

# Children's Services

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting

### June 2022

## Youth Cabinet Update Report

**Purpose of the report:**

The Youth Cabinet would like to provide the committee with an update of their work.



- 1.1 **Make your Mark Campaign** – In February the Make your Mark campaign took place where Thurrock young people voted on a topic they cared about the most. Results of the national voting were released in early March. After 434,492 young people voted from over 780 schools, colleges and youth groups we now know that health and wellbeing is the biggest issue facing young people in the UK. At our Working Group meetings, the cabinet have been exploring ideas of how they can support the theme and promote health and well-being to Thurrock young people. Members are currently working towards setting up well-being walks in the summer for 11- 17 year olds. These walks will be run by Youth Cabinet members with the support of Youth Workers. Promotion on when these walks will take place will shortly be released.
  
- 1.2 **Interview Panel opportunities** – Youth Cabinet members have had the opportunity to sit on two interview panels recently. One Stakeholder panel for two Assistant Director roles and a Children's Panel for a Deputy Team Manager role for Think Family Services. Members who sat on the panel found the experience to be enlightening. They enjoyed seeing what it was like from an interviewer's perspective and gained some valuable insight into the how interviews take place. All good experience for when they eventually go for interviews as young adults themselves. Members were also invited to create interview questions which they found to be an empowering experience as it allowed them to have their say and enquire how the interviewee would make positive impacts for young people within their role.

- 1.3 **Thurrock Youth Cabinet Elections Outcome** – Youth Cabinet Elections took place in March, we now have new members in the roles of Vice Chairperson, Chairperson and Member of Youth Parliament. Up to date information of the new members can be found on the Thurrock Council website including when our monthly meetings take place.
- 1.4 **Youth Cabinet Recruitment Drive** – In March the lead Youth Worker for Thurrock Youth Cabinet embarked on a recruitment drive around Thurrock schools/sixth forms and colleges to increase cabinet numbers. As a result of the visits, we had 3 new members join the Youth Cabinet in April. If you know a young person who would like to part of the Youth Cabinet, please ask them to email [youthcabinet@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:youthcabinet@thurrock.gov.uk)
- 1.5 **British Youth Council June Convention** – Good news from the BYC arrived recently that they had a grant approved to run a face to face convention in London at the end of June 2022. Members of the Thurrock Youth Cabinet are delighted that such events are starting to take place again post pandemic. The lead Youth Cabinet worker is currently organising the finer details to take members to the event. The day will be an opportunity for the young people to network with other areas, attend workshops, listen to guest speakers, join campaign workshops on health and votes at 16, Make your Mark focus sessions and much more.
- 1.6 **11- 19 Strategy Meeting** - The Youth Cabinet chair and vice chair continue to attend, update and promote the Youth Cabinet at this meeting to highlight the positive work being achieved to schools Head Teachers.

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