

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**NOTES OF A MEETING OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT REVIEW TASK AND FINISH PANEL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
**IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CIVIC OFFICES, HIGH STREET, EPPING**  
**AT 7.00 - 7.35 PM**

**Members Present:** S Murray (Chairman), , G Mohindra, S Neville, A Patel, C Roberts and B Surtees

**Other members present:** J Mclvor (Youth Councillor) and M Tinker (Youth Councillor)

**Apologies for Absence:**

**Officers Present** J Chandler (Assistant Director (Community Services)), G Wallis (Community, Health & Wellbeing Manager) and R Perrin (Democratic Services Officer)

**39. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)**

The Panel noted there were no substitute members appointed for this meeting.

**40. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct.

**41. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The notes from the last meeting on 11 August 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

**42. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Panel noted the Terms of reference.

**43. FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Panel considered the draft report which made recommendations in relation to the Epping Forest Youth Council and the future delivery of youth provisions by the Community Services and Safety, which would be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 20 October 2015. The Panel agreed that the report read well and reflected the thoughts of the Panel.

The Panel suggestion a few minor typographical corrections to the report and asked that the words 'in terms of the wider Youth Engagement' be added to recommendation i) in relation the Epping Forest Youth Council.

The Panel discussed the recommendation regarding the Continuing Services Budget (CSB) Growth of £25,000 per annum, for targeted work and felt that examples of the type of work and outcomes should be included in the main body of the report at paragraphs 21 and 22 to support the recommendation.

The Panel discussed further engagement between Councillors and Youth Councillors on a social level, through speed meetings, volunteering events and around Youth Council project work. Matthew advised that the Youth Council had invited Councillors to previous events where it had worked well and would look at future events.

The Panel discussed the presentation of the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and concluded that the Vice Chairman, Councillor Mohindra and Youth Councillor Jaymey McIvor would present the report.

The Panel wanted to make sure that the report and presentation reflected how much the services were valued and that provision of services were better provided by the Council and local organisations and not at arms length.

The Panel **agreed** that;

- (a) recommendation i) read ' that the Council retains and continues to support and develop the Youth Council in terms of the wider youth engagement';
- (b) recommendation v) reads '... by the Neighbourhood and Communities Select Panel';
- (c) paragraphs 21 and 22 included examples of targeted work and outcomes to support the recommendation; and
- (d) the Chairman and Vice Chairman would agree the amended report before it was submitted to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 20 October 2015.

The Chairman thanked the Youth Councillors and Officers for taking part and providing a clear understanding of Youth Engagement and the Panel Members for a thorough review.