



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

To: Councillors Looker (Chair), Runciman (Vice-Chair), Ayre, Bowgett, Douglas and Aspden

Date: Monday, 19 October 2009

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 5 - 10)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 July 2009.

3. Public Participation

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**4. Establishing a Youth Council in York-An (Pages 11 - 16)
Update**

This report is for information. It updates Members on the steps taken to create a Youth Council in York and includes a report from the Deputy Interim Member of the Youth Parliament for York on his experiences from the annual session of the Youth Parliament.

5. Towards a Festival of Youth for York (Pages 17 - 22)

This paper outlines initial proposals to develop a Festival of Youth for the City, to be developed with a group of young people drawn from the new Youth Council, subject to securing the necessary funding.

6. Initiatives supporting Involvement of Children and Young People- An Update (Pages 23 - 26)

This report is for information. It describes some new work being developed which will support Involvement in York such as:

- Youth 4U – Young Inspectors;
- “Takeover day”.

**7. City Centre Facilities for Young People-An (Pages 27 - 30)
Update**

This report offers Members a further brief update on the search for sites and funds to establish enhanced facilities for young people close to the city centre.

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

9.

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MEETING OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP**Agenda item 1: Declarations of interest**

The following Members declared standing personal interests in the items on the agenda.

Councillor Aspden- **Governor of the Danesgate Centre, Fulford Cross**

**Member of National Union of Teachers
Employee of North Yorkshire County Council**

Councillor Bowgett- **Governor of St Paul's Nursery School
Parent of two children at Millthorpe School**

Councillor Looker- **Governor of Park Grove School,
Governor and Chair of Canon Lee School**

Councillor Runciman- **Governor of Joseph Rowntree School
Governor of New Earswick Primary School
Governor of York College
Trustee of York Theatre Royal**

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP
DATE	22 JULY 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LOOKER (CHAIR), RUNCIMAN (VICE-CHAIR), AYRE, BOWGETT, DOUGLAS AND ASPDEN
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER (AS YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION)

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 Aspden declared a set of standing personal interests as a governor for the Danesgate Centre, Fulford's Cross, a member of the National Union of Teachers and as an employee of North Yorkshire County Council.

Councillor Bowgett declared standing personal interests as a governor for St Paul's Nursery school and as the parent of two children attending Millthorpe School.

Councillor Looker declared standing personal interests as a governor for Park Grove School and as the governor and Chair of Canon Lee School.

Councillor Runciman declared a set of standing personal interests as a governor of Joseph Rowntree School, New Earswick Primary School and York College alongside being a trustee of York Theatre Royal.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Young People's Working Group, held on 22 April be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

4. **APPOINTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION TO YPWG**

Members considered a report which informed them of the Executive's response to their recommendation of the appointment of the Young People's Champion to be included in the formal membership of the Young People's Working Group.

Members commented that the Executive's recommendation to make the Young People's Champion a non voting, co-opted member, was very sensible given that the Group does not have decision making powers.

They added that they wished to add an amendment for the Executive to consider increasing the formal membership of the group to include the current Interim and Deputy Interim Member of the Youth Parliament and their successors to join the group as non voting, co-opted members.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) To accept the suggestion that the Young People's Champion be appointed to the Young People's Working Group as a non-voting, co-opted member and recommend that the Executive make this appointment.
 - (ii) That the Members of the Young People's Working Group ask the Executive to recommend to Council that the membership of the group be increased to also include the Interim Member of the Youth Parliament(MYP) and the Deputy Interim Member of the Youth Parliament as non-voting co-opted members.

REASON: In order to formalise the position of the Young People's Champion on the Working Group and to be inclusive to all views from Young People in York.

5. TAKE PART PATHFINDER 2

Members received a report on the work of the Take Part Pathfinder 2 programme.

The Council had been awarded £51,000-£61,000 next year to fund three streams of the programme:

- Ward committee processes and commissioned services
- Schools Councils development
- Creation of a Youth Council(for young people aged 11-19) and, through that, involvement in the UK Youth Parliament.

