

MEETING**CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE****DATE AND TIME****WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY, 2017****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 Anne Hutton	Councillor Kath McGuirk
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Kathy Levine	Councillor Val Duschinsky
Councillor Helena Hart		

Substitute Members

Lisa Rutter	Stephen Sowerby	Tom Davey
Pauline Coakley Webb	Adam Langleben	

Co-opted Members

Kevin McSharry	Marilyn Nathan	Vacancy
Gladys Vendy	Denis Carey	Vacancy

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Decisions of the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee

21 February 2017

Members Present:-

AGENDA ITEM 1

Councillor Reuben Thompstone (Chairman)

Councillor Alison Cornelius

Councillor Kathy Levine

Councillor Helena Hart

Councillor Rebecca Challice

Councillor Anne Hutton

Councillor Kath McGuirk

Councillor Val Duschinsky

Also in attendance (as co-opted Members):-

Denis Carey

Gladys Vendy

Kevin Mcsharry

Marilyn Nathan

Apologies for Absence:-

Darren Warrington

Absent:-

Councillor Bridget Perry (Vice-Chairman)

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was noted that Councillor Kathy Levine's name was mentioned twice in the minutes of the last meeting. This was corrected in the hard copy of the minutes.

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Co-opted Member Darren Warrington sent an apology for absence.

Councillor Bridget Perry, Vice-Chairman, was absent.

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

The following interest was declared:

Councillor	Item	Nature	Detail
Kath McGuirk	9	Non-pecuniary	That the Councillor was a teaching assistant in a community school in Barnet.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

A public comment was made by Mr Keith Martin in respect to item 12, Promoting Arts and Culture in the Barnet.

Following the comment, Councillor Anne Hutton declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a trustee for the Barnet Borough Arts Council.

Councillor Brian Salinger was invited by the Chairman to make a comment in respect to item 10, Early Years Funding.

Councillor John Hart was invited by the Chairman to make a comment in respect to item 12, Promoting Arts and Culture in Barnet.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

7. HMIC (HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY) REPORT: NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION INSPECTIONS, THE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE

The Committee noted that an addendum had been published, which had been provided by the Barnet Borough Commander for Metropolitan Police, Mr Simon Rose. The addendum provided an interim response to the HMIC report from the Metropolitan Police Borough Commanders, pending a full response later in the year.

Mr Simon Rose was then invited to the table to introduce the report and answer questions from the Committee.

Councillor Helena Hart stated that she was pleased about the new computer system, as stated in the addendum, and asked what specific problems have been raised in Barnet. Mr Simon Rose responded by saying that the criticism in the report was of the Metropolitan Police as a whole, and that the thrust of it was a lack of co-ordination across London. He stated that a mind-set change was needed of Borough Commanders in order to adequately address the issues highlighted.

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, stated that the Council has introduced a new adolescent service named *Reach*, which will have a police officer as part of it. He further stated that the Council will also be strengthening the work of the MASH service. In addition to this, he stated that the Council has recently introduced a new missing persons protocol, which has been developed with colleagues in the Metropolitan Police. He clarified that these actions were being taken by the Council in response to the need of the borough, and not just in response to the HMIC's report.

Mr Simon Rose added to the comment made by the Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, by stating that the MASH service is of a very high quality in Barnet.

Councillor Val Duschinsky questioned what improvements have already been made following the Committee's receipt of the report. Mr Simon Rose stated that much of the training (as stated in the addendum) has already been delivered, and that the local police force is continuing to provide training to all officers. Specifically, the 4-day course of training – as highlighted in the addendum – has already been delivered.

Councillor Kath McGuirk stated that a report on violence against women is scheduled for the March meeting of the Community Leadership Committee, and urged that integration of systems should be prioritised by the Metropolitan Police.

Councillor Alison Cornelius questioned whether the loss of local knowledge in Barnet would be a problem if the London Boroughs of Brent, Harrow and Barnet are amalgamated into one police area. Mr Simon Rose stated that in the event that this happens, there is a significant possibility that the headquarters would be based in the London Borough of Barnet. He stated that in the event of this happening, there would be no loss of Barnet inspectors who have local knowledge. However, he stated that the main risk that this would present would be establishing where officers patrol from, and how it is ensured that there is adequate coverage in all areas.

Councillor Anne Hutton asked about resource allocation, with Mr Simon Rose stating that he believed Barnet has enough officers, and crime reported to be declining. Whilst certain crime rates remain high, and that there would always be a preference for more resource allocation, it remained the fact that the demand on resources has been decreasing.

The Chairman stated that, at present the Metropolitan Police give very little resource to fund the LSCB. He asked what the Committee could do to challenge this and with whom. Mr Simon Rose responded by stating that the Leader of the Council could be the most helpful figure in Barnet to consult in respect to increasing the available funding.

The Chairman then asked what the Metropolitan Police in Barnet are doing in respect to approaching missing persons, child sexual exploitation and serious youth violence. Mr Simon Rose stated that he is aware of a lot of work going on, but was not at liberty to share the majority of the information. He mentioned that there is a progressive and ambitious data sharing system that would streamline information sharing and integration. Furthermore, he stated that the integration of the MASH service at Barnet Council was working proactively with the Metropolitan Police in respect to relevant issues.

The Chairman queried what Mr Simon Rose's thoughts were on how partners view the Metropolitan Police Service's performance on safeguarding. Mr Simon Rose responded by stating that one of the biggest criticisms would be the lack of adequate and timely information sharing. To resolve this, he stated that the Metropolitan Police would need to be more proactive in respect to working with partners.

Cllr Kath McGuirk stated on 8th March 2017 a report would be received by the Community Leadership Committee on violence against women. She requested that this report be circulated to Members of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee when it becomes available. The Committee agreed, and the Governance Team Leader present stated that he would fulfil this request.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations, which were unanimously agreed. The following was therefore **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Committee noted the report.
2. That the Committee offered its comments on the report published by the HMIC on 25th November 2016 and noted that the comments made will be fed back to the London Borough of Barnet Metropolitan Police.
3. That the Committee noted that, when it is available, the Metropolitan Police Service's (MPS) action plan will be brought as a report to a future meeting for the Committee's consideration.

8. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018/19

The Programme Director, Education and Learning, introduced the item which outlined school admission arrangements for 2018/19.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations, which were unanimously agreed.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee agreed the school admission arrangements for community schools for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix A.
2. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee delegated to the Commissioning Director, Children and Young People (Director of Children's Services) authority to determine future admission arrangements where no change is proposed.

9. SCHOOLS FUNDING

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to Schools Funding.

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, noted that a briefing would be arranged for members of the Committee with the Director of Education and Skills and the Deputy Schools Funding Manager on the implications of the proposed National Funding Formula.

Councillor Kathy Levine made the following comment in respect to Appendix B (Response to the Government Consultation):

- That in respect to the response to question 14, consideration should be given to existing pressures on schools on top of the proposed National Funding Formula for schools. Specifically, the response should make reference to:
 - The rates at which efficiency savings can be made;
 - The need for retraining;
 - New process automation;
 - Losses in operational flexibility;
 - Increases required in staff productivity;
 - Potential redundancy costs;
 - Effective teaching quality and student outcomes;

- The increases in the amount that schools have to pay to cover pensions and national insurance;
- Pay rises promoted by the departments;
- Reductions to services such as the Education Service Grants.

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, stated that not all those comments made would be relevant to the response to question 14, however he stated that the issues specifically regarding the reduction to the Education Service Grants and increased pressures identified by the National Audit Office would fit appropriately into the response to the question. The Committee agreed for those relevant comments to be added to the response to question 14.

Councillor Kathy Levine commented that, in response to question 1, she is concerned that a £250mn funding gap had been created by the design of the National Funding Formula. Councillor Kathy Levine moved a motion – seconded by Councillor Kath McGuirk – to add the following wording to the end of recommendation 3:

- *‘...and that a comment is made in the response to question 1 of the Response to the Government Consultation [Appendix B to the report] that the Council would like to see the £250mn be put back into the budget for schools’.*

Votes were recorded as follows:

For	4
Against	4*
Abstain	0

** The Chairman used his casting vote against the motion, therefore meaning that it was lost.*

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to recommendations 1, 2 and 4. Votes were recorded as follows:

For	8
Against	0
Abstain	0

Before proceeding to the vote on recommendation 3, Councillor Kath McGuirk stated that she believed the item should be reclassified as a ‘Key’ item. The Legal Officer and Governance Team Leader present outlined the reasons for classifying an item as ‘Key’ or ‘Non-Key’ as defined by Section 6 of the Responsibility for Functions, outlined in the Council’s constitution.

