

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 meetings 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 (Action 4 Us) Care Leavers met on Wednesday 21st January 2026. This meeting focused on previous topics with a view to provide an update on issues raised. A total of five young people attended the meeting along with four elected members, the Young People's Regeneration Champions, the Group Manager and the Personal Advisor for Room 42.

3.2. Also in attendance at the meeting, to discuss the topics on agenda were the Executive Director Children & Family Services, Head of Safeguarding Standards, Head of Transport & Traffic Management, Executive Director of

Housing & Communities, Head of Service (Contracting & Investment),
Maintenance & Improvements Manager and two representatives from KWL.

3.3. Discussions took place during the meeting across the various agenda items (summarised at appendix 1) which included:

3.3.1. Freedom Pass

3.3.2. Council Housing Repairs

3.3.3. Outcomes from the Officer Steering Group on Care Leavers as a Protected Characteristic

3.3.4. Education, Employment and Training.

4. Next steps

4.1. The Children, Young People, Families & Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission note the outcomes of the meeting.

4.2. The Young People Scrutiny Engagement Group (Action 4 Us) 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 21st January 2026