In reference to paragraph 14 of the report on ward committee processes and commissioned services, additional information was given to Members about how one of the posts in the Neighbourhood Management Department will include a specific responsibility for youth engagement within ward committees. Members commented that this was a positive move and would particularly satisfy the community cohesion strand of the Strategic Plan.

Officers reiterated that the membership and structure of the Youth Council as shown in Annex A of the report will come from all secondary schools including private schools at secondary level, it will also reach out to alternative groups such as in the voluntary sector to make sure that the Youth Council is representative. The Take Part Pathfinder as a whole will be working with primary and secondary schools through Schools Councils.

Members then invited the Deputy Interim Member of the Youth Parliament for York to comment on the proposals for the Youth Council within the Officer's report and suggested that he could bring a report detailing his experiences at the Annual Meeting of the UK Youth Parliament to the next meeting to inform the development of the Youth Council.

With reference to paragraph 9 of the report Members suggested that the involvement of all schools in the City was paramount to maintain a balance of views.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That the Deputy Interim Member of the Youth Parliament for York reports back to the group on his experiences at the annual sitting of the Youth Parliament.

REASON: To inform future strategic work on the development of the Take Part 2 Pathfinder, the development of a Youth Council for York and methods of communication for engagement with Young People.

6. AN UPDATE ON CITY CENTRE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Members received a report on the search for site and funds to establish enhanced facilities for Young People close to the city centre was received by the group. Mr Bixby, the architect who had been commissioned to work on the project was in attendance to answer questions from Members.

Officers reported that although York had failed in the second round of bidding for myplace funding, due to a change in the eligibility criteria from the Big Lottery Fund, that they had taken the decision to continue with the work proposed. They would however focus at present on two more modest sites at St Leonard's Hospital and St Michael le Belfry, although the Railway Institute site was still in consideration. They added that there was a funding gap of £8.5 million for the Railway Institute because the Lottery money only provided a maximum of £5 million of funds.

Members received an update on the two new proposed sites. In relation to the proposal for St Leonard's Hospital it was commented that the site lends itself to unproblematic development and that early responses to the plans have been very positive. Members were informed that the project at St Michael le Belfry was a smaller and more immediate facility and was a joint project between the Council and the current existing youth group there.

Members suggested that both sites should be re-examined at future meetings. They added that the Police should be consulted because they are anxious to have a positive role in facilities for Young People and that they may also have access to alternative sources of funding.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: For additional investment in youth facilities to be in line with the Council's corporate priorities, and the views of the residents and young people themselves.

7. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Members received a report on the update of work and activities overseen by the Young People's Joint Commissioning Group for the prevention and treatment of Young People's substance misuse in the city.

The report summarised how substance misuse is dealt with in local authorities and highlighted the organisations responsible for monitoring and funding the prevention and treatment programmes in these authorities.

The bulk of the funding for these programmes in York comes from a national charity called First Base along with contributions from the York Youth Offending Team and York College, in particular for analysis and education work.

There were currently 30 Young People in York on First Base substance misuse programmes and that there have been noticeable improvements in reduced use, safer use, better relations with family and friends and a better use of leisure time amongst these Young People.

Officers commented that there were still challenges on collecting information on substance misuse from other agencies such as the local Accident and Emergency Department. They also added that there was still a reluctance from some schools to admit that there is a problem with substance misuse amongst Young People. These two issues, meant that it was difficult to find out the true extent of substance misuse amongst Young People in York.

With reference to paragraphs 11 and 16 of the report comments were made on substance misuse education programmes in schools and the focus of the work force training in the education sector.

Officers responded by remarking that there is an issue in what the schools can do on top of existing programmes and that the Council does not want to diminish these. There is an aspiration for specialist substance misuse workers to work in partnerships with schools to support teachers in this area. They also replied that the focus of workforce training related to substance misuse was geared towards those in the education sector.

Officers added that funding for the Young People's Substance Misuse plan in York is unfortunately inhibited to use the most money on treatment rather than prevention programmes.

Referring to paragraph 14 of the report Members asked Officers for more information on what the communities mentioned in the report could be doing to tackle problems with substance misuse among Young People in their areas.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: To inform future strategic work on substance misuse services for Young People in York.

Councillor J Looker, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.20 pm and finished at 7.00 pm].

