



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

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

Date: Wednesday, 21 July 2010

Time: 6.00 pm
Please note that the start time of this meeting has been changed from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Venue: The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Minutes (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2010.

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 **Tuesday 20 July at 5.00pm.**

4. Championing the views of Children and Young People: a possible way forward (Pages 7 - 10)

This report takes forward the discussion at the previous meeting about the future of the Children and Young People's Champion, and of this Working Group, in the light of recent developments such as the establishment of the Youth Council. It recommends that *all* members of this Working Group become "champions" of young people's views and interests; and that the Group's remit be revised to establish its primary role as being a conduit for such views.

5. Young People's Involvement (Pages 11 - 20)

This report invites Members to have exploratory discussions with representatives from the Youth Council about issues that are a priority for young people at this time. The Young Inspectors Team will also give an informal presentation and invite discussion about their activities.

6. Presentation by the Young Inspectors

This agenda item will take the form of an oral presentation given to the Young People's Working Group by the Young Inspectors.

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

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Annex A

City of York Council

Draft Committee Minutes

MEETING	YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP
DATE	14 APRIL 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LOOKER (CHAIR), RUNCIMAN (VICE-CHAIR), AYRE AND ASPDEN
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER HARRY LUCK - REPRESENTATIVE OF YORK YOUTH COUNCIL
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS BOWGETT AND DOUGLAS

15. 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. No declarations were made in addition to the standing declarations which had been attached to the agenda.

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Young People's Working Group held on 19 October 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

18. OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION

Members received a report that invited exploratory discussion on the future of the Children and Young People's Champion, now that the previous incumbent's term of office had expired. It was noted that if Members wished to recommend a change to the existing arrangements these would be put to the Executive and ultimately to Full Council, if they involved changes to the constitution.

Members noted that the post of Champion for Children and Young People had been established following a scrutiny review which had concluded that young people's opinions were given insufficient weight in decision-making. Since that time there had been developments in the way in which young people had been given a voice in decision-making, including the setting up the Youth Council and its associated membership of the UK Youth Parliament.

Councillor Alexander stated that the Champion for Children and Young People was now one of many voices on behalf of young people and he believed that changes to the current arrangements were needed. He detailed concerns regarding the role of Member Champions in general. Councillor Alexander informed Members that he believed that it was important that a mechanism was in place whereby motions could be put forward to Council on behalf of young people. He believed that the current arrangements whereby the minutes of the Young People's Working Group meetings were considered by the Executive did not ensure that the views of young people were heard by all political parties and at the highest level.

Consideration was given to the options detailed in paragraph 8 of the report.

Members suggested that the following factors should be considered when recommendations were made regarding changes to the current arrangements:

- There was a consensus that changes were required to the current arrangements.
- There needed to be a clearly defined route as to how issues raised by young people were heard by decision-makers and responses and explanations were provided to the requests they put forward.
- Young people should be invited to attend meetings of the Young People's Working Group and be involved in the setting of the agenda.
- The role of the Youth Council and Youth Parliament should be acknowledged when considering changes to the current arrangements. It was also important to ensure that younger children's views were heard e.g. through the primary school councils
- The Executive Member for Children and Young People had legal responsibilities to champion the rights of children and young people. The Chair of the Young People's Working Group also had a role to play.
- Reservations were expressed regarding the option in the report to appoint an independent member to champion the rights of young people. There were concerns that this may become political.
- The voluntary and community sector provide a wealth of opportunities for young people in the city and consideration should be given as to how they were represented.
- The Young People's Working Group should ensure that the needs of children and young people were considered in the broadest terms, including issues relating to housing, planning and road safety as well as matters more specifically targeted at young people.
- Full Council may not be the most appropriate body for young people to put forward their views. It was, however, noted that there was an opportunity under the Council's Public Participation Scheme for views to be put forward although this would not provide an opportunity for debate.
- Consideration could be given to a report, prepared by young people, being presented to full council by the Executive Member or Chair of the Young People's Working Group on an annual basis.

- Age was one of the strands represented on the Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) and discussions had taken place as to how to ensure that the views of young people as well as older people were taken into account. It was noted that the Chair of SIWG was also a member of the Young People's Working Group.