A simple vote was then offered by the Chairman on whether the report was incorrectly classified as non-key and should be reclassified as ‘Key’:

For	4
Against	4*
Abstain	0

** The Chairman used his casting vote against the request, therefore meaning that it was not upheld. .*

The Chairman then moved to recommendation 3, with votes recorded as follows:

For	4*
Against	4
Abstain	0

** The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the recommendation.*

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

1. The Committee noted the annual report on school funding in Barnet including:

- **The National Funding Formula for schools**
- **The Barnet Schools Budget for 2017/18 set out in Appendix A and the submission of the Authority Pro-forma Tool as set out in Paragraph 1.9**
- **The Education Services Grant**

2. That the Committee delegated to the Commissioning Director, Children and Young People (Director of Children’s Services) authority to consult the Schools Forum and schools on any potential changes to the School Funding formula for 2018/19 and possible retention of part of the DSG budget to fund services to maintained schools currently funded from the Education Services Grant and any other significant changes to the Schools Budget that may be necessary as a consequence of published Government regulations or guidance.

3. That the Committee commented on the proposed responses to the government’s second round of consultation on the Schools national funding formula and the High Needs funding reform as set out in:

- **Appendix B: Draft Barnet response to the government consultation on the introduction of a national funding formula (stage 2)**
- **Appendix C: Draft Barnet response to the government consultation on the reform of high needs funding.**

and delegated final submission of the response to the Commissioning Director, Children and Young People.

4. That the Committee noted that a report on the results of any consultation and any proposed amendments to Barnet’s Funding Formula for 2018/19 and any other significant changes to the Schools Budget or in respect of funding of services to maintained schools currently funded from the Education Services Grant will be submitted to the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee by December 2017.

10. EARLY YEARS FUNDING

The Committee welcomed the Head of Early Years to the table to answer any questions from Members.

The Strategic Lead, Children and Young People, then introduced the item which related to Early Years Funding.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations. The recommendations were unanimously agreed.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- **That the Committee noted that following consultation the local funding formula for early education and childcare has been amended to include a base rate of £5.17, a supplement for deprivation (5% of the funding allocation) up to a maximum of £1.53 and a SEND inclusion fund, as required by the DfE.**

11. COMMISSIONING PLANS - ADDENDUMS 2017/18

The Strategic Lead, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to an addendum to the 2017/18 Commissioning Plan.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations. Votes were recorded as follows:

For	8
Against	0
Abstain	0

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- **That the Committee reviewed and approved the addendum to the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding (CELS) Commissioning Plan for 2017/18 (Appendix A).**

12. PROMOTING ARTS AND CULTURE IN BARNET

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to promoting arts and culture in Barnet.

The Programme Director, Education and Learning, then provided further information on the report's contents.

She stated that, given the Council's resource limitation, she would investigate the possibility of additional funding (such as from the London Mayor's Office) for arts and culture and share any information with the Committee.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations, which were unanimously agreed.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- 1. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee noted what Barnet is doing to promote culture and arts in the borough.**
- 2. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee approved the approach for the development of a strategic framework for arts and culture in Barnet as set out in paragraph 1.24 and for the ongoing support for arts and culture as set out in paragraph 1.25.**

13. CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to the Corporate Parenting Strategy (recently considered by the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel).

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendation, which was unanimously agreed.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- That the Committee approved the Corporate Parenting Strategy as appended to the cover report.**

14. CARE LEAVERS' STRATEGY AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to the Care Leavers' Strategy and Needs Analysis (recently considered by the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel).

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendation, which was unanimously agreed by the Committee.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- That the Committee approved the Barnet Care Leaver's Strategy as appended to the cover report.**

15. PLACEMENTS COMMISSIONING STRATEGY

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to the Placements Commissioning Strategy (recently considered by the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel).

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations, which were unanimously agreed by the Committee.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- 1. That the Committee approved the Placements Commissioning Strategy.**

2. That the Committee noted that the strategy aims to achieve the following: to better enable children and families to build their resilience, to increase the number of local placements through improving support for foster carers and to reduce the long term costs associated with residential placements.

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

The Chairman introduced the report which related to the Committee's forward work programme 2017.

Following consideration of the item, the following was **RESOLVED**:


1. The Committee noted the 2017 work programme.

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

None.

The meeting finished at 21:08.

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	<p>Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee</p> <p>Wednesday 17 May 2017</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>Report of the outgoing 2016 Uk Youth Parliament members and the incoming 2017 UK Youth Parliament members.</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Voice of the Child Coordinator</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p>Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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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 16 January to 8 March 2017 Barnet UK Youth Parliament elections took place across the borough, with 39 young people standing as candidates to be elected. 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 term of office last for one year and during this time the Voice of the Child Team seeks to support and develop their campaigns and link each member in with the wider UK Youth Parliament. This provides an overview of the campaigns the newly elected Youth Parliament members will be aiming 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 within the report.**
- 2. That the Committee agree the actions that the Council is going to take to meet the manifesto commitments outlined by Barnet's UK Youth Parliament members.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 To provide the committee with an overview of the incoming UK Youth Parliament members' campaigns and to communicate the direction for the overall campaign for the UK.

A review of the 2016 Youth Parliament members

- 1.4. During 2016 two Barnet Members of Youth Parliament, James Saker and Rai Hussein, took an active role in local, regional and national campaigns. From being involved within Public Health consultations seeking to raise awareness within Barnet regarding the health risks of using Shisha, to sitting as a member upon our Children's Partnership Board and debating at a national level with the British Youth Council our young members have undertaken their roles with dedication and diligence.
- 1.5 James spoke at the annual sitting at York University in July 2016 to petition his fellow Youth Parliament members to add the subject of supporting young refugees arriving in the UK onto the list of possible subjects for the UK Youth Parliament Make Your Mark Ballot. His project has developed, with research and contact made with national charities who support young refugees. Further

contact with them has explored how he can help make the transition easier for young people seeking refuge in the UK. For example, including where they can get support from around education in the UK and a guide to using public transport in and around London. In addition to his own project, and additional attendance on Barnet Youth Board, he has also gone on to sit on the Children's Partnership board where he is able to represent the views of young people in Barnet.

- 1.6. Rai has developed his campaign around travel safety and is in the process of delivering travel safety training workshops to schools throughout the borough. He has written and created workshops as a result of his involvement with the Youth Travel Ambassadors at his school. Rai has secured the support of his school drama department in creating sketches which will be performed in schools to educate young people about travel safety. They will then be incorporated into a workshop around the project. He has been accepted to sit on the Transport for London Youth Panel and has secured a 10 minute slot at each session to feed back to the panel on how his project is progressing. The recommendations and feedback he receives helps further develop his project, whilst sharing his achievements with young people from across London.

- 1.7. In September 2016 the national Make Your Mark campaign reached just under 7,000 young people in Barnet where they were able to vote on the ten top issues which the Members of Youth Parliament for the UK had previously selected. The top issue for 11-18 year olds who live, study or work in Barnet was *'Tackling racism and religious discrimination and that all young people should work together to combat racism and other forms of discrimination and ensure we know the dangers of such hatred'*. As a result of this plans have been drawn up as a direct impact of discussions with Barnet Youth Board members to create a project, which will be led by young people themselves, which will cover the main areas which they feel will educate and inform the young people of Barnet on areas of racism, religious and disability discrimination. This will be a project which will be developed by young people, for young people. James and Rai were integral to ensuring the effective roll out of Mark Your Mark and its impact upon developing a response to the

issues identified.

- 1.8. James and Rai attended the House of Commons sitting in November 2016 where they represented the voice of young people across Barnet to debate in the House of Commons chamber. They debated the five issues chosen by the Make your Mark ballot of young people across the UK, and then voted and decided that ***Votes at 16 and a Curriculum for Life*** will be the UK Youth Parliament's priority campaigns for 2017

Review of Barnet's 2017 Youth Parliament Elections

- 1.9. The 2017 UK Youth Parliament elections saw 39 young people aged 11 – 17 across Barnet stand to be elected to the UK Youth Parliament. Our candidates were drawn from 17 different schools, academies and colleges. This positive participation evidences the strong appetite schools, pupils and young people have to have their voices heard. Just under 8,000 young people voted from across 26 schools, academies, colleges, voluntary and community groups during the two week election period – further which demonstrates the reach and the ability for our Youth Parliament to impact upon young people's participation in democratic processes and positive citizenship activity across our borough.
- 1.10 It is of note that all 4 Youth Parliament members campaigned upon issues (detailed below) that were more broadly raised by children and young people within the borough as part of the wider Youth Perception Survey and a further consultation and engagement programme seeking the views from young people upon CAMHS and 0-19 provision, including Youth Services. These issues are: improving emotional wellbeing services for young people, tackling discrimination and improving employability opportunities.