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Young People's Working Group

19th October 2009

Report from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

Establishing a Youth Council in York – An update

Summary

1. Members will recall that the last meeting of the Working Group was attended by the Interim Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP) and the Interim Deputy MYP (DMYP). It was agreed that we would bring a report to the next meeting to update on the progress of forming the new York Youth Council.

Background and Progress

2. Funding was secured to set up a Youth Council in York in June 2009 from Yorkash and the "Take Part" Pathfinder. As a first step, it was decided to create interim-members of the UK Youth Parliament positions. Hustings were held in July 2009 and seven young people from across York stood for election. Joe Feeney was elected the Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP) and Joe Armer was elected as the Deputy Member of the Youth Parliament (DMYP).
3. Joe Armer subsequently attended the Annual Sitting of the UK Youth Parliament in Canterbury. He attended workshops and training session over the four days. He was able to talk to and learn from other young people from the region who sit on youth councils and who have been MYPs for longer periods. They were able to share information about the process and their experiences of being representatives of young people in their area. A separate report from Joe is attached at **Annex A**.
4. Over the summer holidays, work has progressed in developing detailed proposals for establishing the York Youth Council. A meeting was hosted on the 8th September by Joe Feeney, Joe Armer and Sarah Nicholson that explained how young people can be involved in its work. Information has been distributed to those that could not attend. We have invited a number of organisations to nominate two candidates and one reserve: one candidate will stand for two years and one will stand for one year. Next year a candidate will be elected to stand for two years. This means there will always be one candidate that has stood for a year and knows how things work.
5. The organisations that have been contacted are:

All Saints School	Archbishop Holgates School
All Together Club (Looked After Children)	Applefields School
	Askham Bryan College

Bootham School
Burnholme Community College
Canon Lee School
Fulford School
Fulford Youth Centre
Huntington School
Joseph Rowntrees School
Kingswater Youth Centre
LGBT York
Manor School
68 Centre

Millthorpe School
Moorlane Youth Centre
Mount School
PACT
St Peter's School
Steiner School
Tadcaster Grammar
York College
York High

6. The first meeting of the Youth Council will be in Democracy Week on Tuesday 13th October (ie, before the date of the YPWG meeting). Councillor Runciman will announce the two Youth Councillors from each of the schools and youth groups. MPs, Councillors, Headteachers and members of the Without Walls board are among the guests invited to this special occasion. There will be time for photographs and speeches between 5 – 6pm, before guests are asked to leave the Council Chamber and the Youth Councillors will start their first meeting. It will be chaired by Joe Feeney, the MYP for York.
7. The Youth Councillors will be going on a training residential to Carlton Lodge from 23 -25th October. This will be an opportunity for young people from the different schools and youth groups in York to get know each other and learn about each other's strengths. The focus of the weekend will be teambuilding, communication and skills training for their new roles as representatives of young people in York. They will be looking at creating an identity for the Youth Council, their constitution and communication strategy.
8. In February Youth Councillors will be able to put themselves forward as candidates for the UK Youth Parliament. There will be a training day and elections for the MYP and DMYP. The new MYP and DMYP will attend a regional training weekend, to learn about their new role and responsibilities.

Consultation

9. Joe Armer and Joe Feeney have met separately with Councillor Runciman and MP Hugh Bailey to explain how the Youth Council will operate in a non-party political manner, focusing on issues that are important to the young people of York. They are keen to work together on issues to improve York for young people now and in the future. The Youth Councillors will themselves decide what campaigns they want to work on in their first year and how they want to achieve them. Organisations that want to consult with the Youth Council will be able to request for an item to be put on the full council agenda. The Youth Council will decide who will be involved and how if they feel it is something to which they can commit time.
10. It is important to create a dynamic means of communication for youth councillors with young people across York. They will decide whether they are going to do ward talks, surgeries in their school or youth group, and what sort of online

presence they want to create (subject to safety controls that we will discuss with them).

Options and Analysis

(This report is for information.)