The representative of the Youth Council was asked for his views regarding some of the suggestions that had been put forward. He supported the proposal for young people to attend the Young People's Working Group but stated that, because of exam commitments, it may not be possible for the same representatives to attend each meeting. The use of substitutes would be a way forward but it was also important that there was a level of continuity. It would be beneficial to have a Member speaking on behalf of young people but they should be above politics. It would also be helpful for young people to have a mentor who could advise them on council procedures and how to make their voice heard most effectively.

- RESOLVED: (i) That, taking into account the views expressed at the meeting, officers prepare a further report on possible ways forward in developing the role of young people in decision-making.
- (ii) That representatives from the Youth Council and Youth Parliament have a standing invitation to attend meetings of the Young People's Working Group and to put forward agenda items for its meetings.

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

19. AN UPDATE ON THE YORK YOUTH COMMUNITY ACTION PILOT

Members received a report that provided an update on the new pilot project to promote community volunteering opportunities amongst York's 14-16 year olds. The bids for funding under Round One had been considered by a multi-agency Assessment Panel. The recommendations of the panel had been approved at the Executive Member – Children and Young People's Services decision session on 13 April 2010. The list of successful projects is attached as an annex to these minutes.

It was noted that the Youth Council would play a key role in engaging young people with this initiative. The Youth Council had submitted two bids. One of the bids had been for funding for the café and had not been approved as this was a capital project and therefore did not meet the requirements of the funding allocation. The second bid related to the costs of running of the Youth Council and it had been agreed to access funding that could be used to support this request.

The representative from the Youth Council informed Members that there was considerable interest in the events that were being arranged to raise young people's awareness of the types of volunteering opportunities that were available.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the update report be noted and that the Youth Community Action Pilot be supported.
- (ii) That the Working Group be kept updated on the York Youth Community Action Pilot.

REASON: The project is in line with corporate priorities, and represents a marvellous opportunity for York.

20. AN ORAL UPDATE ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE'S FACILITIES IN THE CITY CENTRE.

Members received an update on the development of young people's facilities in the city centre. It was reported that a building had been identified in Walmgate which could be developed as a Youth Café. Challenges remained in terms of raising the necessary financial support for the project. A voluntary partnership had been established and support was being sought from various organisations, including the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust. A trustee group was being set up and the intention was to seek charitable status. Members were pleased to note that the project was receiving good media coverage.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the verbal report be noted.
- (ii) That the Working Group be kept updated on developments.

Councillor J Looker, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.35 pm].



Young People's Working Group

21 July 2010

Report from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

Championing the views of Children and Young People: a possible way forward

Summary

1. This report takes forward the discussion at the previous meeting about the future of the Children and Young People's Champion, and of this Working Group, in the light of recent developments such as the establishment of the Youth Council. It recommends that *all* members of this Working Group become "champions" of young people's views and interests; and that the Group's remit be revised to establish its primary role as being a conduit for such views.

Background

2. Members had a wide-ranging discussion at the last meeting and heard contributions from the then Champion, Cllr Alexander, and from young people. Officers were invited to turn the discussion into a specific proposal for further debate.
3. In approaching this task we are conscious that although there was a broad measure of agreement on certain issues at the last meeting, there was by no means a complete consensus. Members were enthusiastic about formalising a relationship with the Youth Council, and about accepting a collective responsibility, as members of this Working Group (YPWG), for championing young people's interests. There was however less clarity about the way forward in relation to an individual "champion". There was little enthusiasm for seeking to appoint an external champion along the lines of the Children's Commissioner, and the young people were clear that they didn't want the role, if it continues, to be "political". On the other hand, it was agreed that young people needed to have a clear and unambiguous route to Members, right up to Full Council if appropriate.

Options and Analysis

4. In view of the above, and picking up on certain ideas put forward at the last meeting, officers propose the following:
 - That we do not for the time being proceed with a process to re-elect an individual champion. This would in any case be problematic at the present stage of the school calendar, and without any budget to support it. There

is no need, however, to regard this as abolishing the role altogether, which would require an amendment to the Constitution. If we take no proactive action at the present time, this would leave open the possibility of returning to the idea of an individual champion at a later date if Members/young people so desired;

- We amend the terms of reference of this Working Group along the lines of the attached **Annex A** to give all members of YPWG a role as “champions” (plural) of young people’s views and interests within the wider Council. We also formalise, as co-opted Members, the membership of some young people on the group, so that it becomes the main conduit for the exchange of views with elected Members;
 - Recognising the need in addition to ensure that young people have a formal route right through to full Council, we invite the Executive Member for Children and Young People to lay before it an annual report, jointly produced with the Youth Council. This could be reflected in a formal addition to her responsibilities as set out on p32 of the Constitution.
 - We give further consideration to the best way to ensure that younger children’s voices are heard.
 - We invite the Youth Council itself to debate these proposals and report back to us.
5. If members of YPWG are content with these proposals, once we have heard the views of the Youth Council they can be transmitted to the Executive for endorsement and on to Audit & Governance Committee in relation to any constitutional changes, which may arise.