2017 Members of Youth Parliament

- 1.11. The 2017 Members of Youth Parliament are aged between 14 – 17 years. Each campaigned upon their own manifesto:

- Ruby seeks to tackle racism and stereotyping of young people by bringing faith schools together to take part in projects. **Actions:** Ruby's manifesto will be supported by the Voice of the Child Team and Lesley Holland, Equalities Lead, Commissioning Group, in order to design, produce and deliver a series of schools and community based workshops which seek to harmonise inter faith knowledge between children and young people and dispel popular myths and stereotypes.
- Shannon seeks to raise awareness around confidence and emotional wellbeing. She aims to create and deliver programmes/ workshops for young people to build up skills and resilience to support each other and their peers emotional wellbeing. **Actions:** It is anticipated that Shannon's manifesto will be supported by the Voice of the Child Team and colleagues within the CCG and Public Health. The THRIVE programme, which will be delivered in partnership between 6 schools and Public Health, seeks to: improve the emotional resilience of pupils in Barnet and schools' understanding of the risk and protective factors involved in mental health; promote positive mental health in schools; prevent the development of mental illness in school pupils and demonstrate and further develop the links between positive mental health and achievement. Shannon's insights and views will be crucial in ensuring the THRIVE programme is child friendly. In addition the Voice of the Child Team will support Shannon in applying for funding to develop her own programme of workshops that have their own unique objectives with learning taken from her wider engagement with Public Health and CCG colleagues. Lastly, the CCG will be involving Shannon within the forthcoming implementation and evaluation of an online counselling and support service called KOOTH which goes live on 22nd May. KOOTH was commissioned as a result of a wide ranging recent consultation engagement programme with child and young people that sought to gather their insights in to CAMHS and 0 – 19 service transformations.

- Hejran is planning to improve the careers guidance given in schools, to create a network for careers advisors and mentors throughout the schools in Barnet and to share opportunities and support for students across the borough. Key areas will be around CV writing, interview skills and planning for the future.
- Manal would like to develop young people's life skills by creating a number of Life Lessons workshops which will be incorporated into schools and include industry experts deliver sessions such as money management and finding out from these experts what their jobs entail.
Actions: Both Hejran and Manal will be supported by the Voice of the Child Team and Cambridge Education in order to bring their manifestos to life. Cambridge Education will provide a unique opportunity for them both to have their manifestos shaped under Cambridge Education's expertise and knowledge of best practice.

1.12. The new Members of Youth Parliament are commencing their terms in office by attending a weekend residential with the British Youth Council and hundreds of their peers in April where they will commence their 'Youth Leadership Programme'.

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)

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

5.3 Social Value

N/A

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1. As Outlined in the Council's Constitution, in the Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee is responsible for those powers, duties and functions of the Council in relation to Children's Services (including schools).

5.5. Risk Management

- 5.5.1 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.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1

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.

5.8. Insight

N/A

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None



Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Title	Launch of the UNICEF Partnership and the Child Rights Programme.
Report of	Voice of the Child Coordinator
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	https://www.unicef.org.uk/child-rights-partners/
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Summary

Barnet Family Services and UNICEF are pleased to confirm that we will be entering into partnership in 2017 in order to deliver UNICEF’s Child Rights Partners (CRP) programme across the borough.

Working in partnership with local authority, health, education and voluntary and community sector partners the CRP programme will embed a child rights-based approach across local policy, strategic development, commissioning intentions and service delivery. It will ensure that children within our borough, including the most vulnerable children, can be supported to grow up healthy, happy, safe and resilient. We believe that the impact of CRP programme will support our vision to make Barnet the most Family Friendly borough in London by 2020. The CRP programme transforms and strengthens the support that surrounds children and this paper seeks to outline in more detail the nature of our partnership, how the CRP programme will be delivered and its objectives.

This paper also formally launches our partnership with UNICEF for the first time at a local level, as one of only a few local authorities nationally to have been successful in entering into partnership.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee note the following report upon the forthcoming partnership with UNICEF and provide support for its objectives.**
- 2. That the Committee agrees to promote our Family Friendly Barnet vision through the UNICEF Children’s Rights Partner (CRP) programme.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report is needed to outline our forthcoming partnership with UNICEF and how it is anticipated that the CRP programme will be implemented, monitored and what impact it is hoped to achieve across the borough for the benefit of children and young people.
- 1.2 This report delivers upon a previous report presented to this Committee on 18th November 2015 titled: *‘Promoting British Values and Citizenship amongst Children & Young People in Barnet – Hearing the Voices of Children and Young People’*. As a consequence of this report, this Committee agreed moving forward to be mindful of the rights of the child, as laid out within UK law and the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.
- 1.3 As a result of our ambitions outlined within that report, it is important that this Committee is now briefed on the implementation of the forthcoming 3 year partnership with UNICEF that will uphold our recognition of the rights of the child. Ownership and the championing of the CRP programme at a senior political level will also seek to ensure that the CRP programme is a vehicle through which we intend to progress and implement our vision of Barnet being the most Family Friendly Borough in London by 2020. A unique opportunity

will be available to us to be assessed against 6 UNICEF badges. It is anticipated that one of these badges will be a 'Family Friendly' badge, and if successfully awarded will provide us unique UNICEF led international and national recognition for being Family Friendly.

- 1.4 A child rights approach effectively implemented within Barnet will further support our approach to resilience based practice when working with children and families. The progress and success of the CRP programme will be monitored through the Children's Partnership Board, with further insight in to its implementation gathered through the Young People's Perception Survey, our Service User Engagement Strategy and the wider Youth Voice Offer, as overseen by the Voice of the Child Team. We will know that we have successfully embedded the CRP programme within the borough when children are able to identify 3 core phrases: I HAVE the opportunity to participate in decision making that affects my life, I AM able to see the change as a result of having my voice heard and I CAN identify the support and the path that I am on that will help me achieve good outcomes.
- 1.5. This report is needed therefore to formally launch the partnership with UNICEF and in tandem with fellow local authorities across the UK - who have also become successful in entering into partnership. UNICEF is the world's leading organisation for children, working in over 190 countries to advance children's rights and promote child well-being. All of UNICEF's work is guided by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The CRP programme builds on and is part of the UNICEF global Child Friendly Cities Initiative. Launched in 1996 and active in 24 countries, the Initiative translates UNICEF's global mission into practical action at the local level. In the UK, CRP brings UNICEF and local authorities together to put children's rights at the heart of communities and public services to ensure all children have the same opportunity to flourish.
- 1.6 During the course of a three year pilot, launched in November 2013, UNICEF UK has been supporting pilot local authorities to use a 'child rights-based approach' to strengthen or transform local policy and practice in a range of

areas, from developing area-wide children and families' plans to training elected members, from embedding children's rights in corporate parenting strategies or to placing children at the heart of commissioning and community planning.

- 1.7 Now at the conclusion of this pilot, in 2017 UNICEF UK is growing and developing the CRP programme. As well as inviting newly successful local authorities such as Barnet on to the CRP programme, UNICEF will also introduce an award element which will give participating authorities the opportunity to work towards international recognition as a Child or Family Friendly City or Community. In respect of our ambitions within Barnet we would hope to be recognised formally and internationally as a Family Friendly authority. In awarding Barnet the opportunity to become an official partner, UNICEF commented how within our Expression of Interest we *“demonstrated a commitment to children’s rights, high aspirations for children, young people and families in your local authority and a coherent vision of how to use the programme to achieve these aspirations.”*
- 1.8 Over the course of three years, UNICEF will support Barnet in order to achieve the aforementioned six ‘badges’ – each of which will demonstrate progress towards embedding a child rights-based approach across the borough. The badges will recognise Barnet’s progress and development in key areas such as political commitment to children’s rights, workforce knowledge and understanding of children’s rights, meaningful participation and child rights innovation. These key areas will be identified by ourselves and UNICEF at the outset of the journey. Assessment of progress will be undertaken annually by a mixture of external and internal monitoring, self-evaluation and an independent panel of experts in human rights, child well-being and public services. Our progress will be celebrated at an annual event focused on child rights in practice.
- 1.9 Within Barnet the CRP programme will be tailored to meet our needs and priorities. This will include a number of resources, tools and expertise available across the partnership including:

- 40 days of UNICEF staff time annually over three years.
- High quality, CPD certified training for staff.
- Technical assistance in the development of plans, policies and strategies.
- Project management support and facilitation.
- Mentoring.
- Access to digital and physical resources.
- Participation in virtual networking groups connecting you to other Child Rights Partners across the UK.
- Recognition of progress.
- Participation in an annual knowledge exchange, awards and networking conference coinciding with Universal Children's Day on 20 November, focused on child rights in practice.
- A seat on the UNICEF UK Child Rights in Practice Forum.

The CRP programme that is designed to meet Barnet's needs will be available for partner organisations to access, with oversight of its delivery held within Family Services.

1.10. Together in partnership with the local authority, health, education and voluntary and community sector partners we believe that the difference and the impact that can be achieved through delivering the CRP programme will mean that children and young people within our borough are:

- able to identify the services they need to support them and know how to access them.
- clearly co-producing services and challenging senior officials to strive for continued excellence.
- in control of their future pathways.
- experience services in a seamless and connected way where they only have to tell their story once and receive tailored support that meets their specific needs

- are treated with dignity, respect and compassion. The voice of the child must be the first thought and not an afterthought.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report and to support the partnership with UNICEF recognising the impact that it can achieve and how our Family Friendly Barnet vision can be achieved through it.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The UNICEF CRP programme will be delivered over a period of 3 years. In May 2017 Family Services will host a launch event seeking to promote the objectives of the CRP programme and how it can support partners' own objectives and child rights approaches. Later, in November 2017, the partnership will be launched nationally in tandem with other local authorities who have also been successful. Thereafter, Family Services will oversee the implementation and delivery of the CRP Programme across the borough over a period of 3 years. The governance of the CRP programme will be overseen by the Children's Partnership Board, which includes membership from the Council and our key partners. This would provide accountability to ensure the project is implemented and meets key deliverables. The Board already has oversight for the implementation and monitoring of the Children and Young People's Plan 2016 – 2020.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1** We want Barnet to be the most 'Family Friendly' borough in London by

2020. We want our children, young people and their families to be safe, healthy, resilient, knowledgeable, responsible, responsible, informed and listened to. Our vision sets our ambition to work together to make sure that Barnet is a great place to live for all children, young people and their families. We adopt a partnership approach because addressing these issues is the responsibility of everyone who works with and cares about children and young people in Barnet. One of the four outcomes set out in our Children and Young People's Plan 2016 - 2020 is that 'Families and children have their say and are active citizens'.

