

MEETING

CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY, 2016

AT 7.00 PM

VENUE

HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

TO: MEMBERS OF CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE (Quorum 3)

Chairman: Councillor Reuben Thompstone
Vice Chairman: Councillor Bridget Perry

Councillor Rebecca Challice	Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Daniel Thomas
Councillor Helena Hart	Councillor Anne Hutton	Councillor Kathy Levine
Councillor Ammar Naqvi		

Substitute Members

Councillor Lisa Rutter	Councillor Agnes Slocombe	Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb
Councillor Stephen Sowerby	Councillor Tom Davey	Councillor Adam Langleben

Substitute Members

Darren Warrington	Marilyn Nathan	Simon Clifford
Gladys Vendy	Denis Carey	Kevin McSharry

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Decisions of the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee

23 March 2016

Members Present:-

AGENDA ITEM 1

Councillor Reuben Thompstone (Chairman)
Councillor Bridget Perry (Vice-Chairman)

McSharry	Councillor Helena Hart
Councillor Rebecca Challice	Councillor Anne Hutton
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Kathy Levine
Councillor Daniel Thomas	Councillor Ammar Naqvi
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Also in attendance (as Co-opted Members):-

Marilyn Nathan
Darren Warrington
Gladys Vendy
Kevin McSharry

Apologies for Absence:

Simon Clifford
Denis Carey

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from co-opted members Simon Clifford and Denis Carey.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

Public comments were made by Barbara Jacobson, Bob Jacobson, Theresa Musgrove, Maria Nash, Emily Burnham, Heval Kartal and Keith Martin in relation to Item 7 – Barnet's future Library Service.

Public questions and their corresponding answers were detailed in the item's supplementary paper.

Due to the large volume of public questions received, the Chairman extended the time allocated for public questions and comments by 15 minutes. Answers were given to supplementary questions at the meeting.

6. **DRAFT BARNET CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN 2016-2020**

The Chairman and Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to the draft Barnet Children and Young People Plan 2016-2020.

The committee noted the need for children to have healthy and active lifestyles, and that the council take a proactive role to encourage this in the borough.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations outlined in the cover report. Votes were recorded as follows:

For	9
Against	0
Abstain	0

The recommendations were therefore carried, and the following was **RESOLVED**:

- **The Children, Education, Library and Safeguarding Committee considered and commented on the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2016-20 including the revised vision and key outcomes as summarised in 1.1 to 1.11.**
- **That the Children, Education, Library and Safeguarding Committee agreed that the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2016-20 contained in Appendix A and summarised in paragraph's 1.1 to 1.11 be approved for further public consultation.**

7. **BARNET'S FUTURE LIBRARY SERVICE**

The Chairman introduced the item, which related to Barnet's future Library Service.

John Hooton, Chief Operating Officer, provided a statement to the committee which outlined the information provided in Appendix L.

The Programme Director, Education and Learning, informed the committee of the main changes that have been made to the future library service proposal since receiving responses from the residents' consultation:

- That live, monitored CCTV would be installed in libraries where Technology Enabled Opening (TEO) applied to help reassure residents regarding safety and therefore increase confidence in the new system. This would come at a cost of approximately £75,000 per annum.

- That the age for unaccompanied children attending TEO libraries would be lowered to include pupils in Year 11 who were aged 15
- That Partnership Libraries would be given more funding in the first two years of their opening. In year one, funding would be £35,000, in year two it would be £28,000 and then in year three £25,000. Whilst this would have a negative impact on saving proposals, it was considered that additional funding would be appropriate to better support the start-up of Partnership Libraries.

During the course of discussion, Councillor Helena Hart noted that she was pleased that the options before the committee would see the retention of all 14 libraries should the recommendations be approved. She further noted that she had been encouraged by the trial of TEO technology at Edgware Library, which is in her ward.

The IT Director, CSG, proceeded to clarify the failure of the pre-existing library management system, the detail of which was outlined in Appendix L. The committee were informed of the following in relation to this:

- That the failure of this software was unrelated to TEO software, and was due to hardware failure.
- Some hardware parts were up to nine years old.
- The failure of this hardware was compounded by the fact that the backup system was located on the same server as the core hardware. It was noted that it is not uncommon for a hardware failure to take place or for the backup to be on a local mirrored system. However, a corruption of both the main disc and the backup was less common. CSG have taken several actions to mitigate this risk, notably the following:
 - o That an extra, off-site, back-up system has been created which is located a remote, cloud-based location.
 - o Notifications about server limit will now be sent to a shared email address so that all relevant staff will be aware when server space is running out.
 - o That the system is now categorised in the 'Platinum Tier', which adds several more layers of security to the system.
 - o A lot of old hardware will be – or already has been – updated and replaced.
- It was further noted that if a hardware failure takes place in the future, system downtime would now most likely be a matter of hours as opposed to an undetermined period of days, weeks or months.

Councillor Kathy Levine stated that whilst she recognised that the system sits independently of TEO software, she still believed that it underpinned the library system and therefore may not be fit to support the proposed model which depends on TEO software.

Councillor Helena Hart asked how confident CSG were that this failure would not happen again. The IT Director, CSG, stated that they were very confident, and that they had upgraded the infrastructure and taken many steps to improve system resilience.

Councillor Bridget Perry raised concerns about the unavailability of toilets and queried what effect this could have on residents' use of libraries. The Programme Director, Education and Learning set out that that detailed consideration had been given to this issue, the detail of which is outlined in Appendix A. It was clarified that toilets, where currently available in libraries, would still be available during staffed hours, and would only not be available in TEO times. It was noted that officers had considered a wide range of ways of keeping toilets open during TEO times, but couldn't conclude a way of mitigating risks associated with an area that could not be covered by CCTV, which included issues such as misuse and vandalism. It was noted that other local authorities who are using this approach have a similar stance in regard to accessing toilets during TEO times. Should the recommendations be approved, it was said that notices would be put up in libraries about where the nearest facilities are.

Councillor Kathy Levine stated that she was concerned by the issues raised by members of the public regarding the lack of support for those with disabilities and unaccompanied children in unstaffed libraries. She raised further concerns regarding whether the proposals would give children living and studying in the borough the best chance in life and whether getting the necessary numbers of volunteers to run Community Libraries was achievable.