Corporate Priorities

11. The involvement in the Youth Council and UKYP supports the council's objectives by:

- *developing and maintaining participation structures in the city which all children and young people own, are accessible and are built on existing structures.*
- *building the skills, knowledge and capacity of children and young people to be able to fully participate in decisions which affect them, to influence the services they receive and how they receive them, to express their views through forums and have their voices heard in adult led democratic processes.*

This project also works towards the following Local Improvement Targets:

- *NI4 – the % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality*
- *NI6 – Participation in regular volunteering*
- *NI110 Young people's participation in positive activities*

Implications

- **Financial** The Youth Council has full funding until March 2010. There is funding available for staff and meetings until March 2011. Other sources of funding will need to be identified to support the longer term running of the Youth Council, such as the training residential, publicity and campaigns from March 2010.
- **Human Resources (HR)** Staff will need to support the processes involved in establishing the Youth Council, including acting as chaperones where necessary. This can be covered within the job descriptions of existing staff.
- **Equalities** The Council has been designed to promote the involvement of young people from a variety of backgrounds.
- **Legal** None identified.
- **Crime and Disorder Information Technology (IT)** No implications
- **Property** No Implications

Risk Management

(There are no significant risks inherent in this report.)

Recommendations

12. That the Young People's Working Group note this update report, lend their support to the new Youth Council, and comment as they wish.

Reason: establishing a Youth Council for York is in line with our corporate priorities, and the views of young people themselves.

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Report Approved

 Yes

Date

7 October 2009

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

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes: A Report from Joe Armer

Report from Joe Armer

The annual sitting was a fantastic opportunity to meet my fellow colleagues from around the country and particularly in the region. Having learnt so much in public speaking, how to engage marginalised young people and meeting many an influential person including the speaker of the House of Commons and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Then we've just met with our Executive for Children and MP and made a lot of work towards our New Youth Council which will be set up by the 13th October for our first meeting after our nominations at the end of the month; then we have our residential at the end of October.

September also saw us attend our first Regional meeting in Halifax. Joe and I met the regional minister Rosie Winterton. Joe was voted in as the House of Commons reserve debate leader for Yorkshire and Humber.

October will see Joe Feeney in the House of Commons debating the following issues

1. Tuition Fees
2. Lowering The Voting Age
3. Youth Crime
4. Transport

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Young People's Working Group**19th October 2009**

Report of the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

Towards a Festival of Youth for York**Summary**

1. This paper outlines initial proposals to develop a Festival of Youth for the City, to be developed with a group of young people drawn from the new Youth Council, subject to securing the necessary funding.

Background

2. The concept of developing and delivering a 'Festival of Youth' arose out of consultation with young people as part of the development of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 (CYPP). As the idea has been explored and developed, links have been made with other work strands, priorities and national requirements. This led to the inclusion of a new festival of youth as a priority in the Children and Young People's Plan.

Consultation

3. An event to celebrate young people's participation and achievements in a wide range of fields has gained positive feedback through consultation with young people. As one young person said: *"To make York proud of us and to be proud of ourselves I think we should have a big talent show"*.

Options and Analysis

4. The outline proposal is to hold a two-day city centre event over a weekend in the Summer of 2010, which would link to follow-up sessions in the subsequent weeks in local areas across the City. The aim would be to have a stage with PA set up for the Saturday/Sunday in a central location, programmed with 15-30 minute slots where young people could come and showcase their talents, activities and skills from a wide range of activities. This could include musical and drama productions, skateboarding, football skills or cooking workshops. Around Parliament Street we could have smaller stands/stalls where services, groups and organisations could showcase their activities by running smaller taster sessions.
5. We would be looking for schools, voluntary and community groups, young people's services, sports clubs, arts groups and specialist organisations to

participate in the festival. We hope to attract support from businesses with a youth market to provide opportunities for promotional discounts, which could contribute to revenue raising, as well as encourage young people to attend. We would also seek to have some appropriate commercial food stalls available for young people to purchase food.