5.1.2 We therefore believe that adopting a robust child rights-based approach will support the achievement of our overall vision and our outcomes and that our strengthened services will be child centred, user friendly, outcome focussed and tailored to the needs of children and young people. Working closely with UNICEF would be an opportunity to fully realise our ambition of a Family Friendly Barnet with children's rights at the heart of our communities and public services.

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

5.2.1 Due consideration has been given to the need for resourcing of the partnership and the implementation of the CRP programme. We have committed to the annual participation fee and have sought to ensure that the post of Voluntary and Community Sector Partnership Lead will oversee the management of the partnership, reporting to the Voice of the Child Coordinator.

5.3.1 Social Value

N/A

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1. As Outlined in the Council's Constitution, in the Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee is responsible for those powers, duties and functions of the Council in relation to Children's Services (including schools).

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1. Any risks associated with the delivery of the CRP programme will be overseen and mitigated for within the Children's Partnership Board. Ensuring sufficient involvement from across the partnership from the outset is a primary risk to first mitigate for.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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 to day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services. Equalities and Diversity considerations are a key element of the Council's approach to safeguarding and service delivery. It is anticipated that the adoption of the UNICEF CRP programme will further strengthen recognition of children's rights across the borough and promote equality and diversity.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 In 2015 Family Services delivered a Youth Convention attended by nearly 200 children and young people from a broad cross section of our community.

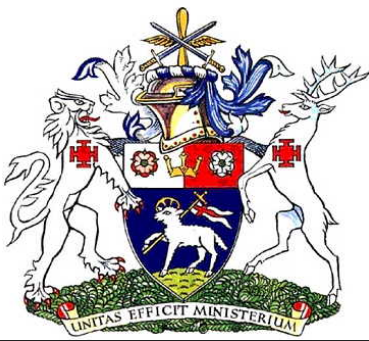
Young delegates informed us and our partners what they felt were priorities for them and as a result these priorities were made the cornerstone of our Children and Young People's Plan 2016 – 2020 and therefore at the heart of our vision for a Family Friendly Barnet. A key priority is that 'Families and children have their say and are active citizens'. Our partner organisations such as the CCG, Education and Public Health were all able to use the insight gleaned from children and young people and in turn work toward ensuring that the voices of children are at the heart of the service planning and delivery too. The UNICEF CRP programme would strengthen and re-enforce our ambitions to achieve this objective.

- 5.7.2 Ahead of the national launch in November 2017 we will be consulting further with key partners to ensure that the CRP is tailored to the needs of the borough. We will also be seeking to ensure that through our Youth Voice Forums children and young people are involved in its promotion, championing and monitoring.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 For more information upon the UNICEF CRP programme <https://www.unicef.org.uk/child-rights-partners/>
- 6.2 Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee Report, 18.11.15
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s27431/Promoting%20British%20Values%20and%20Citizenship%20amongst%20Children%20and%20Young%20People%20in%20Barnet.pdf>

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Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Title	Barnet’s Youth Voice Offer and report upon impact.
Report of	Voice of the Child Coordinator
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
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Summary

This report seeks to provide an overview of the delivery and impact of Family Service’s participation and engagement activity, as overseen by the Voice of the Child Coordinator and delivered by the Voice of the Child Team. This activity is delivered in partnership with other local authority services and Voluntary and Community Sector organisations who all seek to ensure that the voices of children and young people within the borough are heard and that they are listened to.

This paper also seeks to outline the direction of travel for the forthcoming 2017 – 2019 Youth Voice Offer, replacing the previous Voice of the Child Strategy 2015 – 2017.

Recommendations

That the Committee note the following report upon the activity and the impact of Family Service’s participation and engagement activity.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report outlines the development of our children's participation and engagement activity, which is known operationally as our 'Youth Voice Offer'. This offer comprises of a number of Youth Voice Forums (YVF) that are open to all children and young people across our borough aged 11 – 18 (or 25 with SEND). Our YVF seek to provide them opportunity to have their voice heard and directly impact upon service improvement. Each YVF provides a unique platform for children's voices to be heard, but each YVF seeks to do this in a different way. They are:
- Barnet Youth Board
 - UK Youth Parliament
 - Youth Assembly
 - SEND Youth Voice Forum
 - Young Commissioners
 - #BOP, our Children in Care Council.
- 1.2. Some YVF, such as Barnet Youth Board, are more consultative and provide the chance for senior leaders and organisations to sit down with children and young people and outline plans or proposals and obtain their feedback. Others, such as Youth Assembly, provide a public speaking opportunity for young members to discuss the issues locally that are important to them and then hear these motions debated at the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee.
- 1.3. Barnet has delivered UK Youth Parliament elections for over 5 years regularly ensuring that yearly over 8000 young people aged 11 - 18 get their chance to elect their fellow peers to the office of Member of Youth Parliament for Barnet. We work collaboratively with schools, colleges and local organisations to ensure that a broad cross section of young residents are able to either vote or stand to be elected. The Voice of the Child Team then seek to support Youth Parliament members to bring their campaigns to life and encourage them to be ambassadors, champions and advocates for the interests of all young people across the borough.
- 1.4. Our Young Commissioners provide an opportunity for young people to help outline their views on services that we seek to commission and helps them co-produce with us service specification. Our SEND YVF provides a platform for children with SEND to inform us how the Local Offer can be improved and how they can impact upon ongoing improvement to children's experiences using services. Finally, our Children in Care Council, #BOP, provides an opportunity for Children in Care and Care Leavers to improve the quality of service for others and support one another to share experiences and to provide mentoring.
- 1.5. Our YVF's are inter-connected and a young person may wish to be a member of all of them or exclusively to one. We believe that our Youth Voice Offer helps raise aspirations and provides a platform for children and young people to discover more about citizenship, democracy and community activism.

1.6. Our previous Voice of the Child Strategy 2015 - 17 outlined key objectives that sought to ensure that the voices of children and young people are heard and impacting upon service improvement. Its progress has been monitored by the Voice of the Child Strategy Group. Just some of our outcomes and impacts include:

- Over 60 individual children and young people are attending one of our 6 different Youth Voice Forums each quarter ensuring that the participation and engagement of Barnet's children and young people within service design, co-production and strategy shaping has increased year on year. Our young members have contributed their views and directly impacted service redesign within: mental health provision, library transformations, parks and open spaces, Barnet's use of digital media, how to tackle child sexual exploitation and domestic violence, improvements to leisure centres and public health matters such as obesity and shisha smoking. A good example of the changes that have been made as a result of our Youth Voice activity can be seen by the re-commissioning of Young Carers services. The impact of young people's involvement in this commissioning activity is a Young Carers service that is now delivering the appropriate level of provision and ensuring that young carers are appropriately supported through means such as respite and peer support, which were all outlined as vital for young people.
- Members of Barnet Youth Board informed the development of Child Safe Houses which were developed by Kings College London (Commissioned by the NHS). Young members informed project officers of the types of services that should be made available within the safe houses for victims of sexual assault or sexual abuse. The Children's Commissioner for England & Wales reported back to Parliament our young people's involvement and how that the Child Safe Houses will be truly co-produced and as a consequence will provide lasting impact for victims of sexual assault and abuse.
- 89% of children and young people attending our Youth Voice Forums report increased self-esteem, confidence and resilience. 92% report a greater understanding of democratic processes and a feeling of increased citizenship.
- We have overseen award winning delivery of high level engagement events including a Gold Commendation from the Children's Commissioner for planning and delivering Barnet's Youth Convention in 2015. Young delegates informed us their priorities for the Borough and their insight directly informed and helped co-produce the Children and Young People's Plan 2016 - 2020 and helped create our new Charter for Children and Young People. Furthermore the Children's Partnership Board, overseeing the Children and Young People's Plan, includes membership and representation from our Youth Parliament members - ensuring that new policy and strategic approaches are open to comment and scrutiny by young people themselves.

