



Doncaster Council

Date: 5 March 2019

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 by Doncaster Youth Council. The presentation will provide an update on the recent bi-annual youth council election results, and the future plans around the “Put an end to knife Crime” campaign which was a priority identified in the 2018 Make Your Mark results. The meeting is part of our ambition for Child Friendly Doncaster which enables opportunities for children and young people to be involved in decision making processes and enables them to have a strategic platform for youth voice.

EXEMPT REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the Panel:
 - a) Considers the information presented which includes information on school/academy participation in the Youth Council election held across the borough.
 - b) Approve the plans on the “Put an end to knife crime” campaign.
 - c) Seeks to identify any opportunities to work more closely between the Members of Youth Parliament, Youth Council and the children and young people’s 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. Doncaster Youth Council is the strategic youth voice vehicle for Doncaster's children and young people. Once elected each member serves a two year term of office. Over the last two years we have seen a real investment in the youth council from LOCYP in terms of expanding the membership increasing more opportunities for young people's involvement and providing more platforms for youth voice to drive forward service improvement. The youth council are a strategic partner in our ambition to become the "Most Child Friendly Borough" in the country. Elected youth councillors run campaigns based on information gained from their peers, plan partnership events to ensure the views of young people are listened to and enable opportunities for young people to meet with decision makers. They work to ensure young people have a say in the decisions locally, regionally and nationally.
 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. Represent young people locally, regionally and nationally.
 5. Lobby for change.
6. This report provides the results on the Youth Council Election and the action plans on the Make Your Mark priority campaign. **"Put an End to Knife Crime"**
7. The presentation will be provided to the panel by members of the youth council at its meeting on the 5th March 2019. It will provide information on the following:
 1. Youth Council applications received
 2. Number of schools / academies that have participated
 3. Breakdown of youth council structure.
 4. Action plans on the campaign "Put an end to knife crime"

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

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

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	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 elections and campaign work has the potential to impact across all the key outcomes Doncaster Working, Living, Learning and Caring.</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

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials NC ... Date 12.2.19]

12. There are no direct legal implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials (DA Date 12th February 2019)

13. There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.
In 2018-19 a budget of £7,370 exists to support the work of the Youth Council.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials...MD]

14. There are no specific HR implications in this case.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [PW 12/02/19]

15. There are no technology implications in relation to this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials CH 14/2/19]

16. 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.

17. Knife crime has been highlighted as areas of concern for young people through the Make Your Mark findings. Whilst there is currently no evidence knife crime particularly affects young people in Doncaster, an exploration into why this was deemed to be a concern should be carried out.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [DB 19/02/19]

18. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its program 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

19. There is no consultation required for this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

20. None.

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