6. The planning of the event would be carried out by the new York Youth Council with support from Young People's Services, City of Festivals team in Arts and Culture and other Departments as required (Marketing and PR, Grants and partnership Team, LCCS) and possibly NYBEP.
7. The Festival has been identified as a need and a priority in the CYPP; however, it is a new venture and would require significant investment of CYC staff time and some funding in order to enable it to happen. If it proves successful, it may need to be built in as a regular event, with ongoing implications for finance and staff time.
8. In order to keep costs down there is potential for many of the tasks associated with the event to be carried out by existing staff. The Voice and Influence team can support the Youth Council in organising the event. The Youth Council can take on many roles and tasks involved during the day but would need staff to support and supervise this. In addition, there may be a requirement to bring in some expert event knowledge in order for the festival to run smoothly and safely, with support from the City of Festivals team. There is a need for staffing from arts and sport teams during the festival to support the running of the programmes on the stage. As some of these staff are on limited contracts it may be necessary to pay additional hours to ensure their involvement.
9. In short: the support of many people is crucial in ensuring the success of the event. This might include staff and volunteers involved with groups who are performing and staffing stalls; City centre events team in terms of expertise in the planning of the event; and the partnerships and funding team to identify potential funding and sponsorship to support the event.

Corporate Priorities

10. This event will contribute to 'Improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city '. In addition it will contribute to achieving the following key performance indicators:
 - NI 57: % of young people participating in 5 hours of high quality PE (5-16 year olds) 3 hours 16-19 year olds.
 - CYP L12: % of young people surveyed that believe York is a culturally exciting place to be.
 - NI 110: Young people's participation in positive activities (via tellus survey).

Implications

11.

- **Financial** The festival has associated costs, and it is likely that these will be in the region of £28,000. (see annex 1). There is no budget identified for supporting this. Some sponsorship and other external funding may be secured; however, in order to support and underwrite the costs, *additional funding will need to be secured from a source yet to be identified.*
- **Human Resources (HR)** Staff will need to be identified who can contribute to supporting the organisation, planning and running of the event from across different departments.
- **Equalities** The event will allow *all* young people to be involved.
- **Legal** None identified.
- **Crime and Disorder** There may be implications for policing and stewarding the event, which will be identified in due course.
- **Information Technology (IT)** No implications
- **Property** No Implications
- **Other** We need to work with the safety advisory group to manage the operational and safety aspects of the event.

Risk Management

(There are no significant risks inherent in this report at this stage. A full risk analysis will be completed before any specific proposals are brought forward.)

Recommendations

12. The Young People's Working Group are asked to:

- 1) Comment on the proposal and support the festival in principle, subject to the identification of further funding.

Reason: to ensure the council gives full support to young people's active participation and to enhance the facilities for young people's activities in the city.

- 2) Suggest any other options for staging the event and possible activities that might be included.

Reason: to ensure that all possible options have been considered taking into account members' local knowledge.

- 3) Agree that responsibility for planning the event is handed to the York Youth Council.

Reason: To enable the festival to be planned by young people, for young people.

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Report Approved

Yes

Date 7 October 2009

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

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For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers - None

Annexes – Annex 1 – Outline Budget

Annex 1: Outline Budget

<u>Support in Kind</u>	-	-
YPS 1 day a week for 6 months	£4,000.00	
City of festivals team support	£4,000.00	
		<u>£8,000.00</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	-	-
<u>Activity Expenditure</u>	-	-
Activities - on the day	£2,000.00	
Activity support in run up	£5,000.00	
		<u>£7,000.00</u>
<u>Professional fees</u>	-	-
Event support	£600.00	
Security and stewarding	£1,200.00	
Site: electrics	£2,500.00	
Youth/ arts work support	£2,500.00	
		<u>£6,800.00</u>
<u>Marketing</u>	-	-
Posters and Advertising	£1,000.00	
		<u>£1,000.00</u>
<u>Overheads</u>	-	-
Festival:		
Stage	£600.00	
PA	£1,000.00	
Lighting	£1,000.00	
Market stalls	£1,320.00	
Insurance		
		<u>£3,920.00</u>
<u>Other expenditure</u>	-	-
Contingency	£1,500.00	
		<u>£1,500.00</u>
<u>Expenditure Subtotal</u>	-	<u>£20,220.00</u>
<u>Total Costs including support in kind</u>	-	<u>£28,220.00</u>

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Young People's Working Group

19th October 2009

Report from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

Initiatives supporting Involvement of Children and Young People – An update

Summary

1. This report is for information. It describes some new work being developed which will support Involvement in York:
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 - “Takeover day”.

