

Youth Council Meeting 8th August 2005

Elected Members and Youth Council Workshop

Ideas for better working practice between Youth Council and Elected Members

- ❖ Young people involved with Area Forum – a way for young people to express their issues in their community
- ❖ Councillors to visit local secondary schools
- ❖ Annual youth issues meeting at Area Forum in each area
- ❖ Youth Award in schools can work with community
- ❖ One Area Forum meeting in schools to give young people the opportunity to address issues
- ❖ Citizenship – councillors could attend classes to look at local issues
- ❖ Need to lose barrier between young people and decision makers / residents
- ❖ Meetings twice a year – Youth Participation Worker as a link between young people and elected members
- ❖ Support Youth Councillors to become involved in school council along with elected members
- ❖ Share practice between elected members / young people and participation workers regarding resolving issues
- ❖ Offer opportunity to selected members of public to view what young people do in Youth Council meetings
- ❖ Councillors and Youth Council could work together and approach junior schools and senior schools to resolve issues
- ❖ Young people aware of how to feed into area forum
- ❖ Follow up Battle of Bands
- ❖ Build up links and relationships
- ❖ Regular meetings with youth councillors and members

- ❖ Lots of issues around young people, look at where the gaps are for young people
- ❖ Feed young peoples issues that come out of Speakouts into the area forum meetings
- ❖ Youth Surgery / Walkabout Surgery supported by elected members
- ❖ Youth Forum for each ward
- ❖ Speakouts held couple of days before an Area Forum meeting so that the issues that are raised can be fed into the Area Forum and discussed

Please note; a Speakout is a meeting specifically for young people in an area forum area, it can be about a range of issues, ideas, concerns that young people have, elected members and other relevant decision makers are invited to these meetings so that they can respond to the young people present about the issues they are discussing.

Apologies: Megan, Nicola, Bernadette. G, Chloe, Vicky, Emily, Emma, Stephanie, Nicky

Minutes: passed as a true record

Chair elected: Adam Turnell

Matters Arising:

Youth Council Training Programme; Clare reminded all members to return their consent forms ASAP and gave out the dates and details of the training in August.

School Council Group; Clare reminded members of the School Council conference that took place in Nov 2004, a group of young people who attended the conference will be attending a residential in Sept 2005 to draw up a school charter. A proposal was put to members that this group could attend the youth council meeting on 3rd October 2005 to make links and look at working together in the future. Jessie proposed this as a way forward and Amy seconded this, all members passed the proposal.

Locke Park Gala; Clare invited all members to the Locke park gala on Sun 14th August. Lots of events will be taking place and the youth service will have their own section offering activities in the park.

UKYP Residential Feedback; Ashley and Jessie gave feedback to members about their experience on the United Kingdom Youth Parliament Residential 22nd-24th July 2005. They enjoyed the weekend and got involved in discussion and topic groups with other young people around a range of issues.

Youth Matters Consultation; members filled in questionnaires to send to DFES