

# Agenda

## Gedling Youth Council

Date: **Monday 20 November 2023**

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Time: **5.30 pm**

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Place: **Chappell Room**

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# Gedling Youth Council

## Membership

**Chair**                      Halle Sibanda

**Vice-Chair**                Fatimah Malik

Abigail  
Nina  
Leyla Abass  
Sara Agabani  
Kadie Bullivant  
Taylor Chaplin  
Stella Clarke  
Imogen Clunie  
Chloe Dring  
Lauren Eley  
Sophie Fuller  
Poppy Greentree  
Ruth Harding  
Riley Kirton  
Aimee Kimpton  
Muhammed Malik  
Caitlin O'Connor  
Freddie Vokes  
Molly Wright

Councillor Kathryn Fox - Portfolio Holder for Life Chances and Vulnerability  
Councillor Sandra Barnes – Policy Advisor for Vulnerable People

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- c) subject to the urgency procedure contained in the Access to Information Rules in Section 18 of the Constitution, making decisions about any matter in the discharge of an executive function which is covered by the policy framework or the budget where the decision maker is minded to make it in a manner which would be contrary to the policy framework or not in accordance with the constitution or Financial Rules;
- d) electing the Leader of the Council at the post-election annual meeting;
- e) appointing members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of other Council committees and bodies. Where the Council does not appoint the Chair or Vice-Chair of a body, the body itself may do so;
- f) electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- g) appointing a Youth Mayor
- h) establishing committees and agreeing and amending the terms of reference, determining the powers they may exercise, determining their composition and making appointments to them, unless delegated elsewhere;
- i) removing the Leader of the Council by way of resolution by a simple majority. If the Council passes the resolution to remove the Leader then a new Leader is to be elected at the meeting in which the leader is removed from office or at a subsequent meeting;
- j) appointing representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment has been delegated by the Council;
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- l) changing the name of the area, conferring the title of honorary alderman or freedom of the borough;
- m) confirming the appointment of the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service;
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- p) approving, varying or revoking the code of conduct for members and co-opted members;
- q) decisions relating to the Statement of Licensing Policy (Section 5 and 7 of the Licensing Act 2003);
- r) making, varying or revoking an order under section 172a (Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Order – Licensing Act 2003);
- s) passing a resolution not to issue casino premises licences (Section 166 and 154(2)(c) of the Gambling Act 2005;
- t) making or revising a Council Tax Reduction Scheme;
- u) considering any recommendation from the Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee for the dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer, having first taken into account the views of the Independent Panel in accordance with the Local Authority (Standing Orders)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2015;
- v) establishing the composition and terms of reference of an Independent Panel constituted under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015;

- w) making appointment to the above Independent Panel;
- x) hearing appeal of the Chief Executive, the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer against dismissal;
- y) Hearing appeal of the Chief Executive, the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer against disciplinary action short of dismissal;
- z) Maintaining the content of Section 19 of this Constitution setting out the responsibilities for the Council's functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive; and
- aa) all other matters which, by law, must be reserved to Council.

# AGENDA

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- 2 **Minutes of last meeting, actions arising.** 7 - 10
- 3 **Group chat discussions: subjects members want to raise.**
- 4 **Guest Speakers: Inspector Mark Staley and Gedling Policing Team colleagues**  
(Niki Pekal, GBC Community Safety Officer is unavailable to attend this meeting).
- 5 **Guest Speaker Expressions of interest to attend future meetings (if received).**
- 6 **Gedling Young People's Consultation Action Plan.** 11 - 15  
(Appendix 1 – an updated version will be circulated on the night).

