

Committee: Full Council

Agenda Item

Date: 10th October 2017

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Title: Uttlesford Youth Council Report

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Item for decision:
yes

Summary

1. The Youth Engagement Working Group was formed to consider how the Council can better engage with young people in Uttlesford. As a result of their consultation an Uttlesford Youth Council was established and this report seeks endorsement of its constitution and approval of the ongoing level officer and financial support.

Recommendations

That the Council

- a) Agrees to funding as set out in the Financial Implications;
- b) Endorses the Youth Council constitution as appended and agrees to recognise it in the Uttlesford District Council constitution including to access to Council meetings.

Financial Implications

2. The estimated annual cost for this project is £2,000.
The Youth Initiatives working group, at its meeting of Wednesday 27th September, voted to allocate a sum of £2,000 to the Uttlesford Youth Council for the financial year 2017/18 and to commit ongoing annual funding on a similar basis.
3. Officer time to support this project will be approximately 1 day a week from Communities Team and secretarial support from Democratic Services for 6 meetings a year.

Background Papers

4. No background papers are referred to by the author in the preparation of this report.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The Youth Council and Youth Engagement working Group have worked in partnership to produce a constitution based on models of best practice
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Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	Ensure transport is provided to address rural isolation
Health and Safety	Safe working practices will be adopted. (lone working, safeguarding)
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	The Youth Initiatives Working Group has committed annual ongoing funding
Ward-specific impacts	N/A
Workforce/Workplace	Some impact on two officers

Situation

- 7 The Youth Council is comprised of twenty three representatives from five Uttlesford secondary schools. [Saffron Walden County High, Helena Romanes School Dunmow, Joyce Frankland Academy Newport, The Walden School [now closed], Forest Hall School Stansted].
- 8 The Youth Council has met on seven occasions since March 2018 and plans to meet bi-monthly moving forward. Working groups have been established to cover communications, mental health, school transport and other matters of interest.
- 9 The Youth Council has produced a constitution [here appended for endorsement] outlining its methodology and terms of engagement.
- 10 The Youth Council recognises that longer terms of office and staggered elections are preferable for sustainability and are looking at other models for electing members that may be considered in the future.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
1 that young people are not given the opportunity to participate	1 Unlikely given the extensive consultation undertaken	1 That the voice of young people is not heard	1 Ongoing engagement with young people in the district and provision of the support needed to maintain the youth council

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.