



Children & Young People's Cabinet

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Shortlees Community Campus



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Agenda

Thursday 21 November 2024

10:30am — 2pm

Shortlees Community Centre, Carpeted Room (Top Floor)

10:30 am	Welcome and Introductions	(Adam Strain)
10:40 am	Minutes of previous meeting & Matters Arising	(Chair)
10:50 am	2024/25 Cabinet Members & contact details	(Chair)
11am	Ice Breaker / Team Building	(Adam Strain)
11.30 am	Leisure & Culture Review Update	(Adam Strain)
11.30 am	Youth Awards Update	(Chair)
11.45 am	Youth Work Overview	(Adam Strain)
12.15 pm	LUNCH	
1pm	Campaigns for 2024/25	(Chair & VC)
13:30 pm & VC)	What do you want to get from being part of the Cabinet?	(Chair
1.55 pm	Date of Next Meeting	(Chair)
2.00 pm	Thank you and Close	(Chair)

Attendees

Grange Academy - Kayden Dunn, Emma Simpson, Tammy Whyte, Luke Hyslop

Doon Academy - Owen Given, Logan McLurkin

Robert Burns Academy - Ruairidh McMeekin, Ellie Hodge, Alexander Gass

Stewarton Academy - Abigail Affleck, Sophia Lawrence, Calvin Campbell

Loudoun Academy - Lily Robinson

Patna Primary - Dylan Newall

Post school attendees - Aimee Sharp, Morgan McPherson MSYP, Kai Macleod-Rye

Vibrant Communities - Adam Strain (Team Leader), Andy Black (Team Coordinator)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Adam Strain (Vibrant Communities) welcomed all CYP Cabinet members to the first meeting since the AGM and noted that he was looking forward to working alongside the Cabinet and developing their key areas of focus. Adam then discussed the 'Rules of Engagement' that he wanted members to agree on. Following this, Adam then passed on the meeting to Aimee Sharp, Chair, to begin the meeting.

2. Minutes of previous meeting & Matters Arising

Aimee took the Cabinet members through the minutes of the previous meeting (AGM) and highlighted key sections of success. There were no matters arising from previous minutes and they were approved by Tammy Whyte and seconded by Luke Hyslop.

3. 2024/25 Cabinet Members & Contact Details

Aimee noted that it can be challenging getting responses from the Cabinet members either via WhatsApp Chat or email addresses and requested that all current members provide the most up to date and accurate contact details to enable improved communication. It was agreed that this would be compliant with data protection protocols and would not be shared with anyone out with the group.

4. Ice Breaker / Team Building

Adam took the members through a team building task that was used to generate discussions and teamwork in the smaller groups that they were placed within. The task itself allowed for personal contribution, reflection, compromise and communication between members in the groups. This was all linked to the agreement made at the beginning of the meeting about 'Rules of Engagement'.

5. Leisure & Culture Review Update

Adam provided an overview of the Leisure & Culture Review following the approval of the initial endorsement of the transfer of the majority of the VC Service to East Ayrshire Leisure Trust. The overview consisted of : key milestones reached, overview of the working groups and future key dates. Cabinet members then had the opportunity to ask any questions that they may have. Some of the questions included: How will this affect provision for young people and how would EALT operate if with the reduced management fee over the next 5 years? Adam praised the members for the there very mature questions and reiterated that the transfer has many positive opportunities that will have no Impact to young people in East Ayrshire but is an opportunity to look at providing services differently.

6. Youth Awards Update

Aimee and Emma provided an update on the progress that had been made in the planning for the biennial Youth Awards that are scheduled to take place in March 2025. An overview of the categories and nomination process was provided and Cabinet members were encouraged to share this amongst friends, family and any clubs they may be part of, as well as consideration given to nominating someone themselves. Nominations close in December and the Chair/Vice Chair will meet with Provost Leitch and Cllr Cowan in December to review and shortlist the finalists.

After this brief update there was further discussion about small working groups being created to assist with the planning for the awards evening with almost every Cabinet member nominating themselves to be part of a specific themed working group. These will progress in January

7. Youth Work Update & Lunch

As the discussions of the agenda items had overran, Adam Strain provided a Youth Work update during the lunch break so that all Cabinet members were aware of the latest updates from the YPSD Youth Work team. Adam informed the group that due to the staffing resource and capacity levels within the team, YPSD will have focus on the key priority areas of youth work, which includes: CYP Cabinet, MSYP's, Community Youth Groups, Youth Conferences, Youth Awards and YAT Roadshows. Cabinet members understood the current situation and appreciated the support being provided to the Cabinet.

8. Cabinet Campaigns 2024/25

Aimee led the discussion about the three campaigns that had been previously agreed by the Cabinet and what actions could be created to continue to develop these further. The themes of Mental Health, Skills for Life and Road Safety were all discussed and all Cabinet members contributed towards ideas on how to develop these and why these particular issues are important. These will continue to be discussed at all Cabinet meetings.

9. What do you want to get from being in the Cabinet?

Adam Strain led this discussion about what being part of the Cabinet means to the members and what has being an active member in the Cabinet done for them. The discussions were extremely positive with many of the Cabinet members providing statements including:

"it has improved my confidence and not scared to talk front of people"

"improved my social anxiety"

"It improved my networking skills and helped me get a job and also volunteering"

"Being part of the Cabinet helped me get into Uni"

"Gained new friends"

10. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed by the Cabinet Members that the next meeting would take place In January 2025. There has already been requests from Council colleagues to meet with the Cabinet, including, Budget Consultation, Multi Story Car Park Demolition consultation with ARA and a 'We Make Kilmarnock' update.

Next date will be circulated in due course to all members.

11. Thank you and Close

Aimee and Emma thanked all Cabinet members for the attendance and participation in the discussions and activities and looks forward to future meetings and developing both the Youth Awards and campaigns in 2025.

Adam and Andy from Vibrant Communities thanked everyone for the active participation and positivity throughout the meeting. Thanks to Aimee as Chair and Emma as Vice Chair for the leadership of their first CYP Cabinet meeting.

The meeting was then brought to a close.

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