



Meeting Date: 28th September 2022

Location: Swallows Leisure Centre, Sittingbourne

Chairing School: The Abbey School

Agenda	
ITEM	Timings
<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p><i>Young People and Councillors to introduce themselves and schools. Icebreaker question: If you could be a biscuit what would you be and why?</i></p> <p><i>Ben Ryder from Swallows to give information in relation to the building.</i></p>	10minutes
<p>Young Peoples Partnership conversations</p> <p><i>Amanda Turner – KCC Youth Hub Manager.</i></p>	15minutes
<p>KYCC Elections</p> <p><i>Information regarding the current KYCC elections to be given to school delegates including how to apply and what can be expected from current KYCC members</i></p> <p>(Kent Youth County Council - Kent County Council)</p>	10minutes
<p>What would we like to achieve?</p> <p><i>What is important to young people in Swale? How can we help to resolve it? What projects would we like to work on?</i></p> <p><i>Small group working</i></p>	40minutes
<p>Break</p>	20minutes
<p>Feedback and planning</p> <p><i>What discussions were had in the groups?</i></p> <p><i>Vote on what we would like to achieve. SMART target planning to help achieve targets.</i></p>	40minutes
<p>Hot Topic Questions</p> <p><i>Questions shared from Menti Meter and cards completed during break time and asked to councillors.</i></p>	25minutes
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><i>Zoe Burns – SBC Engagement Officer – Youth Forum Additional meetings</i></p>	10minutes
<p>Each school is welcome to send up to six delegates to join the debate and propose motions at the Forum, and each Youth Club or youth-based organisation up to three delegates</p>	

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Schools in attendance: The Abbey School, Borden Grammar School.

School apologies: Queen Elizabeth Grammar, The Oasis, Fulston Manor

Councillors in attendance: Cllr Palmer, Cllr Dendor, Cllr Davey, Cllr Jackson

Officers in attendance: Zoe Burns, Sarah Jane Radley, Louise Galloway

Guest speakers: Amanda Turner (Swale Youth Hub Manager)

Minutes:

- 1. Introductions:** Young people introduced themselves and school. Icebreaker activity to get to know each other was also carried out with students asked what Biscuit they would be.
- 2. Young Persons Partnership conversation - Amander Turner:** An Introduction was given to the young peoples partnership conversations which take place 3 times a year. These meetings take place to ensure that young peoples voices are heard and at the heart of the provision being delivered across the district. Please see attached slides for more information. If you would or know someone who would like to take part in these discussions please email: Amanda.turner@kent.gov.uk or swaleyouthforum@swale.gov.uk.
- 3. KYCC Elections – Current Elected members:** Sign up to represent Swale on Kent Youth County Council is currently open. Young people are asked to register their interest along with a manifesto saying what they are passionate about and what they would like to do during their term. Registration closes on the 18th October midday with elections taking place in mid November. More information can be located here: [Kent Youth County Council \(KYCC\) elections - Kent County Council](#)
- 4. What is important to young people in Swale –** The group were divided down into smaller groups to discuss issues of importance to them and what projects they would like to work on surrounding these issues. The group feedback these topics in an open discussion with councillors and officers and topics and surround areas can be see below in the appendix
- 5. Any Other Business (AOB): N/A**
- 6. Date of Next Meeting: 9th November 2022 – Location to be announced**

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Appendix: Item1: Young peoples partnership conversations

Young People's Partnership Conversation



YPPC (8-19 years and up to 25) 3 x meetings a year

Purpose



- Priority outcomes for children and young people
- Influence improved delivery of non-statutory multi agency service provision in the Swale
- Promote service integration across non-statutory multi agency services
- Explore ideas to address current, emerging and future needs
- Develop local thematic priorities
- Develop a district-wide partnership action plan, influenced by the voice of children, young people and their caregivers.
- Consider how resources can be pooled and/or utilised to maximise impact.
- Feed into the wider strategic Kent 0-25 Health and Wellbeing Board, through the alignment of priorities, linking in and raising thematic trends.

Swale LCPG Priorities



Promoting Emotional Health and Wellbeing



Life ready – raising aspirations of young people to ensure they are ready to learn, work and achieve.

Supporting Active and Healthier lifestyles and Community Cohesion

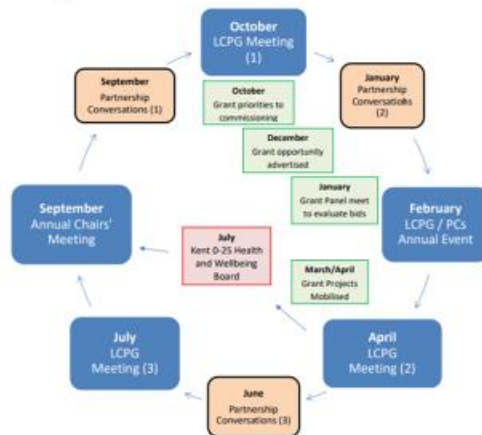
Partner Organisations



- Kent county Council
- district, city and borough councils
- Community Safety Partnerships
- NHS Kent and Medway
- health
- schools
- colleges
- early years
- police
- housing
- voluntary and community sector.



Local Children's Partnership Group /Partnership Conversation Meeting Cycle



Early Help Grants



LCPGs have access to Early Help Grant funding to support new and existing not-for-profit organisations and innovative projects which contribute to meeting the local need and priorities for children and young people across all 12 Kent districts.



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Appendix: Item 2: Issues and Concerns which are important to young people living in Swale:

Safety:

- Police presence within communities – can workshops or talks be given in schools to students to help break stigmas?
- Street Lighting and Lighting in public areas – specifically on routes to and from schools.
- Cycling and walking routes being made more suitable for use.
- Vaping – enforcing restrictions and educating young people and teaching staff about risks.
- County Lines – making young people aware of what they are and how they can be identified.
- Drug Awareness – working with existing trusts (Kenwood Trust) to help schools and students access information raise awareness

Transport:

- Safer roads for travel – pothole repairs and cleaning
- Reliable transport for school students – *often buses are delayed or late*
- Cost of transport for young people – often late or unreliable and cost does not reflect this service
- Replacements not always in place when strikes occur. – recent strikes meant getting to school was harder and YP had to rely on parents/carers

Traffic:

- More planning to take into account current infrastructure when developments are being considered.
- Promotion of active travel across the district to help elevate traffic

Trips:

- Promoting the benefits of trips for students – *there has been a decline in school visits after COVID.*
- Morning and Afternoon visits to countryside to encourage activity such as walking, cycling.
- Trips to local care homes or similar to allow for connection to local area.

Cost of Living:

- School clubs and activities which are available for young people
- Directory of activities which young people can complete which aren't expensive or are free

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Mental health support:

- Waiting times for services are extremely long – there is currently no/ limited signposting during the wait
- Stress – more education for school staff and students around how to deal with stress and ways to reduce it.

Education:

- Employment Skills and education – CV writing, interview experience, jobs and qualifications needed, application forms
- Work Experience – opportunities to work within areas of interest. Support to access these.
- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme – access to help build sense of accomplishments and pride within school communities. Learning different/ transferable skills.

Facilities for Young People

- More YP friendly and appropriate places to go within Swale
- Promotion of healthy habits (ways to get young people out of their house and away from screens)
- Improve information circulation so Young People are made aware of what is out there (Museums, art galleries etc)