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Report to: Inner East Community Committee

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To note

Inner East Youth Summit Report

Purpose of report

1. To celebrate and reflect on the hugely successful Inner East Youth Summit which took place on the 7th February 2025.

Main issues

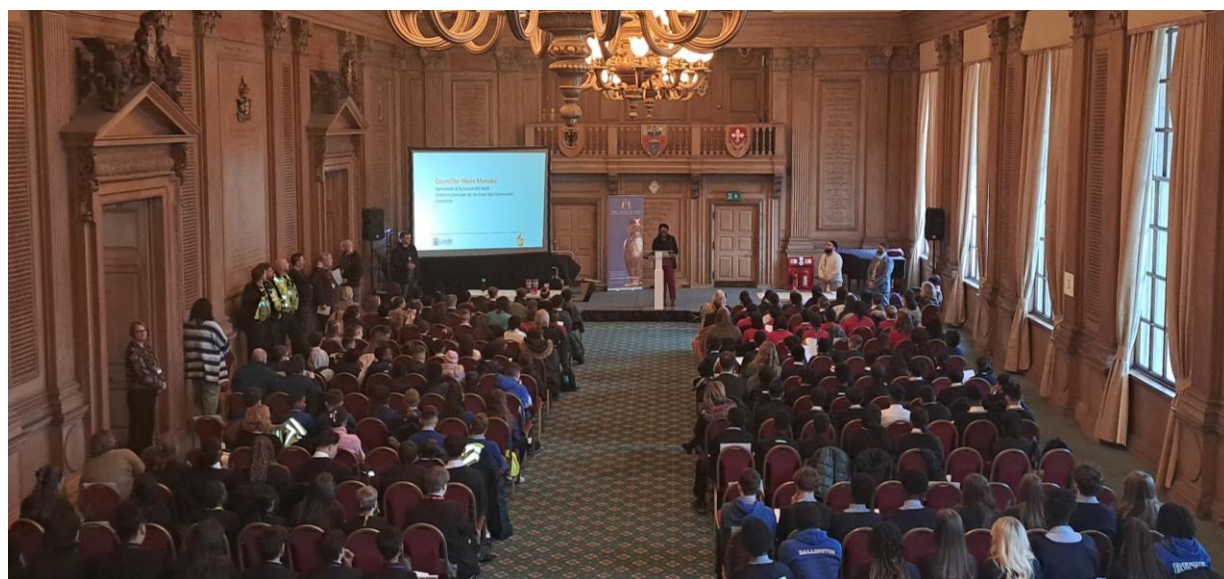
2. The Inner East Youth Summit was attended by 160 young people, from 14 schools, from Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft. This is the largest Community Committee Youth Summit that Leeds has ever seen.
3. This agenda item provides an opportunity for members to make comments to the Children & Families Subgroup, on how they found the day and how it can be further improved.
4. It also provides the committee with the opportunity to consider the initial analysis of what local young people had to say as part of this consultation and engagement event.

5. The agenda on the day consisted of the following:

Time	Activity	
9:30am	Arrival of schools, sign-in and refreshments	
10:00am	Introduction by Councillor Nkele Manaka	
10:05am	Icebreaker	
10:20am	Q&A with Inner East Leeds Councillors	
10:50am	Break – Tour of the Civic Hall, Photo Booth, Snacks & Drinks	
11:05am	Primary Schools: Democracy Workshop Activity	Secondary Schools: Inner East Youth Community Committee
11:25am	Primary Schools: Youth Activity Fund – Main Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debating Applications • Funding Decisions • Presentations to Councillors
12:05am	Activity feedback from each table	
12:15am	Move to the Council Chamber & Lord Mayor Q&A	
12.40pm	Final words from Children’s Subgroup and certificates handed to schools	
12.45pm	Finish & lunch at the Rose Bowl	

6. The Youth Summit had a wide range of sessions and activities that engaged with the young people and fed into pieces of work both inside and outside of the Leeds City Council structure.

7. Cllr Manaka opening the day:



8. The Subgroup worked throughout the year to create a student led day where young people could use their voices to influence real change in the city.

9. In order to achieve this successful day, the Localities Officer went to meet with multiple schools and teachers in 2024 to assess what the young people would like to do on the day and what kind of conversations they would like to have.
10. The Q&A session:



11. The day started with a welcome from the Community Committee's Children & Young People's Champion, Councillor Nkele Manaka, followed by a joint Q&A session to local ward councillors and services. However, similar to the previous year, the primary and secondary schools were then split for the main activities. The primary schools did a budgeting activity where they use fake money to decide what kind of projects they would like to see in their area.
12. The secondary schools moved to Room 6&7 in the Civic Hall to be part of the Inner East Youth Community Committee, where they made decisions on funding proposals and gave presentations to the Councillors about what they would like to see change in the City of Leeds.
13. The Youth Community Committee:



Conclusion

14. The report invites members of the committee to reflect on the event, consider initial feedback from the day, and to discuss their views.

Recommendations

15. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Background information

- None