



**NOTTINGHAM  
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PROUD OF NOTTINGHAM'S CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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<b>Report to:</b>	Children's Partnership Board	
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<b>Other officers who have provided input:</b>		
<b>Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) priority or priorities:</b>		
<b>Safeguarding and supporting children and families:</b> Children, young people and families will benefit from early and effective support and protection to empower them to overcome difficulties and provide a safe environment in which to thrive.		X
<b>Promoting the health and wellbeing of babies, children and young people:</b> From pregnancy and throughout life, babies, children, young people and families will be healthier, more emotionally resilient and better able to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing.		X
<b>Supporting achievement and academic attainment:</b> All children and young people will leave school with the best skills and qualifications they can achieve and will be ready for independence, work or further learning.		X
<b>Empowering families to be strong and achieve economic wellbeing:</b> More families will be empowered and able to deal with family issues and child poverty will be significantly reduced.		X
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
<p>This report summarises the work and activities of the Youth Cabinet and associated participation groups during the second quarter of 2015-16.</p> <p>The report's appendix Participation in Governance programme 2015-16 is a yearly calendar of meeting and themed events of the main public participation groups and forums for children and young people supported through the Children's Partnership.</p>		
<b>Recommendations:</b>		
1	That Board partners use and promote the Participation in Governance programme in order to engage with children and children and young people and create meaningful and rewarding opportunities for them to participate in decision making.	

# **1. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS** **(Explanatory detail and background to the recommendations)**

## **1.1 Participation in Governance**

Following a very busy first quarter of the financial year (which on top of the usual schedule of meetings and work also included a trip to Karlsruhe for YouConf2015) the Youth Cabinet et al has been relatively quiet over the summer period with most of the work focused on forward planning.

The Participation in Governance programme is the key work plan for the group and the new programme covering the period September 2015 to August 2016 has now been agreed upon. (See Appendix 1). This programme provides children and young people in Nottingham with a range of forums for public/group participation at citywide level. It also provides members of the Children's Partnership with opportunities to engage face to face with children and young people and include them as stakeholders in decision making.

The programme calendar features monthly Youth Cabinet meetings with larger Youth Council and Primary Parliament meetings held every term. Other regular meetings on the calendar include those for specialist participation groups such as the Children in Care Council, the Special People Group (young people with SEND) and Action for Young Carers.

The calendar is shared widely with providers including the Council's Early Help service play and youth teams, voluntary sector play and youth providers and primary and secondary schools, who are encouraged to engage their service users to take part in events as appropriate.

Each term is themed to help partners plan engagement effectively in advance and optimise the time available for face to face work. The theme for the forthcoming Autumn term is 'Education, Work and Training'. Youth Council and Primary Parliament events will both feature workshops with Futures around how children and young people develop aspiration and acquire the experience, skills, traits and behaviours needed for the world of work. This will shape the development of Future's Aspires programme, for instance by developing the most appropriate toolkits and activities.

In addition to this themed work, a series of consultation activities to support the development of the new Health and Well-being Strategy is planned for October and November.

Future themes include 'Safe Lives, Positive Communities' in Spring term 2016 and 'Healthy, Creative You' in Summer term 2016. Partners with an interest in these themes are now invited to work with the Youth Cabinet to get involved in the events programme.

## **1.2 Membership of Boards and steering groups**

Youth Cabinet members currently contribute to the following boards and steering groups

- Children's Partnership Board
- Growth Board
- Corporate Parenting Board
- Virtual School Board
- Equality and Fairness Commission
- Age Friendly Nottingham steering
- Young Creative Awards steering

Partners who wish to include young people on their boards and steering groups are invited to talk to us about how best to do this.

### 1.3 European Science Parliament

Members of the Youth Cabinet will be helping co-ordinate a local science parliament in February 2016. This is part of a European science engagement programme involving 12 EU member states led and funded through Berlin-based organisation Wissenschaft im Dialog.

During the science parliament 60 young people aged 16-19 from schools and colleges in the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire area will explore life science issues with expert partners and agree recommendations. These will be taken by selected youth delegates to the final three-day conference in Manchester in July 2016, which is part of the prestigious ESOF conference (European Science Open Forum).

## 2. RISKS

None identified.

## 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The direct costs of this work are borne by the Engagement and Participation budget which is currently £15,000 pa.

## 4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

## 5. CLIENT GROUP

All children and young people.

## 6. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

Children and young people form a protected characteristic under the Equality Act. Their engagement and participation in decision making with member organisations of the Children's Partnership ensures their views, experiences and ideas for change are considered and used to improve services with and for them.

## **7. OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED**

This work addresses cross-cutting theme four of the CYPP: “To engage with and listen to the views of our children, young people and families when developing our services

## **8. CONTACT DETAILS**

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