

Scrutiny Task and Finish Panel Agenda



Youth Engagement Review Task and Finish Panel Monday, 22nd June, 2015

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Youth Engagement Review Task and Finish Panel**, which will be held at:

**Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping
on Monday, 22nd June, 2015
at 7.00 pm .**

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Members:

Councillors J McIvor, G Mohindra, S Murray (Chairman), S Neville, A Patel, C Roberts, B Surtees and M Tinker

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTES TO THIS MEETING IS
18:00 HOURS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.07.02)

(Director of Governance) To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Director of Governance) To declare interests on any items on the agenda.

In considering whether to declare a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct, Overview and Scrutiny members are asked to pay particular attention to paragraph 11 of the Code in addition to the more familiar requirements.

This requires the declaration of a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any matter before an OS Committee which relates to a decision of or action by another Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council, a Joint Committee or Joint Sub-Committee in which the Council is involved and of which the Councillor is also a

member.

Paragraph 11 does not refer to Cabinet decisions or attendance at an OS meeting purely for the purpose of answering questions or providing information on such a matter.

4. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 14)

To agree the notes of the meeting held on 18 May 2015. (attached)

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 15 - 16)

To note that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the Panels Terms of Reference as attached.

6. YOUTH COUNCIL FINANCE (Pages 17 - 20)

The costs of operating the Youth Council can be defined into two main categories, as follows;

Operational budget: this covers direct costs of Youth Councillor training, development events, transport & travel to and from meetings, publicity, equipment and miscellaneous expenses, and,

Associated staff costs: this covers a percentage of the salaries of the Young Person's Officer and Young Person's Assistant.

It should be noted however, that the two posts delegated to support the Youth Councillors in their operation also fulfil a range of other youth engagement work on behalf of the Council. This includes Organising and supporting initiatives such as Crucial Crew and Reality Roadshow, volunteering work and targeted youth programmes in communities.

The financial spreadsheets attached, gives the details of the actual breakdown of expenditure for the operational budget over the last six years and the current total budget for the two posts associated with the Youth Council. The actual time allocation to support the Youth Council is estimated as 60% of the total amount.

The spreadsheets also highlight the amount of External Funding secured by the Youth Council over the last six years.

7. SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE (Pages 21 - 30)

At the inaugural meeting of the Review Panel, Members were advised that the Youth Council includes representatives from every secondary school in the District and Epping Forest College and a number of Councillors who are home schooled or who live in the District but go to school across the District border.

Panel members were keen to receive feedback from the local schools and a questionnaire was distributed for this purpose. The responses to the questionnaire are attached.

8. FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL PARTNERS (Pages 31 - 36)

The Youth Council works with a range of local statutory, community and voluntary sector partners. As part of the review process, some of the key organisations have been asked to submit their views on the efficacy and success of the Youth Council within the District (attached).

9. COMPARISONS FROM LONDON AUTHORITY AND SIMILAR DISTRICT COUNCIL IN ESSEX (Pages 37 - 38)

Details of Youth Councils provided by other local authorities in Essex and further afield have been sought as part of the review (attached).

10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

On the 8 July 2015 the Panel would consider the following items;

1. The Wider Youth Strategy and Engagement undertaken by the Council; and
2. Essex County Council Services for Young People.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 July 2015 at 19.00 in Committee Room 1.