

## **Report to the Cabinet**

**Report reference:** C-025-2020-21  
**Date of meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020



**Portfolio:** Housing and Communities (Cllr Holly Whitbread)

**Subject:** The Health and Wellbeing of Young People in the Epping Forest district during Covid-19, 2020. #Your Say Youth survey findings Epping Forest Youth Council.

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### **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**That Cabinet receives and acknowledges the #Your Say survey report and findings undertaken by the Epping Forest Youth Council, supported by the Council's Community, Culture and Wellbeing service. EFYC have been asked to present their report to Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

### **Executive Summary:**

Epping Forest Youth Councillors wanted to hear how young people were feeling in the Epping Forest district during the period of lockdown and what effects it will have on them over time. They conducted a survey during July 2020, providing an opportunity for young people to share their experiences during the pandemic and express their concerns about their health and wellbeing, their future regarding their education, and mental health. The Youth Councillors hope the findings will help shape the services for young people in 2021 and beyond.

### **Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

It was agreed at Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16th July that Cabinet would receive an update on the Youth Council #Your Say Survey that was conducted by the Youth Councillors for Young People.

**Other Options for Action:** N/A

### **Report:**

1. The report will outline the engagement methods used for the survey, the summary of findings, conclusion and recommendations moving forward. (Full #Your Say report with Appendice A – The Findings, attached)

**Resource Implications:**

There have been no increases in budget required from the council to date. The Youth Council receives core funding £12,000 per annum for day to day support and running costs including training, travel expenses and uniforms.

In December 2018 the Cabinet agreed a DDF sum of £15,000 to be allocated to Epping Forest Youth Council, to enable them to deliver a range of targeted projects for young people in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

**Legal and Governance Implications:** N/A

**Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:** N/A

**Consultation Undertaken:**

An online survey was conducted using 'Survey Monkey'. Youth Councillors asked friends and schools to participate and the target was to gather a sample of 270 surveys. The data collected did not require any personal details other than age. Surveys were anonymous to protect the identity of individuals. The target age group was 11 to 17 years, secondary school pupils.

**Background Papers:** N/A

**Risk Management:** N/A