



Children & Young People's Cabinet 2020

Virtual Cabinet Meeting

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In Attendance – 04/06/20

Adam Strain; YPS&D; Alannah Colvin-Muir, Snr Youth Worker YPS&D; Liam Fowley MSYP; Liam Armstrong Terri Brown; Sinead McBride; Kirsty Ewart; Ewan Carmichael; Ryan Bartolo;

Apologies;

Cllr Claire Leitch; Cllr Neil McGhee; Elise White

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CABINET

Meeting

AGENDA

4th June 2020

2.00pm	Pre-Meeting Catch Up
2.10pm	Welcome & Introduction
4.30pm	Graham McGinn – SQA Update
3.00pm	Constitution Overview Alannah
3.30pm	Future of Youth Work Provision Discussion Adam
4.00pm	Food Insecurity Terri & Aimee
4.30pm	Thank You and Close

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Pre-Meeting Catch Up

Young People were welcomed to the call by Alannah and given a chance to catch up prior to the meeting starting.

Welcome

All Cabinet Members, Officers and Elected Members were welcomed to the meeting.

Graham McGinn Scottish Qualifications Authority Exams Update

Graham gave an overview of the changes in exam results due to Covid-19.

Grades should be estimated for National 5, Highers and Advanced Highers – Estimates submitted by the 29th May.

Professional judgement from teachers, inferred attainment, and work throughout the year were used to assess the grades of young people and applied to gain grades.

National 3 and 4 used a similar process applying teacher judgement and work throughout the year to gain an overall grade for students this was submitted on 12th June.

Results remain the same for 4th August 2020.

There will be ongoing discussions on the impact of Covid-19 in 2021 between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Qualifications Authority this will then be fed back to education heads to feedback into schools.

Updates will be available on university and college websites for the understanding of individuals.

UCAS will still be using the same standard procedures for the application process for students. Colleges and Schools will still be offering support for this process.

Graham asked the cabinet if they had any questions; no questions were asked and all young people present thanked Graham for his input.

Youth Cabinet Constitution Alannah Colvin-Muir Snr Youth Worker

Alannah gave cabinet members an overview of the updated and final constitution – Copies are available if needed. Although all cabinet members should have a copy.

Alannah opened up a discussion with the group allowing them to ask questions regarding the constitution.

Alannah discussed that Members of The Scottish Youth Parliament are gifted seats on the cabinet, this gives them voting right but as their tenure is 2 years and they have other responsibilities for the local authority that they are unable to stand for any elected positions within the cabinet.

Primary 6 and up will be able to stand for election to increase inclusion and allow all

Young people regardless of age a fair chance to represent the cabinet as chair or vice chair.

Alannah explained that dealing with sensitive topics will be down to a level of maturity and finding the best way to have discussions – Heather and Alannah will also be there to support the discussion of sensitive topics.

Those cabinet members who are transitioning with joining reps via election.

Alannah explained that a chair and vice chair under the age of 16 may also require a member of staff if deemed necessary.

Alannah asked if there were any further questions and closed this portion of the meeting.

Future of Youth Work Provision **Adam Strain** **Team Lead: YPS&D**

Due to the impact of Covid-19 youth work is an ever changing landscape this has led to discussions on the future of youth work and how our young people can help shape this.

Adam explained to the young people that we need to be mindful of social distancing and how youth work could be revamped digitally.

Cabinet members raised that younger children in primary schools should be involved in shaping future provisions as they are the future of youth work.

Cabinet members had a discussion on the reintroduction of face-to-face youth work and the implications and precautions needed to practice safely.

Young people raised that our online platforms could be utilised more effectively, ways to gain greater followers on our EAC_YPSD Instagram and passing on messages of youth work. Cabinet members also discussed takeovers from young people, however we would need permissions for this. Young people also suggested using meme to gain interactions from young people. Discuss plans for youth work on social media and allow young people the chance to interact and make decisions.

Cabinet members raised that it would be good for schools to share links about events and groups on school apps as this is an accessible platform for all young people.

Young people discussed issues of accessibility to clubs in rural areas of the authority and explained that online meetings were good for cutting time and expenses and allowing participation. Following this young people discussed the frequency of meetings and would prefer shorter more frequent meetings online.

- How can we use the lockdown lowdown report data to improve youth work in East Ayrshire
- Would online youth work be feasible and engaging enough for young people to participate?
- Quiz nights would be good, with themes and prizes for engagement.

Food Insecurity Terri and Aimee

Terri and Aimee were scheduled to discuss food insecurity.

Terri led the discussion: Terri highlighted that cabinet members should be involved in important social issues such as food insecurity. Terri gave a definition of food insecurity to cabinet members to enhance their understanding.

Food insecurity; people going without meals due to factors such as poverty and in turn having to turn to foodbanks to survive.

Terri highlighted the importance of this being a cabinet led initiative for those interested with the support of workers.

A discussion was had on ways of fundraising such as dress down days and the collection of non-perishable items.

Cabinet members feel it is important to decrease the stigma and stereotypes relating to the use of foodbanks and the how's and why's as to why they are used by individuals.

Events could be organised where people exchange food in exchange of currency. Using tins in exchange for a bake sale etc.

Drop-off points for food could be created and collected to be taken to food-banks by cabinet members.

For now, all must be subject to social distancing. Until restrictions have been lifted and/or removed.

Cabinet members should share things to reach a wider audience to share it further such as on Twitter and Instagram.

Partner organisation should be encouraged to share the message.

Any Other Business

- A vote should be held on times and dates for meetings.
- It should, ideally be able to accommodate as many of people as possible.

Thank You and Close

All Cabinet Members were thanked for their attendance



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