The Programme Director, Education and Learning, clarified that the Equality Impact Assessment lays out how the council would seek to mitigate the impact for residents with disabilities who may require support to use the library and for unaccompanied young people. It was explained that the staffed timetable would be clearly publicised and communicated so that residents requiring support could plan their visits. It was clarified that children would be able to use TEO although younger children will need to be accompanied by an adult and older children will require parental consent (and a school stamp if aged 15 and in Year 11). The Programme Director, Education and Learning, further stated that the council would add to the mitigation plan work to do with carers. It was then stated that for some people with disabilities the extended hours would be useful, although that they will need some support. In addition to this, the committee was informed that there are alternative study spaces in schools in addition to spaces that would be available in libraries under the new system. The Programme Director explained that it was not recommended to timetable all of the proposed staffed hours during afterschool hours, as the needs of other library users needed to be met who may prefer to use libraries in the morning or afternoon.

The Programme Director, Education and Learning also noted that the recruitment of volunteers would be supported by investment, and that a small budget to work with Groundwork and CommUNITY Barnet – the council's Voluntary Sector partners – would be assigned in order to encourage more volunteering. The committee was also informed, in answer to a question, that the table on page 45 of the cover report, which refers to commercial income, indicates that there would be no increase in generated income in 2018/19 from the previous year.

Councillor Ammar Naqvi also asked if there was scope for re-categorisation of libraries as there was quite a difference between Core and Core +. The Programme Director, Education and Learning, informed the committee that the council would continue to take into account the needs of the borough– in particular it was noted that it is proposed that the new Colindale library (currently the Grahame Park Library) would be classified at a Core+ Library to meet the needs arising from the large scale regeneration in that area. The committee noted that libraries could be re-categorised depending on budget.

Councillor Hutton raised concerns over staffing and that the proposals suggested a deduction of half of qualified libraries staff. She was also concerned to maintain an offer of rentable community space and also queried the provision for wheelchair access to TEO dependent libraries. The Programme Director, Education and Learning, clarified that the number of posts that require a professional qualification would stay the same as it is now, although the entire number of staff would decline. The committee were then informed that hourly-let rental community space will be available in some libraries. In addition to this, it was clarified that all libraries will have wheelchair access.

Councillor Anne Hutton expressed concern at reduction in size of libraries as her library was packed when she was in there at 4.00pm.

Councillor Anne Hutton also queried whether enterprise hubs could be in many of the libraries.

Councillor Daniel Thomas said the enterprise hub may want to operate across libraries and could provide commercial space and that projects in the pipeline can allow for co-location.

The committee was informed that the number of fixed desk top computers available in libraries would be likely to decline under the proposals, although it is not possible to say what the number will be until the redesign of libraries has taken place. The committee also heard how library users now make use of wi-fi to study in a variety of ways in libraries and how the introduction of laptops may enable more or the same number of computers to be provided despite a reduction in desk space.

In response to a question from Councillor Thompstone, the committee were informed that classes of students under the age of 15 could attend TEO library sessions with one teacher (and therefore not multiple adults).

During discussion of the item, Councillor Anne Hutton moved a motion, which was seconded by Councillor Rebecca Challice, to change the wording of recommendations 3 and 4 so that they read:

3. *That the decision on the future of Barnet's Library Service is delayed until the library IT problem is completely resolved and a final assessment of the system failure is brought back to CELS for consideration.*
4. *That, if required, reserves are used to fund the Library Service in the interim.*

Votes on the motion were recorded as follows:

For	4
Against	5
Abstain	0

The motion therefore did not carry.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations, with each recommendation voted on in turn. The committee unanimously agreed

recommendations 1 and 2, and votes for recommendations 3 and 4 were recorded as follows:

For	5
Against	4
Abstain	0

Immediately following the vote the Chairman, Councillor Reuben Thompstone, moved to refer the item to the next practicable meeting of Full Council. The reason given for the referral of the item was that there is considerable public interest in the issue, and that it is a key issue affecting the majority of the borough's wards, therefore meaning that Full Council is better placed to make the decision.

The request to refer the item was supported by:

- Councillor Rebecca Challice
- Councillor Alison Cornelius
- Councillor Helena Hart
- Councillor Anne Hutton
- Councillor Kathy Levine
- Councillor Ammar Naqvi
- Councillor Bridget Perry
- Councillor Daniel Thomas

RESOLVED – That having received the requisite number of support for referral, the item will be placed on the agenda for consideration by Full Council.

8. ANNUAL REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

The Chairman welcomed the Education and Skills Director to introduce the item, which related to the Annual Report of Educational Standards.

Following discussion of the report, the Chairman moved to the recommendations outlined in the cover report. Votes were recorded as follows:

For	9
Against	0
Abstain	0

The recommendations were therefore carried, and the following was **RESOLVED**:

- **That the Committee noted the validated results for school performance in Barnet for the academic year 2014/15 as set out in Appendix A: Report on Educational Standards in Barnet (Academic Year 2014/15).**

9. CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES AND SAFEGUARDING COMMISSIONING PLAN ADDENDUM

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Commissioning Plan addendum.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations outlined in the cover report. Votes were recorded as follows:

For	5
Against	0
Abstain	4

The recommendations were therefore carried, and the following was **RESOLVED**:

- **That the Committee reviewed and approved the addendum to the CELS Commissioning Plan for 2016/17 (Appendix A).**

10. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

Councillor Anne Hutton introduced her Member's Item, which related to developing cultural activities in the borough.