- Refresh of our Children in Care Council, #BOP, with an Improvement Plan designed and implemented to ensure on-going improvement of its activity and impact has occurred. A key priority for #BOP has been to link Children in Care & Care Leavers in with wider community activity and opportunity. As a consequence, Children in Care have been instrumental within the development of Barnet's forthcoming Youth Zone. The Young Person's Development Group, which has comprised of Barnet Children in Care, have ensured that the name of the Youth Zone, 'Unitas', and it's branding have been youth led and that planning and wider community promotion and marketing have been directed by young people. It is anticipated that when Unitas opens in 2018 the activities on offer, the aesthetic of the building and the values that Unitas will hold will be co-produced by young people.
- #BOP members worked with Family Service's commissioners in order to outline their views upon what is important to them, and what should be considered for other children, when Family Services require placements from Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA's) and other specialist providers when children come in to care or need to move placement. Their insight was then mixed with insight from other Children in Care across the West London Alliance and directly informed the West London Alliance Children's Procurement Conference on 18th October, hosted at Brent Civic Centre. At this event several IFA's were present to hear from young people how their provision can be improved, and crucially how services can work more effectively together in order to ensure that children receive the best possible outcomes when moving to a new placement. As a result of this work the immediate changes are that the specifications that we give to IFA's and specialist providers now reflect what young people feel needs to be included within their provision (e.g. meetings with placements before arriving there and more information given to children ahead of placement changes in a more timely fashion).
- Youth Parliament elections that have ensured over the past two years participation from over 11,000 children and young people across secondary education that has helped raise awareness within the borough of democratic processes and positive citizenship.
- Each year over 6000 children and young people within Barnet participate in Make Your Mark - the UK's largest annual consultative ballot of young people to find out what issues matter most to them. In 2016 Barnet's young people informed that tackling racial discrimination, improving mental health provision and safety for young people on public transport is important to them. As a result, the impact of this is that in 2017 the Voice of the Child Team and our Equalities Officer will be delivering workshops within schools updating Barnet's young person population upon what our response

is to racial discrimination. These workshops will be co-produced by one of our Youth Parliament members.

- Our commitment to co-production with children and young people is evident through involving them in designing new service offers for: homelessness services, tackling gangs and serious youth violence and supporting our care leavers to co-create our care leaver offer as outlined in our Care Leavers Strategy. For example, in advance of the publication of our Care Leavers Strategy we engaged closely with care leavers to understand in more detail their 'lived experience'. A key message that came from them is that they need greater support with managing their finances and with budgeting when living independently. As a result, we have made this one of our priorities within the Care Leavers strategy. Overall, the difference that this strong approach to co-production will make, is that moving forward services will be more responsive, more reflective of need and more likely to achieve positive outcomes for children and young people.
- A review of our approach to Youth Homelessness through a task and finish group has facilitated engagement with young people who have experienced homeless services in Barnet and seeking their views on what we can improve. A small group of young people are helping us to produce information for 16/17 year olds at risk of homelessness and co-design a new pathway that improves our assessment, planning, the quality and amount of supply and the provision of wrap around support for young people experiencing homelessness.
- A new team, REACH was established in Children's Social Care to work with young people presenting with high risk and vulnerability to CSE, Gangs and Missing. The team comprises of a co-located and multi-professional team of social workers, family support workers, educational psychologist, virtual school workers, speech & language therapists, a systemic psychotherapist, police and health working together to rapidly assess and intervene with young people and their families using a whole family approach. The approach is rapid and mobile, meeting young people in the spaces they occupy to wrap around their needs and facilitate safety and change. MAC-UK have obtained funding from Health Education England (HEE) to partner with Barnet and implement their 'Integrate' approach. A YOT involved child in care with experience of risk and vulnerability participated in the HEE bid and will be joining MAC-UK in Barnet as an employed Youth Consultant. The Integrate model is aimed at developing a psychologically informed workforce and services through an embedded MAC-UK team and through co-production and design with children and young people.

- Establishment of London's largest Youth Assembly - providing a public platform for young people to debate what matters to them and for Elected Members to act upon this.
- Up to 4000 young people across the borough have directly contributed their views to CAMHS transformation plans and the review of 0 – 19 youth provision within the borough. Our 'Youthorium' youth conference held at Allianz Stadium in February 2017 was attended by over 100 young people. In addition, schools focus groups and online surveys have further sought to allow young people's views to be heard. These views have included insights such as mental health support needs to tackle stigma within school and communities and that digital technology plays an important role in delivering support. These views will contribute to shaping the final service specification and young people will be involved in commissioning a provider to deliver the new children's mental health and well-being service. As a result of listening to the views of young people we have already commissioned KOOTH, an online counselling and support service which goes live on 22nd May. Young people will be involved in the implementation and evaluation of this service. More information on this consultation and engagement activity is outlined within section 10.1 onwards.
- Secured a high level partnership with UNICEF in order for Barnet to be an official Child Rights Partner and to deliver their Child Rights Partner Programme – ensuring that children's rights within our borough are upheld and championed.

1.7 Whilst we are proud of our achievements, much more remains to be done. The formation of a 'Youth Voice Offer' means that we are able to accurately lay down what it is we seek to deliver that will help us achieve our strategic objectives and, crucially, how we are going to do it. The 'offer' is open to all schools, colleges organisations and children to take full advantage of and promote Youth Voice activity across our borough. The forthcoming new participation and engagement strategy, "The Youth Voice Offer 2017 – 2019" will be published in May 2017. Our schools engagement work, promoting and marketing the Youth Voice Offer, will be at the heart of our publicity approach for the Youth Voice Offer between now and the end of the academic year

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report and the participation and engagement activity and its impact.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The Youth Voice Offer 2017 – 2019 will be implemented from May 2017 and its implementation and governance will be overseen by the Voice of the Child Strategy Group, chaired by the Strategic Lead for Children and Young People.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 Our Children and Young People Plan 2016 – 2020 outlines how we seek to ensure that our vision of Barnet becoming the most Family Friendly Borough in London by 2020 will be met. One of our key intended outcomes within the Plan, that drives our work, is to ensure that children and young people within our borough *'Have their say and are active citizens'*

- 5.1.2 Our Vision is that all of our children, young people and families will have the opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives and have their voices heard. We believe that by being active citizens children and young people will be able to hold control over their lives, challenge one another to raise aspirations and commit to making Barnet the most Family Friendly borough in London with resilience at their core.

- 5.1.3 In return, we will seek to ensure that they have transparent access to the services that make key decisions on their behalf. Even more, we will ensure that they have the opportunity to review these services and shape how they are planned and delivered. We are committed to co-production. Our vision goes further and expects that all services working with children and young people take into account the voice of the child as a first thought rather than an afterthought.

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

- 5.2.1 The budget for the delivery of children's participation and engagement activity is contained within the Family Services budget and agreed through budget planning process.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 N/A

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Council's Constitution, in the Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, outlines that the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee is responsible for those powers, duties and functions of the Council in relation to Children's Services (including schools).

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 There are no risks directly associated with this decision. The risks associated with the delivery of children's participation and engagement activity are reported, mitigated and governed through Family Services.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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 to day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services. Equalities and Diversity considerations are a key element of the Council's approach to safeguarding and service delivery. It is anticipated that the further delivery of children's participation and engagement activity will further strengthen and promote equality and diversity.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 A core component of the activity of the Voice of the Child Team is to deliver and support consultation and engagement activity with children and young people across the borough in order to inform service improvement and design. Recently our annual Young People's Perception Survey 2016 outlined, following responses from 545 young people that for them the most concerning issues within Barnet were:

- Crime
- Lack of jobs
- Lack of recreational activity.

5.7.2 In addition to this survey, a parallel recent engagement and consultation programme conducted between January and March 2017 sought to gather the views of young residents upon transformations to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Youth Services (as part of the wider 0 – 19 review).

5.7.3 Through this engagement and consultation programme young residents were consulted through 3 key mechanisms:

- **Online survey activity (through our annual Youth Parliament elections)**
- **Focus groups delivered within schools, colleges and organisations**
- **Delivery of a high level youth conference titled 'Youthorium' delivered on 23rd February 2017 at the Allianz Stadium.**

5.7.4 Up to 7899 children responded to our online survey activity. Just over 300 children and young people participated within our Youthorium conference and schools focus groups combined. We therefore believe that we have obtained rich insights from the perspective of children and young people into mental health provision and youth service provision within our borough.

5.7.5 As a result of this consultation and engagement programme, when combined with the aforementioned Young People's Resident Survey 2016, over-arching and repeated themes and issues reported by children and young people within the borough were:

- **Crime, gangs and youth violence:** A prominent message emanating from young residents is that they are increasingly aware of, and fearful, of crime, gangs and serious youth violence within the borough. We were told by young residents that this is impacting upon their desire to travel to other areas of the borough and therefore resulting in an increase in youth parochialism. It is also important to consider that Barnet is statistically a very safe borough to live, work and study in. Overall however, young participants told of their increased fear of becoming a victim of crime.
- **Future job and employability prospects:** With regards to future opportunities for children and young people, our consultation and engagement activity highlighted acute awareness that the pressure to achieve good grades in school, further education and higher education is strong in the face of a competitive jobs market. Although Barnet's schools are some of the best performing within London and nationally, and our young people live in a capital city full of opportunity, young participants informed us of exam pressure, anxiety and lack of sleep due to the pressure they face educationally to achieve. Interestingly young participants, particularly within our schools focus group activity, often had limited awareness of the opportunities that were available to them in their local area such as volunteering opportunities, leisure opportunities and engaging with voluntary and community sector organisations that could all help support their personal development and future employability prospects. It was also clear that in their view there is more that could be done to promote opportunities to young people through digital platforms. Engaging in universal positive activities was seen as a good thing and, whilst targeted youth provision for those in need was seen to be needed too, many young participants felt that the perception of targeted youth work was that this was just for 'the bad kids' and that those that were progressing well did not have this same level of support.
- **Mental health and emotional wellbeing** Young participants informed that they are acutely aware of the need for good mental health in order to lead happy and fulfilling lives. However a primary message emanating from the consultation and engagement activity is one of the need to tackle the stigma that is associated with being open about the subject. 2693 young respondents informed that they would approach

family in the first instance for help if they felt that they were experiencing an emerging difficulty with their mental health. Further still, face to face support, schools based support and the use of technology were seen as the top 3 ways in which support should be delivered for children and young people facing mental health difficulties. Young participants acknowledged that they are aware that there is a need for support delivered through a blend of provision. However, for a young person to publically acknowledge the need for that help and for society to tackle the stigma that will make it acceptable to ask for help is the first ultimate hurdle to overcome.

