

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES - EDUCATION, EARLY HELP AND SOCIAL CARE

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| TO:              | ADULT SOCIAL CARE, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE |              |  |
| DATE:            | 20 OCTOBER 2021  | AGENDA ITEM: |  |
| TITLE:           | READING YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION                             |              |  |
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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

##### 1.1 1.1 Reading Youth Council Constitution 2020 -2023

The purpose of the Reading Youth Council Constitution report is to provide an update on how the Youth Council operates in Reading. It provides an overview on how the Youth Council is run and the various roles and responsibilities of different positions within the Youth Council.

The Youth Council are seeking endorsement from Brighter Futures for Children and Reading Borough Council and to be used to further promote the Youth Council across Reading.

The Reading Youth Council Constitution will inform future recruitment, to ensure a wide representation of young people. The Reading Youth Council constitution is a three-year working document. Future reviews coincide with the planned changes of leadership in the Youth Council.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the updated Youth Council Constitution and planned recruitment campaigns across Reading schools be endorsed.

#### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 There is no statutory requirement to deliver a youth council, but it is recognised as best practice to engage children and young people in the design and delivery of services.

#### 4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 **Current Position:** The reviewed constitution clarifies the roles, responsibilities and associated procedures of Reading Youth Council.

4.2 **Options Proposed** An updated constitution that clarifies all the above in line with the British Youth Council recommendations

4.3 **Other Options Considered:** No other options considered.

## 5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 The purpose of this section is to ensure that proposals contained in reports support the Council's vision and Corporate Plan priorities:

Reading Borough Council's vision is:

*To help Reading realise its potential - and to ensure that everyone who lives and works here can share the benefits of its success.*

5.2 *Explain how your recommendations contribute to the Corporate Plan Themes:*

### **Healthy environment**

- Does it make it easy for people to play their part through the choices they make about their home, their transport and their waste?
- Does it play a part in tackling climate change and working towards our goal of a carbon neutral town by 2030?
- Does it increase investments in green infrastructure?

Reading Youth Council often has green issues as one of their priorities over the year.

### **Thriving Communities**

- Does it tackle inequality in our society, to ensure everyone has an equal chance to thrive whatever their economic, social, cultural, ethnic or religious background?
- Does it build relationships and strengthen the capacity and resilience of the voluntary and community sector?
- Does it prioritise the needs of the most marginalised groups and the most vulnerable adults and children in our communities?
- Does it tackle the effects of the pandemic, such as increased unemployment, long term health problems, mental health issues and social isolation?

Reading Youth Council had mental health as one of its priorities last year.

### **Inclusive economy**

- Does it create education, skills and training opportunities?
- Does it invest in key infrastructure to keep Reading at the forefront of advances in technology?
- Does it build on Reading's cultural heritage to enhance our tourist industry, creating an amazing place for people to enjoy?

Does not apply.

5.3 Full details of the Council's [Corporate Plan](#) are available on the website and include information on the projects which will deliver these priorities.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no environmental and climate implications regarding this decision.

## 7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 7.1 Section 138 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places a duty on local authorities to involve local representatives when carrying out "any of its functions" by providing information, consulting or "involving in another way".
- 7.2 The Youth Council members were fully involved in the developing and revision of the constitution.

## 8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, Section 149, a public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
  - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
  - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 8.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not relevant to the decision

## 9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. Does not apply.

## 10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 *See and use attached template. State here:*
- *the agreed budget provision - revenue and capital - how much and when agreed*
  - *how the proposal offers value for money - NB - THIS MUST BE INCLUDED*
  - *your risk assessment of key financial risks*

## 11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 There are no background papers.

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**REPORT TEMPLATE**

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications arising from the proposals set out in this report are set out below:-

**1. Revenue Implications**

Use this Table in the report or as an Appendix to set out the revenue implications:

|                              | 2021/22<br>£000 | 2022/23<br>£000 | 2023/24<br>£000 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Employee costs (see note1)   |                 |                 |                 |
| Other running costs          |                 |                 |                 |
| Capital financings costs     |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Expenditure</b>           |                 |                 |                 |
| Income from:                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Fees and charges (see note2) |                 |                 |                 |
| Grant funding<br>(specify)   |                 |                 |                 |
| Other income                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>          |                 |                 |                 |
| Net Cost(+)/saving (-)       |                 |                 |                 |

The net cost of the proposal can be funded from (specify service and approved cost centre budget).

**Note 1:** Specifying any one off early retirement and redundancy costs. With regard to early retirement costs set out capitalised pension cost and pay back period in a separate paragraph.

**Note 2:** In a separate table/appendix set out detailed fees and charges proposals and sensitivity analysis.

**2. Capital Implications**

| Capital Programme reference from budget book:<br>page line | 2021/22<br>£000 | 2022/23<br>£000 | 2023/24<br>£000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Proposed Capital Expenditure                               |                 |                 |                 |
| Funded by  |                 |                 |                 |
| Grant (specify)  |                 |                 |                 |
| Section 106 (specify)                                      |                 |                 |                 |
| Other services   |                 |                 |                 |
| Capital Receipts/Borrowing                                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Funding</b>                                       |                 |                 |                 |

**Note:** where more than one option /proposal is being made it may be easier to set out the above information in an Appendix.

**3. Value for Money (VFM)**

Given the continuing need to demonstrate VFM please include evidence that the proposal offers VFM (e.g benchmarking data)

**4. Risk Assessment.**

Include relevant comments around any key financial risks associated with the proposal(s)