Following discussion of the item, the committee unanimously **RESOLVED**:

- **That the Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, bring a report back to a future meeting of the committee which details the following:**
 - 1. The possible development of a cultural activities plan which could include: making a dedicated page on the internet for cultural activities, promoting the arts through the council's magazine Barnet First and how the arts can be incorporated in future meeting agendas.**
 - 2. Suggestions of how to involve residents and community groups in cultural activities.**
 - 3. Feasibility of the council appointing an artist-in-residence and/or an 'Arts Champion' to be an ambassador for arts in the borough.**
 - 4. Whether community spaces can be offered at discounted rates across the borough to community groups (for instance spaces in libraries). This will include a definitive view on the current – and any potential future – rates available for community groups.**

11. CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

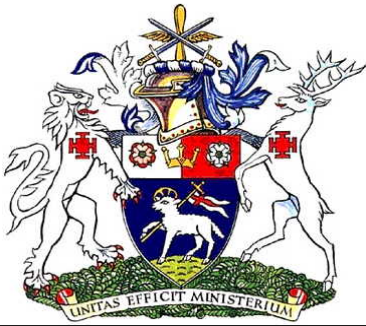
The Commissioning Director for Children and Young People introduced the Committee Work Programme.

The Committee unanimously noted the report.

12. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.50 pm



Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee

18 May 2016

Title	Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Anne Hutton from Full Council: Cuts to Schools and the National Funding Formula
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
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Summary

The report informs the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee of a Motion which was reported to Full Council on 04 April 2016. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 23.5, if a Member's Motion is not dealt with by the end of a Full Council meeting, it will be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and any necessary action.

Recommendation

That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee's instructions are required in relation to this item.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 On Monday 04 April 2016 Councillor Anne Hutton submitted an Opposition Motion to Full Council as follows:

1.2 Cuts to Schools and the National Funding Formula:

Council notes that Barnet's schools are collectively facing a cut of around 8.7 per cent to their funding as a result of the move to a new National Funding Formula.

Council notes that the re-allocation of funds through the National Funding Formula hits London the hardest.

Council therefore supports efforts by London Councils to make the case to government for continued investment in London's schools, taking into account its complexities including deprivation, mobility and other local factors.

In particular, Council supports the broad principles of London Councils' campaign as follows:

- To address any inequalities in the current funding formula, funding should be levelled up, rather than down*
- Fairer funding through a National Funding Formula should not result in a reduction in funding for London's children*
- Local flexibility over funding is vital to address and respond swiftly to local diverse and emerging issues*

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to London Councils setting out LB Barnet's support for their campaign on the National Funding Formula and against these cuts to Barnet's schools.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5 I ask that my motion is voted on at the meeting.

1.3 The Full Council Procedure Rules (rule 23.5), as outlined in the council's constitution, states that:

- If the Member's Motion is not dealt with by the end of the meeting, it will be referred to the appropriate Council Committee or sub-Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

1.4 The motion was not discussed or voted on at the Full Council meeting. Therefore the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee is requested to consider the contents of the motion as set out in section 1.2 of this report and give instruction.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee is therefore requested to give consideration to the motion and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 Any actions arising will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Full Council Procedure Rules (23.5), as outlined in the council's constitution, states that:

If the Member's Motion is not dealt with by the end of the meeting, it will be referred to the appropriate Council Committee or sub-Committee for consideration and any necessary action. (However, if the proposer has specifically asked in his or her notice for the Motion to be voted on at that Council meeting it will be voted on without discussion).

- 5.3.2 Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, of the council's constitution provides the terms of reference of the committee. This section states that the committee has responsibility for overseeing the effective delivery of education in the borough.

- 5.3.3 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

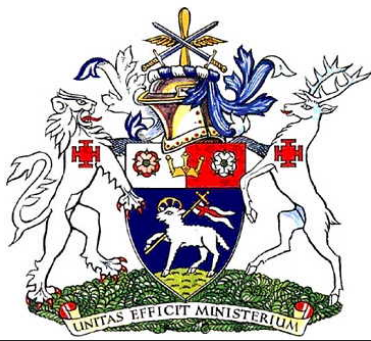
5.5.1 All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Motion to Full Council, 04 April 2016:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s30967/Opposition%20Motion%20-%20Councillor%20Anne%20Hutton.pdf>



Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee

18 May 2016

Title	Report of the Barnet Youth Assembly
Report of	Barnet Youth Assembly
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
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Summary

This report outlines the work of the Barnet Youth Assembly and the important role it plays in engaging with young people across the Borough. It includes motions successfully voted on by the members of the Youth Assembly to bring to the attention of the committee as key issues affecting young people in Barnet. The report highlights the need for continued support from members and the committee to support young people as they share their hopes for Barnet and positively engage with the council.

Recommendations

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee comment on the priorities of the Youth Assembly and consider the key issues affecting young people laid out at 1.6 of the report.
3. That the committee approve and note the officer proposals and responses to the priorities highlighted at 1.6 of the report.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1** On 18th November 2015 the committee approved the creation of the Barnet Youth Assembly as set out in a paper entitled *Promoting British Values and Citizenship amongst Children and Young People in Barnet - Hearing the voices of children and young people*.
- 1.2** The Youth Assembly is a youth voice forum designed to enable young people to publicly debate issues that are important to them. It also gives young people the opportunity to make their voices heard within the decision making process and helps them develop invaluable skills and confidence in public speaking, debating and critical thinking. The Youth Assembly currently has 21 members, recruited through local schools, who attend monthly meetings held at Hendon Town Hall.
- 1.3** The Governance Service – in tandem with the Children’s Service – runs the ‘Youth Assembly’ which operates as a sub-group of the Barnet Youth Board. This Assembly allows local students the opportunity to discuss issues specifically relevant to them in Barnet. Local Youth Councils, such as this, are designed to engage young people to focus on improving their local area.
- 1.4** In bringing this report to the committee the Assembly can engage meaningfully with the council and give young people an opportunity to participate in a formal council meeting, which furthermore strengthens the commitment to helping young people make an excellent start in life.
- 1.5** The Youth Assembly operates a system in which members are asked to submit motions on local issues which are important to them. The member is expected to introduce the motion and then the Youth Assembly debates it, querying information provided and discussing the merits of the motion, with the option to amend as they see fit. Once the motion has been debated thoroughly those motions which receive a majority of positive votes are taken forward to CELS to highlight to councillors the issues which the Youth Assembly would like the council to focus on. The motions brought to the committee are shown below:

