



Doncaster Council

Date: 12th June 2018

To the Chair and Members of the
Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

DONCASTER YOUTH COUNCIL 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 reports and presentation's by Doncaster Youth Council who will provide updates on their priorities and campaigns. The meeting seeks to identify opportunities to work more closely with Children and Young People and build up links with the youth council. This meeting is also part of the Take Over Challenge programme offered to children and young people across Doncaster. Takeover Challenge is a national engagement project, led by the Children's Commissioner for England. It puts children and young people into decision-making positions and encourages organisations and businesses to hear their views. As part of this meeting the Youth Council will take up the role of Job Shadowing the members during the course of the meeting.

EXEMPT REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the Panel: -
 - i. Considers the information presented which include Curriculum for Life and Local Offer Review.
 - ii. Seeks to identify any opportunities to work more closely between the Doncaster Youth Council and the children and young people overview and scrutiny.

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

5. The Doncaster Youth Council is a diverse group of local young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 Learning Difficulties 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.
 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.
 1. Transport - Make public transport cheaper, better and more accessible for all
 2. Curriculum for Life – Snapshot overview of Curriculum for Life offer in schools
 3. Local Youth Offer Review – Feedback from children and young people 18 months on.
7. Two presentations; Curriculum for Life and Local Offer Review will be provided to the Panel by members of Doncaster's Youth Council at its meeting on the 12th June 2018. This will provide an update on their priorities and seek to identify any opportunities to work more closely with Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. 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.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

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

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

- 8.

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	<p>The work of Overview a Scrutiny has the potential to have an impact on all the Council's key objective. 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>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	

	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes. 	
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance. 	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...HP Date...24.5.18]

10. There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials (SB Date 17th May, 2018)

11. In 2018-19 a budget of £7,370 exists to support the work of the Youth Council.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...PM... Date...23rd May 2018]

12. There are no specific HR Implications associated with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PW Date 17/05/18)

13. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this decision.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...CW.....Date 21.05.18.....]

14. Young people's participation in meaningful activity can impact on a number of factors affecting general health and wellbeing including connectivity,

mental wellbeing and aspirations. The youth council offers an excellent opportunity to a wide range of young people across Doncaster to engage in such activities. The Youth Council projects listed demonstrate meaningful contributions young people make in shaping the services that affect them. Public Health continues to ensure youth voice is integral to the work programme and values the Youth Council as a means to engage children and young people.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials CM - Date...17th May, 2018]

15. 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

16. There is no consultation required for this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. None

REPORT AUTHOR & CONTRIBUTORS

Deborah Burton
Partnership & Engagement Lead
01302 862493
Deborah.Burton@doncaster.gov.uk

Caroline Martin
Senior Governance Officer
01302 734941
caroline.martin@doncaster.gov.uk

Director of People (DCS/DASS)

Learning and Opportunities: Children and Young People/Adult Health & Wellbeing
Directorates