Background and Progress

Youth 4U – Young Inspectors

2. The aim of this new programme is to work with local professionals, local commissioners and - most importantly - local young people to develop ways in which young people can assess, review and inform local services so they can be the best that they want them to be. It is a national programme and City of York has been awarded funding for 18 months up to end of March 2011 for a half-time worker. The funding has been allocated to meet a programme agreed by National Children's Bureau (NCB), which will be monitored and evaluated nationally. It has a series of milestones which are reported on and subject to successful completion.
3. In more detail, the specific purposes of Youth4U – Young Inspectors is to:
 - Increase the numbers and quality of opportunities for marginalised young people to influence services;
 - Help marginalised young people to engage their peers in influencing local policies and services across a wide range of issues including locality, health, neighbourhood renewal, transport and community service;
 - Enable young people to feed back their and their peers' views to local authorities and other service providers; and
 - Achieve relevant change in services that young people use.
4. The project will start from the beginning of November and will aim to inspect 10 services across the city. This will increase the ability of children and young

people to influence decisions. Training will be provided to young people who will form the core group of inspectors. From this core group, inspection groups of 4-6 young people will then inspect services. Every young person who completes the course will be expected to complete at least one inspection, typically involving 4 inspections per young person.

5. A key aspect of the project will be to employ an 'apprentice', who will be 16-19 (or up to 25 if they have disabilities) and with experience of disadvantage. This young person will receive training, and will support the project worker in the delivery of the whole project.
6. Many details of the project have yet to be decided, including which services will be subject to inspection – but we hope Members will want to lend it their support, even at this early stage of planning.

Takeover Day

7. "11 MILLION TAKEOVER DAY" is also a national initiative, organised under the auspices of the Children's Commissioner. His website, <http://www.11million.org.uk/> gives more details. The takeover day allows children and young people a chance to get involved in decision making, have their say and show adults what they can do. It involves initiatives such as children and young people going into places like schools, youth clubs, organisations, companies, shops and other places to 'takeover' .
8. Last year in York young people were involved in designing a poster campaign to promote positive images of young people; children from primary schools worked with the police to audit their local environment; young people worked with trading standards to test purchase cigarettes; and children from a primary school were involved in working with elected members. This year the national event will be on Friday 6th November, but as in previous years, events in York will take place in the weeks before hand. This helps to make the event more inclusive and manageable.
9. A draft publicity document has gone to schools/ clubs urging involvement through:
 - Designing the dinner for the day.
 - Working with a teacher to help run a lesson.
 - Taking over assemblies for the day
 - School councils could meeting with the head teacher or governors to put forward their ideas for change

Schools are already signing up to this programme. Other ideas are still in development – and of course this initiative is now complemented by the establishment of a Youth Council in York, which is the subject of a separate paper.

10. These pieces of work are part of the ongoing Involvement Strategy for Young People within the City of York which has the vision:

'The Yor-OK Children's Trust is committed to ensuring that the views of children, young people and families' are taken account in decision-making, planning, development, design and delivery of services. The trust will treat all children, young people and families no matter their age, ability, social or ethnic background as equal partners and their views, will be taken fully into account in all decision-making.'

Options and Analysis

(This report is for information.)

Corporate Priorities

11. This work will contribute to the corporate priority: Inclusive City: ensuring young citizens, regardless of race, age, disability, sexual orientation, faith or gender, feel included in the life of York.

Implications

- **Financial:** The Young Inspectors work is being wholly funded through Youth 4U. This funding will continue until 31st March 2011. Takeover day will be funded from within existing resources.
- **Human Resources (HR):** There are no immediate HR implications.
- **Equalities:** The ethos of the work will promote inclusion of young people within decision making and will ensure the inclusion of disadvantaged young people.
- **Legal:** There are no legal implications.
- **Crime and Disorder:** There are no implications.
- **Information Technology (IT):** There are no IT implications.
- **Property:** There are no Property implications.

Risk Management

(There are no significant risks inherent in this report.)