1.6

Motion	Detail	Votes	Officer response for committee's consideration
<p>Youth Assembly encourage the council to take a more proactive role in encouraging the electoral registration of 16-18 year olds in the borough, with a focus on educating young people on how to register</p>	<p>The Youth Assembly felt there is a need tackle political disillusionment with young people on a local scale and that there is a lack of information available to young people about how they can be involved in the electoral process. This could be mitigated by sending out information increasing awareness about voter registration.</p>	<p>For: 10 Against: 1 Abstain: 1</p>	<p>We consider this issue to be of great importance to the council and to the work we do in Electoral Services. Going forward we will aim to promote 'Rock Enrol!' in Barnet's schools and colleges. This is an interactive resource pack which encourages young people to register to vote, commissioned by the Cabinet Office.</p> <p>In addition to this, we will work closely with the Governance Service in order to provide more information to students about registering to vote in any correspondence they have with schools regarding their Democratic Engagement Programme and the Youth Assembly. The Governance Service will aim to distribute leaflets to schools and students each academic year from now on regarding the Assembly and how to get involved. On these leaflets there would be information about registering to vote. In addition to this, it is the Governance Service's ambition to create a webpage with information about democratic engagement with young people in the borough, on which there would be information about electoral registration.</p> <p><i>John Bailey – Head of Electoral Services</i></p>
<p>Youth Assembly encourage the council to consider ways of tackling anti-Semitism and general discrimination directed towards young people in the borough</p>	<p>A number of the Youth assembly having experienced discrimination themselves, they felt this is a serious issue which needs a coordinated response from the council in</p>	<p>For: 11 Against: 0 Abstain: 1</p>	<p>This topic, whilst very important, is broad and far reaching. In order to best approach the issue, there would need to be a better understanding of the evidence base or the type of discrimination experienced by young people in the borough. Once this is known, it would be more possible to set realistic expected outcomes.</p>

<p>especially by considering the use of focussed media campaigns</p>	<p>order that young people can go out in the Borough without fear of discrimination.</p>		<p>Going forward, we recommend that Governance work closely with our Equalities Officer in Barnet Council to arrange workshops for future cohorts of the Youth Assembly. These workshops would inform young people more specifically on local and national equalities issues, which could in turn enable the Youth Assembly to champion such challenges for young people in Barnet.</p> <p><i>Community Safety Team/ Governance</i></p>
<p>To urge the council to begin a prevent initiative to promote mental wellbeing in teenagers</p>	<p>The Youth Assembly felt more needed to be done to ensure young people in Barnet have access to activities that will contribute to positive mental health. This would include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteering opportunities promoted in secondary schools - Free sports clubs offered in every secondary school. 	<p>For: 12 Against: 0 Abstain: 0</p>	<p>It is very encouraging to see that young people are putting this forward and LBB welcomes this motion because it reflects an existing national and local priority. Research shows that for people with life-long mental health conditions 50% are established by age 14 and 75% by age 18. It is therefore imperative that this issue is addressed, but it is also clear that if the aim is prevention then it needs to include younger age groups and not just be focused on teenagers.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Director of Public Health's report and the CAMHS Transformation Plan both focus on this issue so any new initiatives need to compliment and reinforce existing programmes of work which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving access to services, including improved CAMH services in children centres and schools, developing drop in sessions and developing a peer support service. Support must focus on how to build young people and their family's protective factors (stable relationships, good school attendance, skills and employability etc.), supporting young people to build resilience in adulthood.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnet aims to develop a CAMHS schools network, increasing schools ability to retain pupils with emotional and behaviour needs and reducing the number of exclusions. Working with providers and the third sector Barnet aims to develop a quality offer which schools can buy into, providing advice, guidance and support to schools. The offer will include short term therapy, training for staff, families and peer supporters. • The plan is to also develop a team of CAMHS clinicians to extend our work with the most vulnerable children and young people, working with pupils on the edge of exclusion and providing targeted support to students with mental health difficulties and/or challenging behaviour. Support will be targeted around crisis times and prioritise areas such as exam result stress, self-harm, alcohol, substance misuse and child sexual exploitation. • This work will build on the primary and secondary projects, creating a wider team based on Barnet school pupils building capacity across the education system. • Barnet will also develop a drop-in service that meets the needs of children and young people in the Borough. Our ambition is to build accessible drop-in services for the school aged population, working with and stimulating the third sector, developing social enterprises and or traded services for sustainability. • Children, young people and families will develop these as a coproduction work stream • A range of peer support programmes will be developed by working closely with CommUNITY Barnet voluntary sector and partners to ensure the right training is provided to those who offer peer support.
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			<p>This work will be taken forward by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint working when developing services, working closely with providers and other public sector organisations to deliver change across services for young people. Work closely with other local authorities and sector level management through the North Central London sector forum and across the local tri-borough (Barnet, Enfield and Haringey) to share best practice and develop joint commissioning arrangements. • Co-production of CAMH services with children and young people and their families and carers. • Develop a system based approach grounded on children and young peoples' needs and not service boundaries, removing boundaries and delivery services based on the life course, from early years through to adulthood. <p>We would therefore welcome young people's involvement in the delivery of the above ambitions.</p> <p><i>Sharafat Ali, Head of Children's Joint Commissioning</i></p>
<p>Urge the council to create an initiative that educates young people on travel safety and also the repercussions of acting inappropriately on buses (i.e. harassment, vandalism etc...)</p>	<p>As a large number of young people use buses to travel around the borough the Youth Assembly felt more needed to be done to deter anti-social behaviour and promote safe travel. Members discussed at length the different options available and felt an educational campaign was most appropriate.</p>	<p>For: 5 Against: 4 Abstain: 2</p>	<p>In order to address this issue, council officer will consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning an educational DVD to offer to schools in conjunction with TfL. • Cover the subject as part of our road safety education programme to schools • Consider working with TfL on a specific outreach programme to schools and youth groups to educate on

