

Minutes of Youth Council Meeting 6th Feb 2006
Barnsley Town Hall

Present: Lauren, Becki, Megan, Brendan, Amy B, Bernie, Roy, Ashley, Adam, Lindi, Chloe, Amy W, Nicky, Emily, Robyn.

Scrutiny Role, Bullying presentation Laura Lane: Laura Lane from the Scrutiny Office explained to members about a piece of consultation work she had undertaken for the Childrens Services Scrutiny Commission around bullying. A questionnaire had been taken into Schools across the borough; they had also been filled out by various youth groups including the Youth Council themselves. The evidence was in the process of being collated, however Laura shared the findings so far. She then asked members for their comments on the findings and their views in general about bullying, a lively discussion took place. Laura then asked members to think of solutions to some of the problems again a lively discussion took place. Laura wrote down all the members comments on flip chart, she agreed that these comments would be put in the final report which would be presented to a meeting of the Childrens Services Scrutiny.

Youth Summits next steps: Andy explained to members that the youth summit findings also linked to the findings from the bullying questionnaires. Throughout the findings young people commented on bullying and its effects. It was agreed by all present that it was evident that bullying is a major issue for young people. All members agreed that they would like to be involved in any further work that Scrutiny did around bullying. Laura agreed to feedback to members after the findings had been presented to scrutiny. Andy explained that the findings from the youth summits needed to be prioritised, as agreed at the last meeting. Members voted on key issues their top priority was to continue this work around bullying. Clare explained how this links in with the youth councils scrutiny role and that this could be their first piece of work.

Matters arising: The chair read out an invite to members to the Hear by Right conference on 16th Feb at Priory Campus, Roy, Becki and Robyn put themselves forward. An invite for 3 members was read out to attend the CYP partnership meeting on 22nd Feb, Adam, Lauren and Amy W put themselves forward. An update was given to members about the Health event on 18th Feb, all members were asked if they could attend the event and if they could publicise it to other young people.

Comments for Childrens Plan: Members were asked to comment around the youth summit findings so that these could also be fed into the children and young peoples plan.

Questionnaires: 2 young people alongside Laura Lyden asked members to complete a questionnaire for People United Against Crime. All members took part. The findings were to be given to the police to inform the creation of scenarios to be used at the Lifewise Centre.