



Children & Young People's Cabinet 2020

Virtual Cabinet Meeting

30/04/20 & 7/05/20



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In Attendance - 30/04/20

Heather McCormick, Community Worker YPS&D; Cllr Claire Leitch, Depute Provost and Children's Champion; Linda McAulay-Griffiths Head of Education; Alannah Colvin-Muir, Snr Youth Worker YPS&D; Liam Fowley MSYP; Liam Armstrong MSYP; Aimee Purdie MSYP; Terri Brown; Sinead McBride; Kirsty Ewart; Ewan Carmichael; Ryan Bartolo; Adam Strain, Team Leader YPS&D.

Apologies;

Cllr Neil McGhee; Elise White, Catriona Smith, Ali Rogers

In Attendance – 7/05/20

Heather McCormick, Community Worker YPS&D; Alannah Colvin-Muir, Snr Youth Worker YPS&D; Nicola Stewart Principal Educational Psychologist; Liam Fowley MSYP; Liam Armstrong MSYP; Sinead McBride; Ewan Carmichael; Ryan Bartolo; Elise White, Adam Strain, Team Leader YPS&D, Alisdair Rogers, Kirsty Ewart.

Apologies;

Linda McAulay-Griffiths Head of Education; Cllr Neil McGhee; Aimee Purdie MSYP; Terri Brown, Kirsty Ewart, Catriona Smith.

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CABINET

Meeting

AGENDA

30th April 2020

3.00pm	Pre-Meeting Catch Up
3.30pm	Welcome
4.00pm	Questions for Linda McAulay-Griffiths regarding Education
5.00pm	Any Other Business
5.00pm	Thank You and Close

7th May 2020

2.00pm	Pre-Meeting Catch Up
2.10pm	Welcome Liam Fowley MSYP Introduction of Attendee's
2.30pm	Lockdown Lowdown Liam Fowley
4.00pm	Any Other Business Food Poverty – Terri and Aimee asked for this to be deferred until next meeting.
4.30pm	Thank You and Close

30/04/20

Pre-Meeting Catch Up

Young People were welcomed to the call by Heather and Alannah as more people started joining technical difficulties were a problem and we moved platform a few times to enable the best platform for participation.

Welcome

All Cabinet Members, Officers and Elected Members were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were made about the technical difficulties which held up the meeting.

Linda McAulay-Griffiths Head of Education Questions regarding Education during COVID-19

Linda MacAulay-Griffith's asked Cabinet Members if they had any question's regarding education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SQA will outline what is expected to ensure all schools are on the same page in regards to grading.

Grades from East Ayrshire Schools will be submitted to the Head of Education for quality assurance following grading from the school, which the young person attends.

Grades will be given in the same format as usual and young people will receive paperwork in the usual way.

Young People have the right to question their grading if they feel it isn't what they were expecting.

All young people will be graded on work which was completed pre COVID-19 this ensures a block on private tuition which ensures there is no financial advantage.

Young people will receive communication about a meeting with Secondary Heads.

Mental Health concerns have been raised, wellbeing being offered online.

Private Counselling is being offered to young people who are struggling during the lockdown period.

Potential for the provision of free broadband to those who are disadvantaged as well as tablets and laptops to ensure that the poverty attainment gap is addressed. Currently 6000 free school meals are being delivered on a weekly basis throughout East Ayrshire.

P7 transition piece is underway regarding the P7's moving up and how best to make this transition.

Barony Campus will not open in August possible opening in late September if construction is back underway soon. Cumnock and Auchinleck Academies will remain open in the meantime, with timetables still to be decided.

Courses may be shortened if young people do not return to education until September. There will be consultations in place with young people, teachers and Head of Service.

Education will be reimaged following COVID-19 to ensure flexibility. Young People who have been unable to attend school have participated in online learning.

Further discussion will be sought in regards to education and young people's experiences during lockdown both the positives and negatives of not attending an educational establishment.

Free Sanitary Provision is also now being included in the food parcels for families to reduce period poverty and ensure the wellbeing of young people.

Linda expressed that if the young people had any further questions they could ask or email her.