			the topic. <i>Jamie Cooke, Strategic Lead – Effective Borough Travel</i>
Urge the council to design an information package that can be sent to students regarding what impact subject choices can have on their future career choices. This package would also include information on how to explore other potential colleges that Barnet students can choose	<p>The Youth Assembly considered – through a range of personal experiences – that students in Barnet schools would benefit from additional support when making decisions after taking GCSE and A-Level examinations regarding potential career paths. In addition to this, the Youth</p> <p>Assembly noted that students would benefit more from receiving information which explained what impact subject choices could have on future career paths.</p> <p>Finally, the Assembly noted that Barnet students should be more informed about what other colleges there are in Barnet when it comes to choosing their place to undertake further-education.</p>	For: 11 Against: 1 Abstain: 0	<p>The relationship between subject options at school and career choice is not quite as straightforward as we might think. A lot of different careers can be accessed from a variety of different school subjects; conversely some careers can best be accessed through studying particular subjects i.e. Science careers often require Science ‘A levels’ or Science BTEC. In order to help young people resolve these complex choices a careers interview with a Careers Adviser is often the best way forward.</p> <p>In addition to this, I have presented in the chart below an ‘informal matching’ of particular School subject choices to career outcomes:</p> <p>English: Journalism, Law, Politics, Media, Teaching</p> <p>Maths: Accountancy ,Business, Computer Programming, Engineering, Finance, Science Careers</p> <p>Science: Construction, Engineering, Environmental Work, Technology, Other Science careers (including Psychology, Veterinary work, Astronomy)</p> <p>Religious Studies: Social Care, Nursing, Counselling, Community Work, Politics</p> <p>Geography: Travel &Tourism Environment work, Transport and Logistics Planning, Surveying, Geology, Estate Management</p>

		<p>History: Law, Politics, Journalism, Archaeology, Museums, Heritage, Costume Design</p> <p>Languages: Translation and Interpretation, Travel and Tourism, Teaching, Exports, Journalism</p> <p>Art & Design: Design work in publishing, Computer games, Clothes, Textiles, Websites, Teaching, Film, Theatre, retail displays</p> <p>Business: Banking and Finance, Retail, Hotels, Public Services, Management, Marketing, sales, Human resources, Law and Administration</p> <p>Design Technology/ Resistant Materials Construction, Manufacturing, Engineering, Motor Mechanics, ICT careers</p> <p>Sport Teaching, Leisure Centres, Gyms, Coaching, Outdoor Activities, Work, Armed Forces ,Sports Science</p> <p>In terms of Computer Aided Guidance there is no algorithm which perfectly matches subject options with career outcomes. There are some software packages which attempt this sort of matching with varying degrees of success but these are paid for (i.e. purchased under licence). One website which is free but which matches interests rather than subjects with career options is PLOTR: www.plotr.co.uk and is used in conjunction with the profiles from the National Careers Service website</p>
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			<p>www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk.</p> <p>This can be useful in at least generating some ideas for young people on how to align their interests with possible career options which can then be explored further.</p> <p>In terms of searching for College options for particular subjects, the best tactic, apart from searching on College websites directly, is to use UCASPROGRESS www.ucasprogress.com which will generate the College location or indeed School location for searches for particular subjects.</p> <p><i>Ciaran MacAlister, Education Employment and Training Adviser</i></p>
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2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The Youth Assembly has proved to be a successful template for engaging with young people in Barnet and encouraging them to interact with the council and work for positive change in issues that affect them. The ambition is to ensure young people feel valued and listened to by the council, as well as building their skills and understanding of policy making and the work of the council. The continued support of Members and the committee is crucial to ensuring this is possible and that the Youth Assembly can develop into a nationally recognised model of how to successfully engage young people.
- 2.2** Section 10 of the Children Act 2004 requires a local authority to make arrangements to promote co-operation within the local authority, with other partners and with other relevant persons in order to improve the well-being of children in its area. Well-being includes:
- Physical and mental health and emotional well-being,
 - Protection from harm and neglect,
 - Education, training and recreation,
 - The contribution made by children and young people to society, and;
 - Social and economic well-being.

Under section 11 of the above Act, local authorities and other statutory partners must ensure that their functions are exercised having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The Director of Children's Services (DCS) has a statutory duty to fulfil the following in their post:

- The DCS should have regard to the General Principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and ensure that children and young people are involved in the development and delivery of local services.

The consideration of this report contributes towards the fulfilment of the DCS's obligation towards these duties.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, will implement any actions that the committee delegates in relation to the recommendations.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

The Youth Assembly is enabling young Barnet residents to take responsibility and engage with the council to highlight issues that are important to them. This resonates with the commitment in the Corporate Plan to help residents help themselves. It provides a platform for developing skills such as public speaking and critical thinking, which positively contribute to the future of these young people.

Barnet's Corporate Plan is underpinned by the principles of Fairness, Responsibility and Opportunity. They are at the heart of the council's approach and work with young people needs to be conscious cognisant of those aspirations.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

The implementation of these recommendations will be done through existing teams and contained within existing budgets held in the Children's and Governance services.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

As detailed in Annex A, Responsibility for Functions, in the council's Constitution the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee has the responsibility for all matters relating to the Children's Service.

5.4 Risk Management

Any risks associated will be considered during the implementation of these recommendations.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies **to have due regard** to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
- foster good relations between people from different groups

The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services

In line with this, any work undertaken as part of these recommendations will consider and adhere to all relevant stipulations of the 2010 Equality Act.

When considering well-being, it is important to take account of different age groups, race and religious factors and disability. These factors will be considered when undertaking further work, including ensuring that children and young people are able to express their views on proposals.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

Not applicable.

5.7 Insight

None.

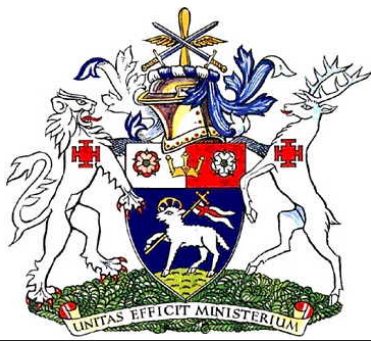
6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee Report, 18th November 2015:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s27431/Promoting%20British%20Values%20and%20Citizenship%20amongst%20Children%20and%20Young%20People%20in%20Barnet.pdf>

Decisions of the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee, 18th November 2015:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8259/Printed%20minutes%2018th-Nov-2015%2019.00%20Children%20Education%20Libraries%20Safeguarding%20Committee.pdf?T=1>



Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee

18 May 2016

Title	The achievements and campaigns of Barnet's 2015/16 UK Youth Parliament members
Report of	Tony Lewis – Voice of the Child Coordinator
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Outgoing UK Youth Parliament members Appendix B – Current UK Youth Parliament members
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Summary