5.7.6 Responses, and the production of an action plan in order to address the issues identified by children and young people, will be produced in partnership through the Children's Partnership Board, which is also comprised of membership of young people. A clear communications strategy, targeted towards young residents that seeks to inform, raise awareness of and provide support in respect of the issues identified will be produced. In respect of the thematic issues of CAMHS transformation and the 0 – 19 review, the data gathered and insights gleaned will be considered by the CCG and the 0 – 19 review project board respectively.

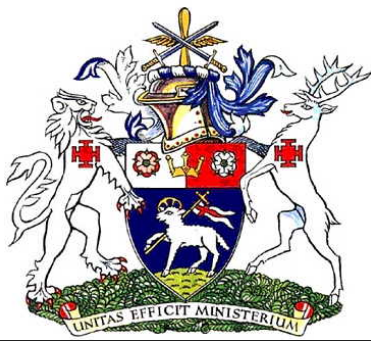
5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 N/A

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Voice of the Child Strategy 2015-17

6.2 Children and Young People Plan 2016-2020



Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee

17th May 2017

Title	Report of the 2016-17 Barnet Youth Assembly
Report of	Head of Governance & Voice of the Child Co-ordinator
Wards	All
Status	Public
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Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Report of the 2016-17 Barnet Youth Assembly
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Summary

This report updates the committee on the work that has been done by the 2016-17 Youth Assembly (the second cohort), specifically in respect to issues they have raised and want to bring to the attention of Members.

The Youth Assembly is a public-debating body made up of young people who work, live or study in the borough. Members raise motions that are both relevant to Barnet and important to them, and then have the opportunity to debate on vote on those motions. Successful motions have been included in Appendix 1 – The Report of the 2016-17 Youth Assembly – for Members’ consideration, endorsement and comments.

The Assembly, now in its second year, has this year had 57 members signed up. This makes it one of the largest groups of its kind in the country.

This 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

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| 1. That the committee notes the report. |
| 2. That the committee comments on, and endorses, the successful motions raised by the 2016-17 Youth Assembly, as outlined in Appendix 1. |
| 3. That the committee notes and comments on – where applicable – the officers’ response to the successful motions. |

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 group of young people who live, work or study in Barnet and come together to debate local issues that are important to them at Hendon Town Hall. This is the second year that the Youth Assembly has operated in the London Borough of Barnet, and this year 57 members signed up, making it one of the largest groups of its kind in the country.
- 1.3 This year each meeting had particular themes, which were as follows: crime, education, health, politics and Barnet & the community. For each meeting there were prominent guest speakers who attended – a full list can be seen in the report at Appendix 1. Members were asked to raise motions relating to the theme of the meeting.
- 1.4 The debating of motions is led by the members; this includes members chairing debates and leading on the voting process. It should be noted that the process is designed to be driven by the members of the Assembly.
- 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 the Committee in an annual report to highlight to councillors the issues which the Youth Assembly would like the council to focus on. All motions raised – both successful and unsuccessful – as well as a detailed overview of how motions are raised can be found at Appendix 1.

- 1.6 The Assembly 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.
- 1.7 Members are recruited through local schools. This year, over 2,000 leaflets were sent out to all secondary schools in the borough, and 80 posters were put up in local schools to advertise the body and recruit members. This was supported by the launch of the Assembly's website – www.barnet.gov.uk/youthassembly
- 1.8 The Governance Service – in tandem with the Voice of the Child Team in Family Services – runs the Youth Assembly.
- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 The success of the Assembly is contingent on officers carrying forward actions and members taking into consideration the views of the body in future decision making. It is therefore recommended that the committee endorses the motions as outlined in the report at Appendix 1, and comments on those motions where appropriate.
- 1.11 As part of the ongoing improvement of the body, the Governance Service and the Voice of the Child Team will be developing the Assembly's website so that the motions raised by each cohort can be seen online. By May 2018, when the third cohort will bring a report to the committee, it is hoped that it will be possible to track the progress of motions and the successes of the body. This is deemed important to the success of the body; it should be clear where the Assembly has been successful in promoting and championing issues that are important to young people locally.
- 1.12 It should be noted that since one motion being raised by last year's cohort, there has been some quantifiable success. The motion asked 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'*.

In responding to this motion, the Governance Service first included a link to the voter registration site on the 2,000 leaflets and 80 posters that went round to schools advertising the Youth Assembly (as mentioned at 1.7). The Elections Team have also planned to promote the 'Rock Enroll' programme, an interactive resource pack which encourages young people to register to vote, commissioned by the Cabinet Office.

Since this taking place, the Electoral Commission have emailed the Elections Team to state that the number of local government attainers in Barnet has increased by approximately 296% since last year's register, and the Parliamentary attainers by 188%. This is one of the highest increases in the UK compared to other areas.

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.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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 therefore contributes towards the fulfilment of the DCS's obligation towards these duties.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 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

5.1.1. The Youth Assembly is enabling young Barnet residents to take responsibility and engage with the council to highlight issue 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.

5.1.2. 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)

5.2.1 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

5.3.1 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

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

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 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

5.5.2 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

5.5.3 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.

5.5.4 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

5.6.1 Not applicable.

5.7 Insight

5.7.1 None.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee Report, 18th May 2016:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=697&MId=8262&Ver=4>

6.2 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>



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COHORT 2

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Overview

The Youth Assembly is a group of young people who live, work or study in Barnet and come together to debate local issues that are important to them at Hendon Town Hall. This is the second year that the Youth Assembly has operated in the London Borough of Barnet, and this year 57 members signed up making it one of the largest groups of its kind in the country.

The role of a Youth Assembly Member is to vote on the motions that they raise, with successful motions being presented to the Children's Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee for consideration at the end of the intake's term (May 2017). The purpose of the body is to provide young people in the borough with an opportunity to improve their public speaking skills by debating in the town hall, and to stimulate change in respect to issues that are important to young people in the borough.

The meetings of Cohort 2 of the Youth Assembly took place on the following dates:

- 11 October 2016
- 8 November 2016
- 6 December 2016
- 17 January 2017
- 21 February 2017
- 14 March 2017
- 11 April 2017
- 16 May 2017 – CELS Committee

Meetings took place from 6PM and lasted until 8PM, and adhered to the following format:

- 6.00PM – Guest speaker, including questions
- 6.45PM – Break (including some food and drinks)
- 7.00PM – Raising and debating of motions
- 8.00PM – Close.



This year each meeting focused on a specific theme. For the first half of the meetings, the Assembly heard from prominent and influential speakers on the relevant theme. In the second half of the meeting, members raised and debated motions related to the meeting's theme. The guest speakers and themes for the meetings were as follows:

Meeting	Theme	Confirmed speakers
11 October 2016	General introduction	N/A
8 November 2016	Crime	Commander Simon Rose (Barnet Borough Commander – Met Police) Dr Tine Munk (Middlesex University, Criminology)
6 December 2016	Education	Ciaran Macalister (Education Employment and Training Adviser, Barnet Education Employment and Training Support)
17 January 2017	Health	Dr Angela Madden Professor Hertfordshire University Diet and Nutrition Professor Carol Brayne (University of Cambridge Professor of Neuroscience)
21 February 2017	Politics	Amelia Womack – (Co-Leader of the UK Green Party) Tom Brake MP – (Liberal Democrat MP for Carshalton & Wallington) Lord Monroe Palmer of Childs Hill – (Liberal Democrat Lord) Councillor Richard Cornelius (Leader of the LB of Barnet) Councillor Barry Rawlings (Leader of the Opposition, LB Barnet)
14 March 2017	Barnet & the Community	Councillor David Longstaff – (The Mayor of Barnet) Jeni Osbourne – (Youth Development Manager, CommUnity Barnet) Lesley Holland – (Equalities & Diversities Officer, Barnet Council) Mark Blundell – Onside, Youth Zone



Meeting	Theme	Confirmed speakers
11 April 2017	General session	Opportunity to raise a motion on any theme.
16 May 2017	CELS Committee	N/A - CELS Committee

Motions, debating & voting

The main part of what a Youth Assembly Member's role is to raise, debate and vote on motions. An overview of what a motion is (in the context of Youth Assembly meetings), and the process that was followed at meetings, is as follows:

- A motion is simply a statement, or request, that a member wants the Youth Assembly to consider. The motion might be *'I request the council to publicly endorse lowering the voting age to 16'*. The person that submits the motion will introduce it to the Assembly, giving reasons why it's important to them.
- The Assembly will then have the chance to debate or ask questions to the motion raiser. Based on the discussion, the motion raiser can then either put their statement directly to a vote, or choose to reword it (for instance to *'I request the council to publicly endorse lowering the voting age to 16 and agree to lobby Barnet's MPs on the matter'*) and then put it to a vote.
- If a motion is successful (that is to say a majority of members agree with the request) then it will be put into a report that will be presented to the Children's, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee on 17th May 2017.