Corporate Priorities

6. The issues discussed in this paper are consistent with the Council’s objectives to encourage children and young people to become active citizens, and to consult them about decisions that affect them.

Implications

7. There are no specific **financial** implications unless Members do want to proceed with an election for a new individual Champion, which would incur costs of around £5,000. There is no specific budget for this; the costs would have to be borne by Young People’s Services.
8. There are no specific **Human Resources, Equalities, Crime and Disorder, IT or Property** Implications.
9. **Legal implications:** Any amendment to the Executive Member’s formal responsibilities would require a minor amendment to the Council’s constitution in due course and will, of course, need to progress through the appropriate constitutional channels.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

11. That the Young People's Working Group discuss the proposals put forward in this report and invite the Youth Council also to consider them. Subject to the Youth Council's views, recommendations will then be put to the Executive, for formal consideration.

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

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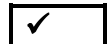
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Report Approved Yes Date 8 July 2010

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Previous YPWG discussions on this topic, especially at the meeting of 12 July 2007 and 14 April 2010

Annex A: Proposed new Remit for the YPWG

Young People's Working Group: Remit

Background

City of York Council's Young People's Working Group (YPWG) is a sub-group of the Council's Executive. It has no formal decision making powers but can make recommendations to the Executive or to the Executive member for Children and Young People. The Executive reviews its minutes.

Membership

Membership of the Working Group comprises those Elected Members agreed by Full Council, plus up to four members of York's Youth Council. It is for the Youth Council to decide whether to nominate four individuals, or to rotate attendance at YPWG meetings.

In addition, YPWG may from time to time co-opt other Members, or invite their attendance, recognising in particular the valuable contribution of the voluntary sector to this area of work.

Remit

The main function of the YPWG is to provide a conduit for Elected Members and young people to exchange views. Elected Members and Council Officers may use the Working Group as means of seeking young people's views on a range of issues. Equally, young people may use the group to raise issues that concern them. Each meeting of the Working Group will, as a matter of routine, have on its agenda an item enabling young people to raise such issues as they may determine.

Elected Members who serve on the YPWG undertake to act as champions for young people's views and interests in other Council forums where they may have a role, including Full Council, the Council's Executive, relevant Scrutiny Committees, and the Social Inclusion Working Group. The Executive Member for Children and Young People has a specific legal responsibility to further the interests of children and young people, and will look to the YPWG to assist him/her in discharging this role. The Executive Member for Children and Young People will work with the Youth Council and with the YPWG to prepare an annual report to be laid before Full Council.

The YPWG will consider how best to ensure that the views of younger children, and any others not represented on the Youth Council, may also be taken into account.



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Young People's Involvement

Summary

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Background

2. Members of the Young People's Working Group (YPWG) have often indicated that to engage in informal debate and discussion with young people would be beneficial to themselves as elected representatives and also enable young people to express their views in a more comfortable and less formal manner than is often the case in committee.
3. To this end, the Youth Council have asked to bring forward a number of issues for discussion, either to inform members about a specific issue or to seek advice, support or direction from the YPWG on items that are not straightforward.

Topics for Discussion

4. We have listed below the items that we understand the Youth Council will wish to raise with, in note form, some of the points they are likely to make. Members' views will be sought on all of these points.

5. Political Education

- Members of the Youth Parliament and the Youth Council worked together to create a resource pack called 'Future Decision Makers'.
- This toolkit for use in citizenship and democracy education was given to secondary schools in April, before the general election.
- Great resource for getting involved in Youth Council, through elections.
- Youth Council are now seeking help to promote it in schools.

6. Funding the Youth Council

- 2 years funding for staffing from 'Take Part' will cease in 2011.

