be better to keep our powder dry for the second bidding deadline of 30 March, rather than submitting a bid now which was likely to be rejected on technical grounds. Bill McCarthy wrote formally to the Big Lottery Fund to this effect. The risk, of course, is that the majority of funds available in the first tranche will have been allocated in the first round of bidding – although we believe that a later bid would increase our chances of attracting private investment into the project.
9. Officers will now work in more detail on the technical obstacles that prevented us from submitting a bid in September, to ascertain whether they can be overcome by next March or whether the project will need to be considered a longer-term aspiration. Obviously in the short term, our resources have been diverted to deal with the consequences of the fire at York High School.

## Corporate Priorities

10. All priorities concerning young people are relevant to this issue; a successful bid would also be consistent with the recommendation by the former Youth Scrutiny Panel to enhance facilities for young people’s activities in the city.

## Implications

11.
  - **Financial** – A successful bid will have substantial financial consequences, particularly for revenue budgets, which would need to be the subject of a separate report to Members.



- **Human Resources (HR)** – There are no HR implications at this stage.
- **Equalities** – Equality issues will be fully considered at every stage.
- **Legal** – Issues concerning planning consent, procurement, and ownership may be identified as the project develops.
- **Crime and Disorder** – There are currently no perceived implications.
- **Information Technology (IT)** – No implications at this stage.
- **Property** – The head of property services is involved in the project.

### **Risk Management**

12. Any likely risk or liability to the council will be fully scrutinised and will be included in subsequent reports to members.

### **Recommendations**

13. Members are asked to
- 1) Note the progress in consultation with young people on the facilities they would like to see in the city centre, but also our difficulties in bringing forward a suitable site in the timescales available.

Reason: to advise the Executive of the continued need to develop such facilities for young people.

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