Members were advised that they could be critical of motions, and they did not have to approve every motion – if they didn't agree, they were encouraged to say so. Part of the Youth Assembly is public debating; their voice was regarded as important as the next one. They were also advised to be realistic with their motions and to be clear with what they wanted to achieve.

The successful and unsuccessful motions are found at the end of the document. Every successful motion has a response from a senior officer of the council.

If members want to follow up on their motions then they should email youthassembly@barnet.gov.uk

The progress of these, and previous motions, will be found on the website in the following months. Members will be able to track how their motions have got on, and see what impact they've had on their local area.

Approved motions:

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<p>'I request that the council creates a programme that provides annual pastoral mental health training to teachers in Barnet schools.'</p> <p>Sehar Al-Hadad</p>	<p>For: 22 Against: 0 Abstain: 4</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>The Education and Skills service already provides a range of support and training to teachers in relation to mental health:</p> <p>a) Barnet Partnership for School Improvement (BPSI) BPSI is a traded service that provides schools with training and support in schools to improve outcomes for schools, staff and children in Barnet. The comprehensive training programme is available to all schools in Barnet. Historically our programme has focussed on curriculum and teaching and learning support as well as leadership and management support. This has included support for all the staff in schools (including support staff) to improve their performance by accessing effective Continued Professional Development (CPD). The approach is geared to improving practice with, hopefully, a consequential outcome of reducing stress amongst the workforce and improved provision for pupils.</p> <p>However, recently we have focussed more directly on staff wellbeing by offering sessions on Mindfulness and developing a 'resilience approach' in schools. We also draw schools' attention to a further, more complex, programme that develops the Mindfulness capabilities of staff.</p>

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			<p>b) NQT support</p> <p>In addition our programme of training for primary Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) programme offers sessions relating to mental health and wellbeing as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Emotional wellbeing and mental health Outline/Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand the importance of promoting emotional well-being in schools - develop ideas for promoting emotional well-being in the classroom - know how to identify children experiencing mental health difficulties - know what to do if you have concerns about a pupil. • Managing wellbeing, direction and focus Outline/Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand the importance of physical, mental and emotional well-being in relation to professional performance - learn how to set more meaningful and effective goals - recognise the internal and external barriers to effective time management - reflect on your own performance - gain helpful tips and tools - practise with colleagues and tap into the collective group

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			<p>wisdom and experience.</p> <p>c) HIST</p> <p>The High Incidence Support Team organise and offer training (at a cost through traded services) to Barnet schools and settings to address the area of mental health. Recently (March 2017) training was provided by Dr Tina Rae for Barnet SENCOs; 'Reaching for Resilience. Building Resilient Children, Staff and Teams.' The session had a high attendance and received very positive feedback.</p> <p>d) Educational Psychology Service</p> <p>The Educational Psychology Team also offer support to staff in the area of supporting emotional well-being and mental health. Schools liaise directly with their link EP to establish their training priorities within their individual schools (traded service) – examples of the training offered include:</p> <div data-bbox="1160 1075 2114 1388" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Training Menu</p> <p>Universal approaches to promoting the emotional well-being and resilience of the whole school community</p> <p>'Responding to Mental Health Needs and Promoting Emotional Well-being and Resilience': This training will explore specific mental health needs of young people</p> </div>

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			<p>including low mood/depression, anxiety, eating disorders and challenging behaviour</p> <p>'Self-Harm: how can schools help?' This training aims to improve the knowledge and understanding of secondary schools so that they are able to respond more robustly and be more resilient in the face of troubled adolescents.</p> <p>Psycho-education on subjects including resilience, anxiety, self-esteem and anger management</p> <p>Motivational Interviewing: This training will outline the theory of MI and enable staff to use the Facilitating Change materials directly with young people to improve resilience.*</p> <p>Introduction to Cognitive Behaviour Based Approaches: This training will outline the theory of cognitive behaviour approaches and enable staff to use 'Think Good Feel Good' materials directly with young people to improve resilience.</p> <p>Solution Focused Approaches: This training will outline the theory of solution focused approaches and enable staff to use Solution Focused Brief Therapy materials directly with young people to improve resilience.*</p> <p>The EP Team will also offer some central universal training (free</p>

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			<p>to Barnet and settings) on the area of supporting mental health in schools.</p> <p>e) Barnet and Southgate college</p> <p>A team consisting of a senior Educational Psychologist, a headteacher and our Head of Post-16 Education and Skills team is working with Barnet and Southgate College to broaden post-16 opportunities for those with mental health needs. We are developing an A level programme specifically targeted at this group, with additional support built into the programme. The course is due to start in September.2017.</p>
<p>'Due to the fact that some young people are left behind the Council should work with schools to encourage vocational qualifications such as BETCs and apprenticeships, vocational skills and vocational career paths that are less focussed on grades'</p> <p>llana</p>	<p>For: 20 Against: 0 Abstain: 6</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>The Council recognises that some young people are left behind if they have not achieved five GCSEs at grades A* to C including English and Maths. We work with schools in a number of ways to try to support these young people and help them to make a successful transition.</p> <p>A key part of this is work with schools to identify and support those at risk of not being able to find the right opportunity to enable them to participate in education and training until they are 18 years old.</p> <p>We also work with headteachers to encourage a greater breadth of good quality technical/ vocational education in the borough and some schools are already increasing their offer. We expect this trend to continue as the changes to A Levels</p>

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			<p>are introduced.</p> <p>The government is currently placing a great emphasis on the Skills Agenda and issued a Post-16 Skills Plan proposing a change to technical qualifications. We will know more about these changes when the government issues their guidance on implementation.</p> <p>We have attached the plan for those of you who are interested in learning more about the reforms.</p> <p>As part of the government's skills strategy they are actively encouraging companies to provide more apprenticeships from level 2 to degree level and beyond. The Council appointed 15 apprentices in 2016 and will be increasing this to over 40 in 2017.</p>
<p>'I request that the Council takes responsibility to ensure every secondary school student in Barnet has a basic understanding on mental health, done through a small group of students from each school being provided training by the Council and its group going back to their schools and passing on their knowledge.'</p>	<p>For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 6</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>Barnet Council and Barnet CCG have developed a project called 'Resilient Schools' which will be launched in the summer term 2017. All local schools were invited to apply to the programme and after a rigorous selection process six have been chosen to participate. The programme is designed to deliver a sustainable approach to supporting emotional wellbeing and mental health for children and young people across Barnet. 'Resilient Schools' has eight strands of work which include training and support for teachers, pupils, parents/carers as well as a review of curriculum, facilities and other aspects of the school environment. The programme will be initially rolled out in six local schools representing a cross section of ages and</p>

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Tamar Neville			<p>types of education establishment (2 primary, 2 secondary and 2 specialist facilities). The underlying principal of the programme is to support self-care and encourage peer support. We welcome this important motion from the Youth Assembly and feel confident that the 'Resilient Schools' programme will achieve the aims that the Youth Assembly have expressed.</p> <p>Barnet Council and CCG will be publicising the launch of this programme in the coming weeks including a list of the schools that have been selected'.</p>						
<p>I'd like the Council to work with school food suppliers and schools in forming more appropriate prices for healthy foods.'</p> <p>Paniz Dogaheh</p>	<p>For: 28 Against: 2 Abstain: 0</p>	Health	<p>Schools are free to choose which catering contractor to use but most Barnet schools use the council's catering service, which is managed by ISS (a council partner). The catering service has a policy of reviewing its offer based on feedback from customers. As a result from 1st May 2017 it will make available three special offers at each secondary school throughout the school day:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Breakfast:</th> <th>Morning Break:</th> <th>Lunch:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porridge or overnight oats • Variety of </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit and yoghurt energy pot • Bottle of </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad Pot or Wholemeal Pasta Pot • Homemade </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Breakfast:	Morning Break:	Lunch:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porridge or overnight oats • Variety of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit and yoghurt energy pot • Bottle of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad Pot or Wholemeal Pasta Pot • Homemade
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<p>'Schools in Barnet need to stop selling drinks and promote healthier foods.'</p> <p>Huda Ahmad</p>	<p>For: 16 Against: 14 Abstain: 0</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>All drinks sold in schools that ISS cater for are compliant with the school food plan and all relevant school food compliance requirements.</p> <p>Along with the launch of the offer set out in answer to question 3 above, there will be a healthy eating campaign with various healthy eating/food tips to be displayed in and around the dining area in consultation with a school representative. They will include information/tips on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain Food for Exams • 5 a day • Water • Sugar • Salt • Healthy Heart 			