- Unsuccessful bid to the York Youth Community Action Pilot. However, sufficient resources have been identified from other sources for the remainder of 2010-2011. The concern is really about what happens from next April onwards.
- In addition to staffing, money is needed to fund residential activities, running costs for meetings and funds to attend regional meetings of UKYP.
- The explore centre would be ideal for the work we want to do, but the charges for using facilities are prohibitive.

7. City Centre Building

- Update on the project including location of building.
- An application for change of use has been made.
- An informal leaflet circulated to businesses in area.
- Informed Guildhall Ward Councillors.
- £54k raised so far. Our initial target is £100k.
- Further funding applications to Holbeck Trust and Joseph Rowntree Foundation.
- Seek help to support the campaign, assist with funds through the ward committee budgets, and positively endorse in community.

8. Social Networking

York Youth Council want to be able make full use of opportunities presented by Social Networking Sites and in particular Facebook. Social Network Sites (SNS) present opportunities to communicate with young people, families and communities but opportunities and risks go hand in hand. The Youth Council has worked together with Council officers to develop a framework for how they plan to use social networking sites. The framework covers all of the key elements that should be included in a robust plan for safely making use of these sites. The framework is available as **annex A**.

The framework should be seen as a complete document and not summarised for this report. However there are a few key elements that should be highlighted from the framework:

- It is not the intention to encourage any children or young people to use social networking sites who are not doing so already. The work is about engaging those that have already chosen to do so, and helping them to do so safely.
- The use of these tools does not condone or promote children and young people lying about their age to join social networking sites.
- Where support is offered through CYC, a disclaimer makes clear our organisational position on the use of social networking sites. The suggested statement is: *“City of York council does not control and can not guarantee or endorse the content on this site. This website is a social networking tool and the conduct of its users is not controlled by City of York Council. City of York council is making use of this site within a defined framework to positively engage with the community it serves. We would encourage all internet users to make sure they are fully aware of how to use the internet safely by visiting www.thinkuknow.co.uk.”*

We will need to run this past the Council's lawyers before it is finalised.

Corporate Priorities

- 9 The issues discussed in this paper are consistent with the Council's objectives to encourage children and young people to become active citizens, and to consult them about decisions that affect them.

Implications

10. **Financial** implications: none immediately, but any costs identified for the Youth Council beyond 31st March 2011 are not in budgets at the moment.
11. **Human Resources** implication: none immediately.
12. There are no, **Equalities, Crime and Disorder, IT or Property** Implications.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

14. That the Young People's Working Group discuss the topics and issues identified in this report with representatives of the Youth Council. The outcomes of these discussions may in some cases need to be forwarded to the Executive Member for Children's Services or the Executive for a decision.

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

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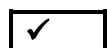
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Background Papers: None

Annexes:

A Social Networking and York Youth Council

Social Networking and York Youth Council



Social Network Sites (SNS) present opportunities to communicate with young people, families and communities but opportunities and risks go hand in hand.

This framework aims to ensure that these tools can be used effectively and safely to support the work of the York Youth Council (YYC).

Contents

This framework is broken down into sections;

- Aims
 - Why use Social Networking Tools
- What evidence of demand is there locally and nationally
- What does York Youth Council want to achieve
- How risks to children and young people are minimised
- The practicalities

Aims

- To get the Youth Council's message across to young people.
- To consult young people on what they want.
- To campaign on issues affecting young people
- To get young people's message across to older generations
- To raise the profile of York Youth Council
- To communicate within York Youth Council

Why use Social Networking Tools

- Large numbers of young people use social networking sites
- It is a quick, easy and accessible tool
- It is more environmentally friendly than older forms of communicating

It should also be made clear that York Youth Council is not actively encouraging those not already using Social Networking Sites to begin using them. The aim of this framework is to communicate with the large numbers of young people already using these sites.

What evidence of demand is there?

What local evidence is there?

- York Youth Council has already successfully made use of Social Networking tools engage with young people.
 - An online consultation around discounted bus fares was publicised by York Youth Council through Facebook. There was a massive response from hundreds of young people within a matter of days.

- Acts have been found for the first York Youth Festival.
- Information was created to help publicise elections for members of the Youth Parliament from York.

What national evidence is there?

