

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Children's and Education Policy and Accountability Committee

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Subject: A Year of Youth Voice

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SUMMARY

The Youth Voice Strategy was coproduced with young people in Hammersmith & Fulham and launched in June 2022. The PowerPoint presentation at appendix A details some of the highlights and achievements of the young people involved in activities in Hammersmith & Fulham. Some of the young people involved, the Youth Mayor and members of the Youth Council and Youth Parliament will talk through some of their achievements and experiences. Also contained within the slides is a look forward to what is next on the agenda for young people in the coming year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the Committee to note and comment on the report and slide presentation.

Wards Affected: All

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Building shared prosperity	Youth involvement with the Council helps to build a shared prosperity from a younger age
Creating a compassionate council	Working with and listening to the needs of young people allows the Council to deliver compassionate services that meet their needs
Doing things with local residents, not to them	Young people are part of coproduction initiatives to deliver services that work

	for them
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	Working with young people to design and deliver services ensures we deliver the right services and focus spend in the right place
Taking pride in H&F	Our young people of H&F are celebrated, and their achievements are highlighted locally and nationally
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	Climate and ecology are key issues for young people and their voice drives the Council to deliver for their future

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None

DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The Committee are asked to note the contents of the Youth Voice slides.
2. The slides will be presented by members of the Youth Council and Youth Parliament, who will talk about how they have been able to engage, influence and shape what matters to them in Hammersmith & Fulham.
3. Some of the achievements and work that the young people have been involved with includes:
 - Part of the commissioning panel for the new youth services contracts which began on the 1st April 2023
 - Coproduced the Youth Voice Strategy
 - Creation of multi media youth focused pages and streams
 - Part of panels to interview Children's Services staff
4. There is an exciting set of projects and programmes young people will be involved with over the next year which includes:
 - Youth led hackathon in November 2023
 - Coproduction of the Family Hubs in H&F
 - Healthy eating in White City
 - Joint training with the AOD board on inclusion.

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix A

A Year in Youth Voice slide deck