

	Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee 18 May 2016
Title	The achievements and campaigns of Barnet's 2015/16 UK Youth Parliament members
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Wards	All
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Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Outgoing UK Youth Parliament members Appendix B – Current UK Youth Parliament members
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Summary

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

Recommendations

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

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

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

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

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

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

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

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

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

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

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

5.4 Risk Management

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

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

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

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

5.5 CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT

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

5.6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None