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Eating on the go <p>It should also be noted that jugs of infused water will be available in Secondary Schools throughout the day.</p>
<p>'I want the Council to provide FREE School meals for children whose families live in relative poverty.'</p> <p>TJ Dobson</p>	<p>For: 14 Against: 0 Abstain: 7</p>	Politics	<p>School meals are provided free of charge for all primary school children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for older children whose parents are eligible to claim free school meals based on their family income. So children in families experiencing financial hardship, who make a claim and meet the criteria, receive free school meals.</p>
<p>'I want the Council to consider working with Secondary Schools to provide further educational information on politics to pupils.'</p> <p>J Titus-Glover</p>	<p>For: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 5</p>	Politics	<p>The curriculum offered at each school is a matter for its governing body, taking account of national requirements. The council helps support young people to learn more, and experience more, about politics through its support of the Youth Assembly and other opportunities. It also encourages schools to develop opportunities for young people to participate in decision-making through School Councils – and children across the age range are involved in these across the Borough.</p> <p>In light of this motion, the Council's Governance Service will also now be expanding its democratic engagement work. Currently, the service runs an annual programme that gets students to attend council meetings and a workshop with the Mayor Barnet, and also supports the Youth Assembly. In the following months, the service will develop a plan to come into schools and deliver workshops and/or sessions on local and national politics. In the Governance Service we recognise the importance of encouraging young people to learn more about</p>

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			<p>politics, and we are therefore grateful to the motion raiser for reaffirming our commitment to providing further educational information on it to Barnet's pupils.</p>
<p>'Nationally there has been a significant reduction in the number of libraries. Use of library services is important and one way to encourage the use of libraries could be by rearranging the library in a way that some shelves with infrequently used books, DVDs etc. could be replaced with more tables for student study areas or elderly gatherings as people are no longer using the main services. And ask Council to consider funding options and ways to generate income, e.g. book sales.'</p> <p>Neda Bakian-Dogahe and Rebecca Ganjeh (Joint Motion)</p>	<p>For: 17 Against: 0 Abstain: 1</p>	<p>Barnet and the Community</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting your motion regarding the Library Service. Please see below for our response. However, as factual as it is, it is not intended to be ultimately conclusive against some of the points you raise, as we are always keen to listen to new ideas and develop a more personal dialogue with our residents. We'd be more than happy to engage further and open up the conversation with future members of the Youth Assembly. We will therefore work with those officers in the council who lead on the Youth Assembly meetings to establish how we can engage at meetings in the 2017-18 year.</p> <p>Book borrowing at libraries is still the biggest purpose for which libraries are used by the public. It is also one of the primary legal requirements for a library building under the 'Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964', to provide a comprehensive book stock. As the Library Service, we have to ensure that this act is adhered to, as well as listening to our local communities and providing library users with their most popular requests in terms of what they also expect the service to provide.</p> <p>As residents use the library for a variety of different activities, the Library Service has to manage many competing demands for space in the libraries. We want to ensure the best use of the library and therefore try to create spaces that are as flexible as possible. In terms of books and other stock resource, we</p>

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			<p>constantly review what we hold to make sure we are responding to and reflecting what is in greatest demand within the local community; it's very much an ongoing process so that our stock doesn't go stale and take up unnecessary space.</p> <p>At each library, we provide study space where it can feasibly be provided, in balance with the requirements and expectations of other library users. We have schedules in place at each site for meeting rooms to be used as study space when they are not being hired out by local community groups for other activities. We also work closely with Barnet schools, keeping them updated with any news and changes, and helping to ensure we can support them where and when we can during times of the year before exams when we know the requirement for student study space increases.</p>
<p>'To ask the Council to find ways of encouraging young people to improve wellbeing and increase physical activity in a range of affordable and low-cost way by using different facilities, including parks and leisure centres and encouraging group setting.'</p> <p>Mohamed Soltan</p>	<p>For: 9 Against: 2 Abstain: 7</p>	<p>Barnet & the Community</p>	<p>The Fit and Active Barnet Framework (FAB) 2016-2021, was approved by Adults & Safeguarding Committee in March 2017. It outlines a local framework for the development of sport and physical activity in Barnet over the next five years and is aligned to the Sport England and Department for Culture, Media and Sport Strategies.</p> <p>The FAB Framework recognises there are a range of networks, organisations and providers within the borough that can support an increase in activity levels and improvement in health and wellbeing. Fit & Active Barnet Partnership Board will be re-established in 2016 with key stakeholders to support opportunities that provide a measurable growth in participation</p>

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			<p>and support the outcomes contained within the Framework.</p> <p>More information and an outline of Fit & Active Barnet Commitments can be located by visiting; http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s38352/Appendix%201%20-%20Fit%20Active%20Barnet%20Framework%202016-2021.pdf</p> <p>The SHAPE programme was established in 2014 to support young people aged 14 – 19 to access sport and physical activity opportunities in the wards of Burnt Oak and Colindale. The programme provides accessible, low cost, weekly opportunities to take part in a range of activities for all abilities; for more information on the SHAPE programme please visit www.barnet.gov.uk/shape.</p> <p>All Barnet leisure facilities provide activities targeted at children and young people; including sports courses, lessons, junior active fitness sessions. Concessionary rates are also available for memberships and activities. To find out more information please visit http://www.better.org.uk/</p> <p>In January 2017, Barnet Planning Committee approved the redevelopment of Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre and creation of a new leisure facility in Victoria Recreation Ground, New Barnet. This is part of a £35m investment by Barnet Council to improve Barnet leisure facilities and encourage more residents to participate in activity.</p>

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			<p>https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/parks-sport-and-leisure/leisure-centres.html</p> <p>Barnet Youth Zone is a youth project designed to provide a safe, inspiring and affordable place for young people to spend their leisure time. Barnet Youth Zone is supported by Barnet Council and the charity OnSide Youth Zones to bring a purpose-built facility for all young people to Barnet, which will make a life-changing contribution to young people now and in the future. This is an investment in our youth, demonstrating our belief that they deserve the best, as well as being an investment in the future of Barnet itself.</p> <p>The new Youth Zone will be built on Montrose Playing Fields in Burnt Oak, near to Grahame Park and Colindale, as part of the redevelopment and regeneration of the playing fields. It will offer 20 activities each session, including, music, sport, fitness, dance and media, mentoring and employability. Barnet Youth Zone will act as a platform to help grow the total offer for young people. Further information: www.unitasyouthzone.org</p>
<p>'I propose that the government and local authorities should aim to tackle domestic violence through raising awareness amongst young people of the signs and how they can support each other and</p>	<p>For: 6 Against: 1 Abstain: 1</p>	<p>General Session</p>	<p>We welcome this motion. Barnet is currently agreeing their new Violence against women and girls strategy which includes early intervention and raising awareness amongst young people. The Strategy states that the Council will continue to work with schools and higher education establishments to educate young people and teenagers about healthy relationships, abuse and consent and raise awareness of key issues like 'sexting' and online abuse. We will also ensure staff are trained and school</p>

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prevent it' Aqsa Rabbani			safeguarding policies and procedures address the broader areas of VAWG for example honour based violence, FGM, forced marriage.
'Provision of free and/or reduced school meals (which would otherwise be thrown out) after school' Garance Zinzen	For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 1	General Session	

Rejected motions:

MOTION RAISED	VOTE	RELATED THEME
<p>'I want the Council to take more measures to prevent crime in public areas due to the rise of frequency of public offences'</p> <p>Sandriya Sundarakumaran</p>	<p>For: 4 Against: 16 Abstain: 10</p>	Crime
<p>'I want the council to provide more community police and to involve the community in general in protecting schools and school children'</p> <p>Beatrice Bannister</p>	<p>For: 12 Against: 13 Abstain: 5</p>	Crime
<p>'I would like the council to raise mental health awareness in schools'</p> <p>Beatrice Bannister</p>	<p>For: Against: Abstain:</p>	Education
<p>'I would like local medical centres to offer regular check-ups that help young people know if they are healthy and so problems such as cancer can be detected at its early stages to give a successful treatment.'</p> <p>Sandriya Sundarakumaran</p>	<p>For: 8 Against:15 Abstain: 7</p>	Health

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Title of Report	Overview of decision	Report Of (<i>officer</i>)	Issue Type (Non key/Key/Urgent)
19th June 2017			
Annual Performance Report - reflecting on Commissioning Plan 2016/17	Committee to receive an Annual Performance Report - reflecting on the Commissioning Plan 2016/17.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
12th July 2017			
0 - 19 Project Outline Business Case	The 0 – 19 Outline Business Case presents an outline of options of how the Council can achieve MTFs savings in Early Years and Youth Services. Decision required is approve the Outline Business Case and progress to public consultation on the options.	Commissioning Director, Children and Young People	Non-key
18th September 2017			
15th November 2017			
16th January 2018			
7th March 2018			
16th May 2018			