Recommendations

12. That the Young People's Working Group note this update report and comment as they wish.

Reason: Greater involvement of young people is in line with our corporate priorities, and the views of residents and young people themselves.

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Young People's Working Group**19th October 2009**

Report from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

CITY CENTRE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – An update**Summary**

1. This report offers Members a further brief update on the search for sites and funds to establish enhanced facilities for young people close to the city centre.

Background and Progress

2. The development of new city-centre facilities for young people continues to move forward in two distinct and complementary strands.

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3. We are still working with Phil Bixby to continue to explore the potential to develop a facility for young people at the ruins of St.Leonard's Hospital adjacent to the Museum Gardens. The design proposals for a contemporary adaptation and extension of the ruins have been discussed informally with city heritage staff, English Heritage, City Strategy and other key groups that might contribute to the development of a programme of activities and events utilising the new facility. Although there has been broadly positive responses from most parties, there are some sensitivities around the current design proposals which will need to be considered in more detail. Further consultation is continuing. It is unlikely that we will be able to progress these discussions to a more formal phase without the funds to back a scheme, and to enable us to commission more detailed designs.
4. Clearly, therefore, the success of this proposal will depend on sourcing funding for the scheme. The current climate is not particularly conducive to this, as the latest news on York Central illustrates. Nevertheless we are still pursuing two possible avenues of support. The Heritage Lottery Fund has a specific 'youth fund' element within its resources and it is keen to work with local authorities to bring about innovative and ambitious restoration that can include community involvement, volunteering and skills training. The Assistant Director for Partnerships and Early Intervention is also meeting with the directors of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to explore possible longer term funding. It is unlikely that these will bear fruit in the short term, but we will assess the medium term prospects and report back to Members.

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5. The proposal for a youth-run city centre social facility continues to command support, and a steering group has been established including representation from St Michael-le-Belfry, FUSE, York CVS and council officers. The group have met regularly to consider strategies to get a city centre café/ venue that could be run and used by young people. It is hoped this could be part of a larger building, with rooms that could be let to various user groups in order to bring revenue into the building to make it sustainable.
6. The steering group has agreed that a new charitable body be established, and the creation of a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee is being investigated. This body would adopt broad aims to support all young people in the city, with an open door policy. This strategy would assist in securing additional funding.
7. Discussions have begun with Active Life Academy, a local charity and company with comparable aims and objectives. They would be willing to work in partnership to get a building they can use that has a café area for young people. Ideally a building such as the Old Orleans Building or Divan Centre would allow a café to be developed on the ground floor with other community services. Having contacted Development Control, the Divan Centre building would seem to be the best option worth pursuing in the short term. The identification of funds to support the project remains the key priority and needs the support of all the partners to make it happen.
8. A group of young people from York travelled to Northern Ireland in August to visit ‘Exodus’, a venue for young people that has a café and a gig area. They were inspired by what has been achieved with the help of a local philanthropist. The café had leather seats and “was better than Starbucks”. The young people would like something like this in York!

Consultation

9. Involvement of young people in both proposals is crucial and we have reconvened meetings with two key groups following the summer break. Their views and aspirations will form the basis of final proposals.

Options and Analysis

(This report is for information.)

Corporate Priorities

10. A successful project to enhance city centre youth facilities would contribute to meeting the following corporate priorities:
 1. Improving the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city.

2. Improving the health and lifestyles of the people that live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest.
3. Increasing people's skills and knowledge to improve future employment prospects.
4. Increasing the use of public and other environmentally-friendly modes of transport.
5. Reducing the environmental impact of council activities and encouraging, others to do the same.
6. Reducing the actual and perceived impact of violent, aggressive and nuisance behaviour on people in York.

Implications

11. Any relevant financial, HR, equalities, legal, crime and disorder, IT, property and planning issues will be identified at an appropriate point as the work progresses and brought before Members as necessary.

Risk Management

(There are no significant risks inherent in this report. A full risk analysis will be completed before any specific proposals are brought forward.)

Recommendations

12. That the Young People's Working Group note this update report and comment as they wish.

Reason: additional investment in youth facilities in the city is in line with our corporate priorities, and the views of residents and young people themselves.

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