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**To the Chair and Members of
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

Doncaster Youth Council - 'Child Voice Pathways' Update

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for Members to give consideration to an introduction and presentation by Doncaster's Youth Council who will give an update on Child Voice Pathways.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. There is no exempt information contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the Scrutiny Panel notes the information presented.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy.

BACKGROUND & CURRENT ISSUES

5. The Doncaster Youth Council is a diverse group of local young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 Learning Disabilities) who want to ensure the voices of the young people in Doncaster are heard. They work to ensure young people have a say in the decisions that are made within Doncaster and undertake the following:
 1. Provide a forum for young people to have a voice on the things that matter
 2. Represent and communicate the views of young people to the decision makers and the wider community
 3. Raise the profile of young people in a positive way
 4. Encourage young people to be good citizens so they act with understanding

and communicate between themselves and their communities

5. Highlight the issues affecting young people.

6. This report provides the current position on campaigns and projects in which the youth council are involved in with particular reference to the Children and Young People's Plan and the Participation & Engagement Strategy.
7. A presentation outlining current activity is provided to the Panel by members of Doncaster's Youth Council for today's meeting which will provide an update on 'Child Voice Pathways'.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

8. There are no alternative options within this report as the intention is to provide the Committee with an opportunity to note and consider the information presented.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	<p>The work of Overview a Scrutiny has the potential to have an impact on all the Council's key objective.</p> <p>The Youth Council share the Children's plan outcome that all children should achieve their potential – in removing barriers and developing good quality service delivery, children will be able to access the benefits of a thriving economy and will themselves be participants in creating and sustaining the strength of the economy.</p>
	<p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	
	<p>Council services are modern and value for money.</p>	
	<p>Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.</p>	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no specific legal implications arising directly from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no specific human resource implications arising directly from this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no technology implications arising from this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

15. There is no consultation required for this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. None

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