UK Youth Parliament provides a platform for children and young people to voice their opinions on issues affecting them and their peers across the UK in order to bring about social change. From 13th January to 14th March 2016 Barnet UK Youth Parliament elections took place across the borough. Barnet elects four children and young people each year to represent their peers within Barnet both at a local and a national level. Each Youth Parliament member has campaigned on an issue that is important to them. Their terms of office last for one year and during this time the Voice of the Child Team seek to support and develop their campaigns and link each member in with the wider UK Youth Parliament. This report seeks to provide an overview of the campaigns the newly elected Youth Parliament members will be seeking to develop within Barnet over their year in office. The report also provides an outline of the campaigns, projects and journeys for our outgoing Barnet UK Youth Parliament members' terms in office.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee note the following report on the progression of the existing UK Youth Parliament members and recognise the campaigns of the new UK Youth Parliament members as laid out in the appendix.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 To provide a review to the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee of the progression and impact made by the outgoing UK Youth Parliament members.
- 1.2 To provide the committee with an overview of the current UK Youth Parliament members' campaigns and to communicate the direction for the overall campaign for the UK.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report to support the new UK Youth Parliament members throughout their term in office and recognise the achievements of Barnet's outgoing UK Youth Parliament members.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The continuation of support for children and young people's voices to be heard through the UK Youth Parliament within Barnet's Family Services.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

The implementation of the UK Youth Parliament members is incorporated into the decisions made by Barnet, which incorporates the views of young people across the borough and this feeds into the council's priorities.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

The services provided for the UK Youth Parliament is contained within the existing budgets within Family Services.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

As detailed in Annex A, Responsibility for Functions, in the Council's Constitution the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee has the responsibility for all matters relating to the Children's Service.

5.4 Risk Management

There are no risks directly associated with this decision. The risks associated with the delivery of the respective UK Youth Parliament are reported, mitigated and governed through the Children & Family Services.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

The UK Youth Parliament members are a group of children and young people from diverse backgrounds which include, disabilities, religions and genders

thus meeting equality and diversity considerations as laid out in the 2010 Equality Act.

5.5 CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT

The UK Youth Parliament members will have regular consultations and engagements with the Voice of the Child Participation Officer. The officer will support the development of their campaigns and projects while working closely with them throughout their term in office.

5.6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

Appendix A

Outgoing UK Youth Parliament members

1. Tosin Ilemobola

As a Member of Youth Parliament for Barnet I have achieved more than I ever thought I would. Over the year I have established my own organisation called Gain&Glo. I set it up to offer other young people sport opportunities, in less privileged communities. The aim of the organisation is to deliver as many different activities to allow the youth to broaden their horizons and experience as many diverse avenues as possible, before making career choices and also to succeed and pursue their talents. Her goal is to improve and set up extra curriculum activities. On February 18th I had my first event Sports and Activity event. The aim of the day was to promote physical activities within the borough by providing different sporting activities, where young people were able to interact with each other, learn new skills and meet new people, it also helped to keep young people off the streets. The event was a success with over 100 young people attending, participating in various activities such as Football, Rugby, Basketball, Athletics, Boxing, Dance and Fitness testing.

Mental Health and Stress are two important things which affect many young children growing up in different circumstances across Barnet. School can also be very stressful and at times we may need a way to relieve some stress and sports is a great way of relieving stress. It presents youths for the opportunity to experience something new and interesting whilst giving them accreditations and also aiding in reducing their stress levels this is my way of contributing to the national campaign mental health. I want to set up regular sports sessions in the borough where young people can relieve their stress and encourage them to live a healthy life.

During my term I have met many MPs such as Mike Freer, Theresa Villiers and RT Hon John Bercow. I also had the opportunity to do work experience with RT Hon Hilary Benn. I have done various speeches at numerous events. I had the privilege of speaking in the House of Commons on Mental Health which launch on BBC Parliament, I was also interviewed by London Live and featured in a documentary that will be streamed on CBBC.

Without wheels a car cannot move, just like without a voice, change couldn't be made. During my term as a member of youth parliament I have learnt how crucial it is to express my views to the community. Having this opportunity has enabled my voice to be turned into actions and issued to be solved. Our voices are so valuable and powerful and deserve to be heard, when used in the right way; we can make a massive difference in the lives around us.

2. Maywand Enayat

My year as the MYP for Barnet has been of the best of my entire life. I have had the opportunity to meet so many people I would never have met in general. For example, the speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow MP and Northern Ireland Secretary of State Theresa Villiers MP as well as making new friends from all over the UK from residential trips and working with Tony and Chris.

Furthermore, my term has enhanced my confidence and public speaking skills allowing me to come out of my comfort zone and speak in front of hundreds of people; for example, I had the privilege of opening the annual peace day celebrations at Hendon Town Hall.

Youth Parliament has opened doors for me for the rest of my life, I particularly enjoyed attending the annual House of Commons sitting, a once in a life time opportunity to speak in front of the nation.

I am proud that at this year's national campaign vote, I broke the record for an individual MYP collecting vote's in Barnet as I gained almost 6000 votes on issues regarding racial discrimination and the enhanced greenhouse effect.

I believe it is really important to be heard as a young individual as the future is ours, we must shape and construct our futures for a better tomorrow and I believe the British Youth Council (BYC) and the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) provide the best platform to do so.

To conclude, I wish my term didn't come to an end as I have really enjoyed giving back to my community and feel privileged and honoured to serve as the MYP for the London Borough of Barnet, the best Borough in London.

3. Iqra Shahzad

Youth Parliament has been a life-changing experience for me. It provided me with a secure platform to be able to independently express my ideas about the world around me as a young woman living in Britain. I have been able to achieve this through my project, The FUSE Movement (FUSE being an acronym for Fighting in Unity for Solutions and Education) which aims to allow young people to tackle important issues in their community through artistic and creative pathways. Over my year in office, I have learnt the importance of funding, support (offered continuously by our youth workers) and motivation in bringing my campaign to life. However, my project, likewise the other Youth Parliament members' campaigns, extends beyond our year in office into a lifetime of social change, which is made possible through UKYP.

