

Report from the Assistant Director, Integrated Commissioning

York Youth Council: Annual Report and Future Priorities

Summary

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

Background

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

Topics for Discussion

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

Corporate Priorities

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

Implications

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

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

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

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

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Annexes:

A Annual Report of York Youth Council

B Composition of York Youth Council