- There are lots of national and international evidence showing how young people are using Social Networking Sites. A selection of key statistics are shown below;
 - Facebook is used every day by 25% of 16-19 year olds.¹
 - Devon youth workers consulted with young people about engagement through social networking sites. There were 94% of young people who said they would be interested in engaging in participation through social networking sites. Also 80% said they would share opportunities to engage with their friends.²
 - Brent council have used Facebook, twitter and youtube successfully to communicate with residents.³
 - Kent council have used social networking sites to talk communicate to young people what the council had done.⁴

¹ How are young people using social media? - Forrester Technographics Media and Marketing Study Q3 2008

² <http://worktogether.org.uk/2010/02/28/devon-county-council-%E2%80%93-knowledge-hub-case-study/>

³ <http://worktogether.org.uk/2010/02/28/brent-council-%E2%80%93-knowledge-hub-case-study/>

⁴ <http://worktogether.org.uk/2010/03/01/kent-county-council-%E2%80%93-knowledge-hub-case-study/>

What does York Youth Council want to achieve

What does York Youth Council want to achieve?	What will be the impact of this?
To get York Youth Council's message across to Young People; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing information • Planning for York Youth Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised awareness • Recruiting volunteers and acts
Get other young people involved in York Youth Council with comments on campaigns around; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle groups • Discounted bus travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving more of a voice to more young people in York
Building a cross generation campaign.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make people realise York Youth Council are "not just a group of kids" and raise awareness of the YYC aims.
Communicating within YYC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More active discussion between members of York Youth Council • Easier to manage than the current NING community
Connecting to other Youth Council's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing knowledge • Making campaigns better by learning from others

How risks to children and young people are minimised

There have been a number high profile reports about social networking sites and safety. The main focus of concerns are about:

- Online bullying
- Paedophiles and inappropriate sexual conduct

However there are also risks that need to be considered around:

- Commercial (losing personal information, illegal downloads)
- Aggressive (violent web content)
- Values (racism, misinformation)

This section sets out what York Youth Council will do to minimise the risks to young people who are using Social Networking Sites.

Commercial risks

What is the risk or concern?	What is done to minimise this risk?	What are the implications of this? (cost, training)
Identity theft	Provide links to information about how people can protect their personal details. Encourage users to make sure they have appropriate privacy settings.	Add links to key pages.
Illegal downloads	Moderator of YCC groups/pages to remove any links or references to illegal downloads.	Time to moderate and remove any links.

Aggressive

What is the risk or concern?	What is done to minimise this risk?	What are the implications of this? (cost, training)
Online bullying	Set out ground rules for those using YCC groups/pages. Moderators of the group to report any bullying. Provide links to information about what to do if people are being cyber-bullied.	Writing out ground rules. Time to moderate pages. Add links to information.
Stalking	Ensure security levels so only friends can see groups and pages. Encourage users to make sure they have appropriate privacy settings. Provide links to information about what to do about if people are worried about online stalking.	Time to moderate and remove these links.
Violent content	Moderator to remove any inappropriate content or links from YCC groups/pages.	Time to moderate and remove any links.

Sexual

What is the risk or concern?	What is done to minimise this risk?	What are the implications of this? (cost, training)
Grooming	Moderator to report any inappropriate contacts. Provide links to the report abuse button from the Child Exploitation and Online Protection agency. Provide links to information about saying safe online. Encourage users to make sure they have appropriate privacy settings.	Time to moderate pages. Add links to information.
Self publishing of sexual material	Moderators to remove any inappropriate content. Report any concerns where children or young people may be placing themselves at risk.	Time to moderate.

Values

What is the risk or concern?	What is done to minimise this risk?	What are the implications of this? (cost, training)
Racist views	Set out ground rules for those using YCC groups/pages. Moderator to remove any inappropriate posts that are racist.	Time to moderate pages.
Misinformation	Moderators to ensure information provide by YYC is correct. Where misinformation is given about the YYC moderators to proactively offer correct information.	Time to moderate.

The Practicalities

House rules

- Set out rules on using pages/groups around bullying, offensive and racist information

Guidance and training

- Train any administrators/moderators on house rules and how to deal with problems.
- Train what steps should be taken when setting up a new group.

Set up an admin group of moderators from YYC

- Have a number of administrators/moderators for pages/groups to ensure information is up to date and any risks already identified are acted on.

Constant evaluation

- Keep a record of any problems
- Keep information about what works well

Youth Worker Support

- York Youth Council would like the support of Youth Workers to support those carrying out the administration/moderation of any pages/groups. Work would be lead by York Youth Council but youth workers would be used as the last resort for any moderation or adding information.

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