Though the main focus of Youth Parliament was to develop our campaigns, we were provided with endless opportunities to be able to give our input into both national campaigns and local decision-making, such as:

- Make Your Mark Campaign in which all four Youth Parliament members were responsible for gathering the opinions of children from all areas of Barnet on what the national campaign should be.
- Speaking to young people about what peace means to us for World Peace Day.
- Meeting and discussing youth issues with local MPs such as Theresa Villiers.
- Debating, networking and discussing current affairs with other UKYP and youth council members in the annual conventions.
- Visiting the House of Commons to meet with MPs from the Conservative Party.

The year as a whole has been extremely significant into shaping me into an opinionated young person that yearns to be heard. Young people tend to bottle up their ideas about the world around them and deem them as insignificant due to the superficial, unaccepting society we live in today. Movements and organisations such as Youth Parliament have been able to counteract that through providing young people with a platform to have a voice in society. Without organisations like this, the voice of the child would be left unheard and unsupported. Who knows what our society would be like today without youth voice?

4. Terence Dobson

Being elected on Youth Parliament as DMYP for Barnet has brought me a great sense of achievement and gratitude. I have developed my skills beyond imagination, as it takes confidence and true determination to strive and achieve the goals you are aiming for.

I had noticed the gap in the market with Barnet, the declining number of youth clubs and thought this has to change, youth need a place to spend their free time and be able to relax and socialise with others.

I have recently, set up and join projects with my sister, our own youth club The National Children and Young Adult Services. Our aim is provide somewhere, were youths are able to do all the rational and positive things they would like to do, just that safe place to be. I had received some funding from the 02ThinkBig and launch my project on the 24th March 16 at the 02ThinkBigHub in Hoxton Square, making awareness of the work we are doing, and get the support our project needs.

It has been an exciting and incredible experience which I would definitely recommend to others, it has opened up so many doors and lots of new things for example: the youth select committee of which I campaigned for more services and

funding for mental health and had many different debates with Lords and MP'S if you are lucky like our group you might even see Ed Miliband, young commissioners, Barnet youth board, and getting involved with Barnet's first youth convention of which we made history by making our Charta, going on many residential, and much more. It has also given me an appetite of what being a MP would be like, I got a chance to meet Mick Freer and he gave us his opinion on what it's like being an MP.

I have also got the opportunity to have many interesting debates with Minster Gymah and Minster Burt we also got to meet the owner of the House of Lords and met the Vietnamese government, encouraging them to have youth parliament in their country. Additionally, I had many residential at Westminster .This opportunity gives you a great feeling as you are known to many as a youth that's doing positive for your borough.

Appendix B

Current UK Youth Parliament members

1. James Saker

My aim is to help as many young (particularly Syrian) refugees fleeing to the UK as possible, especially in Barnet, and, perhaps, surrounding boroughs. To do this, my UKYP manifesto is to make an app which will help them locate and use services for which they are eligible for, but are not led towards, for example mental health services. I understand that the vast majority of Syrians have mobile phones (there are 87 mobiles for every 100 Syrians) [1], however, I do not know how many have smartphones.

Of course, my app would have to be in two languages – English and Arabic – so as to reach as many as refugees I can. I would like it to be accessible on both Apple and Android (again, so as to reach as many refugees as possible). However, as its mobiles are generally cheaper, and many refugees are in poverty, I think that Android would be more of a priority. For the same reason, my app will be free I do not know the cost of the development of a basic app, although I do know that a previous MYP who also developed an app is in the process of making one with £10,000 funding.

I should note that a big challenge of making my manifesto worthwhile will be getting people to know about it. To do this, I aim to put posters and other awareness material in schools and mosques, to a big extent. I will also try to get people to distribute information about the app via word of mouth, as well as any other helpful details (e.g. how to get a library card) which would help those in need.

[1] (2014) <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/surprised-that-syrian-refugees-have-smartphones-well-sorry-to-break-this-to-you-but-youre-an-idiot-10489719.html>

2. Rai Alzarif Elbobo

It is a great achievement to have the honour of representing young people in Barnet. I have worked hard to earn the young people's trust, and I will always work hard to make sure that I don't betray this trust and I will always take their best interests into consideration. Though it is going to prove difficult to get young people interested and involved in activities related to my campaign, I have a clear plan and vision of how I am going to involve them. Hereby, I will explain how I am planning to achieve the targets of my campaign and how I intend to insure their voice be heard.

As I stated in my manifesto, the purpose of my campaign is to educate students about the different concepts of travel safety as well as ensuring that they commute

safely no matter what their commuting method is. That's why, I believe in creating a safety zone among schools; this will be a secure area around each school and will be implemented and supported by School and Student Councils around Barnet.

What is the idea and purpose of a safety zone? A safety zone is a secure area around each school and will ensure that young people's commuting rights aren't violated. The 'Safety Zone' is aimed at students who travel by walking and will ensure they aren't exposed to bullying, theft or sexual harassment. In addition, the 'Safety Zones' are meant to encourage students to travel in a group or in pairs to avoid unnecessary incidents. Moreover, for those who walk through a 'footpath' or a deserted area, I will strongly support the action of equipping these areas by CCTV cameras that can help us detect suspicious activities. Furthermore, I will encourage students to use apps where the location of a young person can be identified and instant help can be supported when needed such as 'life 360'. These apps are already out there, it's just a matter of making young people aware of the benefits of using them.

Another aspect of my campaign is running workshops to enlighten young people using Public Transport about different suspicious situations they may encounter. We will perform sketches where real-life scenarios are presented to focus on a certain situation which young people may face while commuting on public transport (this will make the awareness campaign more enjoyable). The idea is to get young people to think about the external consequences affecting those involved in sceptic situations. Then a further discussion will be aroused in which expert's advice students and suggest more professional, effective and practical ways of dealing with the problem. To make my idea clearer, I 'd like to give an example. " On a Friday evening when Amina was returning by herself using the bus to go back home from school, one of the passengers is drunk. He began to sexually grooming her ... How would she behave? What shall she do or what shall young witnesses do? Discussion will be aroused, and resolution shall be given.