Due to the technical difficulties at the beginning of the meeting it was decided the meeting would reconvene on the 7th May 2020 to discuss the lockdown lowdown report.

Date of follow up meeting arranged for 7th May 2019 at 2pm.

Thank You and Close



7/05/20 Cabinet re-convened.



Pre-Meeting Catch Up

All young people were welcomed to the online meeting by Heather and Alannah and allowed the time to catch up prior to the meeting starting.

Welcome

Alannah asked Liam Fowley MSYP to lead the welcome to the meeting ensuring the meeting is young person led. Everyone introduced themselves and their capacity as a Cabinet Member or Officer and the Agenda was set for the meeting.

Lockdown Lowdown Responses

Liam Fowley MSYP led the Lockdown Lowdown report as he has had considerable input in his role as MSYP. Liam went over a PowerPoint with his fellow cabinet members outlining the national responses of the report. Liam also spoke regarding the breakdown of East Ayrshire responses to the report.

Cabinet Members were then asked to have a discussion on how they felt the report resonated with their experiences of Lockdown.

As a young person in East Ayrshire how does the lockdown lowdown report reflect how you are feeling?

Overall the report shows the diverse feelings that young people are feeling across the board.

- Completely new experience that none of us have ever been through.
- Concerns that the report does not cover the views of primary aged children due to the SYP age barrier.
- The young people in the Children and Young People's Cabinet mostly feel it reflects their experiences.

What should we consider going forward as a local authority/country as we recover from this pandemic?

- Peer groups for young people created on Microsoft Teams encouraging young people to safely socialise in monitored groups.
- Online communication and learning opportunities/classes that young people can attend, however, in the certain situations they may not be able to due to parental commitments and financial restraints.
- Online Cabinet as it can be easier for young people to attend however face to face contact is still pivotal to the successful progression of the Cabinet

What do you think we can do to support our young people's wellbeing at this time?

- Keeping young people fit, healthy and active online
- Active Schools Coordinators taking online classes, Rugby, Football, etc.
- In Education, make sure that young people are being given the same work as it is inconsistent which increases anxiety with young people.

Liam thanked all Cabinet Members for their participation and feedback/cabinet report will be collated by Ryan Bartolo, Heather McCormick and Alannah Colvin-Muir and sent out as soon as possible.

Food Insecurity

Food Insecurity will be covered at a later date as both Terri and Aimee could not attend and would like to reschedule.

Nicola Stewart Principal Educational Psychologist

Research background in the psychological service. Are there any key questions, which young people from East Ayrshire have to go forward after COVID-19. Leading on the Wellbeing aspect, the views of Children and Young People of East Ayrshire is pivotal to this research going forward. There are opportunities in which to link in with the Children and Young People's Cabinet.

Heather asked Nicola about possible duplication of work as YPS&D are also undertaking this research, and will be included in the next meeting with the Youth Work Team.

Nicola will continue to Link in with Liam Fowley MSYP.

Any Other Business

Time Capsule

Children and Young People's Cabinet Members did not feel there was a need for time capsules – they felt this was individual and if young people wanted to do this, they could do it at home.

Mind of My Own App

Background of the app needed before the next cabinet meeting – possibility of a look at the app before the next cabinet meeting.

Liam Armstrong

Liam is taking lead on the SYP Keep Active campaign. If any Cabinet Member has any tips for keeping active and healthy during lockdown, send this to Liam via Email to allow him to share these on social media.

Date of Next Meeting

Alannah will make contact with Cabinet Members for suitable availability and set future date.

Thank You and Close

Heather and Alannah thanked everyone for their patience, hard work and for their ongoing commitment and attendance.



REMEMBER TO STAY SAFE ONLINE AS WELL AS ADHERING TO THE OTHER SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS FOR COVID-19 UNTIL UPDATES ARE RECEIVED. KEEP WELL !!



During this unprecedented time the Council has a new contact number which is 01563 554400 which can help with any Covid-19 related questions.

In the meantime, should you require any assistance with Cabinet or MSYP's; please email either:

CYPCabinet@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

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