

Briefing Paper to the Children, Young People, Families & Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission

Wards:

16th March 2026

Young People Scrutiny Engagement Group Feedback

Briefing Paper of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources

1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

1.1. To report to the Children, Young People, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission, outcomes and feedback from the most recent meeting of the Young People Scrutiny Engagement Group.

2. Background

2.1. The Young People Scrutiny Engagement Group was established in June 2024 to provide an opportunity for young people to consider issues discussed across all the Council's Scrutiny Commissions and provide feedback and challenge from a young person's perspective.

2.2. Following an interim period of bedding in and adapting to a new way of working, outcomes from the Young People Scrutiny Engagement Group are now evident and will be reported back to the Children, Young People, Families and Learning Commission monthly to ensure that current activity is captured and shared appropriately with any appropriate actions taken.

3. Issues for Consideration

3.1. The Young People Scrutiny Engagement Group met on Wednesday 18th February 2026. This meeting focused on Young People, Elections and Engagement in Politics. A total of eleven young people attended the meeting along with two elected members.

3.2. Prior to the meeting, the young people met to consider their views and prepare questions for the Head of Governance.

3.3. Further discussions took place during the meeting (summarised at appendix 1).

4. Next steps

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- 4.1. The Children, Young People, Families & Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission note the outcomes of the meeting.
- 4.2. The young people have begun planning the areas they wish to scrutinise in the new municipal year.
- 4.3. All actions agreed with young people will be recorded and followed up periodically to ensure that the young people are kept informed of progress.

Executive Director of Corporate Resources

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Officer Interests: None

Background Documents: -

Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th February 2026