In addition, students' anti- social behaviour on TFL can widely influence acts of violence. We should tackle this problem since it has a major consequence on young people and different parties. To achieve that, a Barnet hotline could be established where public passengers can report a student's inappropriate behaviour which can then be recorded by Barnet and re-directed to the school where responsible staff can deal with the situation.

Furthermore, I will work with the British Youth Council to assist with the national campaign, Don't Hate Educate, to arouse the awareness against 'racism' and 'religious discrimination'. This will definitely provide students with confidence and a feeling of security as it directly tackles issues in school and while commuting.

I hope I will be able to satisfy my duties as a Member of the Youth Parliament and I believe that I will make a difference in Barnet's community. I also promises those

who put their confidence in me that I will work up to their expectations. Together, we will make a difference because I believe in the saying: 'Where there is a will, there is a way. If there is a chance in a million that you can do something, anything, to keep what you want from ending, do it.'

3. Odysseas Matziounis

Youth Poverty

Today, it is well known to all of us that there is widespread problem of poverty and low living standards in the whole of the UK. This affects particularly the youth which is one of the most vulnerable social groups. Characteristically, there are reports that say that there are thousands of young people today without roofs over their heads. Moreover, there are schools in Britain that over half their students have free lunch passes due to low family income. Furthermore there hundreds of families whose only income is the child benefit. So we are not talking about children who can't get the latest video games, but for children that don't have the essentials to live.

To tackle this problem effectively, we need to raise awareness first. More people need to learn about the current situation in some parts of Britain. There should be attention drawn to the figures surrounding the issue and more research in order to get a clearer view of the present situation. There can be a lot of measures taken to tackle these issues. Some examples that the campaign could include are:

- Priority for homeless people with children for jobs that not many skills are necessary.
- Increasing the tax free boundary.
- Give incentives to businessmen and women to hire people that have underage children and face problems.
- Prioritize people that are growing children for council housing.
- Tougher penalties for taking financial advantage of young people.
- Job creation for the youth by making available opportunities in the primary and secondary sector, that unfortunately are not known or accessible for a large part of the youth that need it.
- Tax free rent for young people, so landlords are able to lower the rent.

Youth and Crime Rates

Nowadays, the rise of gangs in the UK is evident. Young people are in danger because of elements in society that have no respect for the rule of law. Only in London there are thousands of gang members and drug and drinking culture slowly but steadily become the norm. These developments require decisive action both against the perpetrators, in support of the victims and as warnings to potential perpetrators. Such actions could be:

- More frequent patrols in schools.
- Constant police or other form of authority presence in schools, youth centers, libraries etc. in so called “dodgy” areas
- Rewards for young people that give information to the authorities for illegal activities, with assurance of confidentiality.
- Psychological and financial support for young people who have been harmed by gang culture
- Job creation for former gang members.

4. Sam Gold

My campaign is based around children who have special needs. Some of my aims are:

- To try to make life easier for young people with disabilities by raising awareness of what it means to have a disability and what some of the challenges are that they and their families face every day.
- To campaign for their rights, especially their right to have many of the basics that those of us without disabilities take for granted.
- To help children with disabilities feel more part of our community, be it by starting new clubs, or helping existing clubs get more help; be it with training on how to help children with special needs, or helping them or the schools and groups they attend get more resources.

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Title of Report	Overview of decision	Report Of (<i>officer</i>)	Issue Type (Non key/Key/Urgent)
Items to be allocated			
Noam Conversion to Voluntary Aided Sector	To approve the granting of voluntary aided status to Noam Primary School.	Education and Skills Director	Non-key
14th June 2016			
School's Funding 2017/18	Committee to receive an annual report on the local funding formulae for schools and early years providers.	Education and Skills Director	Non key
Annual Report of Safeguarding Services	Committee to consider the Annual Report of Safeguarding Services.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
Updated Early Years Strategy	Committee to consider a paper relating to the updated Early Years Strategy.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non key
Children's Health Performance Report	Committee to receive a performance report regarding Children's Health.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non key

Title of Report	Overview of decision	Report Of (<i>officer</i>)	Issue Type (Non key/Key/Urgent)
12th July 2016			
Response to Annual Safeguarding Board Report	Committee to consider the Council's response to the Annual Safeguarding Board Report.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non key
Future provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) consultation responses	Committee to consider responses from consultation on SEND Provision.	Education and Skills Director	Non-key
Youth Strategy	Committee to consider a paper relating to the Barnet Youth Strategy.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
Early Years Performance Report	Committee to receive a performance report regarding Early Years Performance.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
Review of Special Guardianship policy and support (final report)	The paper will outline the current Barnet Special Guardianship policy & offer, and recommends adjustments to this.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
Annual Safeguarding Board Report	Committee to consider the Annual Safeguarding Board Report.	Chairman of the Local Children's Safeguarding Board	Non-key

Title of Report	Overview of decision	Report Of (<i>officer</i>)	Issue Type (Non key/Key/Urgent)
Strategic Outline Case: Alternative Delivery Model for Family Services	This paper relates to a strategic outline case for an alternative delivery model for Family Services.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	
21st September 2016			
School Place Planning	Committee to consider a paper relating to School Place Planning.	Education and Skills Director	Non-key
Annual report from Schools Forum	Committee to consider the annual report from the Schools Forum.	Education and Skills Director	Non-key
Social Care Performance Report	Committee to receive a performance report regarding social care.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
Outline Business Case: Alternative Business Case for Family Services	This item relates to an outline business case for an alternative delivery model for Family Services.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Key
17th November 2016			
Business Planning Report 2017/18	Committee to consider a paper relating to Business Planning for the committee. This will incorporate Finance Planning and a Capital Report, which both relate to the functions of the committee.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Key

Title of Report	Overview of decision	Report Of (<i>officer</i>)	Issue Type (Non key/Key/Urgent)
Culture and Arts	Committee to consider a paper relating cultural activities in the borough.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
9th January 2017			
Fees and Charges	Committee to consider above inflation Fees and Charges relating to the remit of the committee.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
1st March 2017			
Annual report from the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel	Committee to consider the annual report from the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
17th May 2017			
<i>None allocated.</i>			

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