Proposals for future meeting themes and guest speakers:

## **Completed:**

- **Communications** – GBC Comms Team Lead Rob McCleary
- **Social Mobility (link to Employability, Entrepreneurship Equality and Diversity in Consultation Action Plan)** – Lance Juby, Head of Service, Communities and Leisure – **Actions arising:** nominate YC representative onto Gedling Social Mobility Commission)
- **Environmental Sustainability** – Sim Duhra, GBC Climate Change Office
- **Young People's Safety** – Mark Stanley, Gedling Policing Team Lead, Niki Pekal, GBC Community Safety Officer, Environment

## **Remaining:**

- **Activities for Young People** – NCC Youth Service Sean Ryan – Gedling Team Lead / Pom hogal, Group Manager
- **Equality and Diversity** – Cllrs Fox and Barnes (feedback and discussion, Arnold Summer Fair Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June, Strategic Equalities Group priorities)

## **Other actions:**

- **'You Said, We Did' Presentation to Council** and invitation to attend Gedling Corporate Management Team meeting (CMT) – Feb 2024
- **Review of Youth Mayor role**

- 7 **Members of Youth Parliament / Countywide Youth Parliament Updates and feedback - Amy Beckworth.**
- 8 **Any Other Business.**
- 9 **Future meeting dates:**  
**5.30 – 7.30pm in the Chappell Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, unless otherwise stated on the agenda:**

**2024**

19<sup>th</sup> February

22<sup>nd</sup> April (Inaugural meeting of incoming Youth Council 2024 – 2026)

## **Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting held on:**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**5.30 - 7.30pm in the Chappell Room, Civic Centre**

### **1. Welcome, refreshments, apologies received**

**Apologies received:** Aimee Kimpton, Fatimah Malik, Caitlin OConnor and Leyla Abass.

**In Attendance:** Freddie Vokes, Stella Clarke, Cllr Fox, Cllr Barnes, Jane Ansell, Amy Beckworth, Sim Duhra (GBC Climate Change Officer and Guest speaker)

### **2. Nomination of temporary Chair recruitment and Inauguration of incoming Youth Council 2024 – 2026**

Fatimah Malik had submitted her interest in this role. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Fatimah be appointed temporary chair, to hold that office until the MYP Elections in 2024.

### **3. Minutes of last meeting, actions arising**

Members noted that the meeting scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> July had been cancelled, with all agenda items being deferred to this meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April were accepted as a true record.

### **4. Group chat discussions: subjects members want to raise**

- Members discussed the setting up of a dedicated Gedling Youth Council Webpage.
- It was also suggested that we look at relocating meetings to the Council Chamber in the future.
- Freddie gave feedback on his address, meet and greet with Redhill and Christ The King schools on 15<sup>th</sup> September. He advised that it was a positive event, and that it would be helpful to have more information on the work of the Youth Council available at future Democracy Day Events.

Jane reported that on **point 1**. The Communities Team has just established a page for the Seniors Council, with a Youth Council page being the next task. This would be available by the end of the year, subject to capacity.

Jane reported that on **point 2**. The Council Chamber had been used in the past, however was not always conducive to focus group work and group brainstorming exercises, also no access to refreshments.

Meeting rooms are scheduled by Democratic Services at the outset of each financial year and are currently booked into in the Chappell Room until April 2024.

With the Youth Council currently depleted and in its final months, Jane proposed deferring this idea to a future meeting for a wider discussion.

Jane acknowledged **point 3.** and reported that the Youth Council Terms of Reference A5 Leaflet will be updated for the 2024/2027 Youth Council term of office, will include a link to the new webpage and copies will be made available for future engagement opportunities.

#### **5. Recruitment and inauguration of incoming Youth Council 2024 – 2026**

Jane confirmed that the formal Youth Council recruitment commences with an email out to all schools and the Youth Service in late November 2023, and closes 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Additionally, an article will appear in the Winter contacts magazine promoting the benefits of joining the Youth Council.

Membership was promoted at the Democracy Day event led by Democratic Services on 15<sup>th</sup> September, and a number of young people from Redhill and Christ The King Schools registered their interest in joining.

**ACTION:** Jane and Amy will follow up those registrations, provide parental permission forms and where emails are held add to the Youth Council email distribution.

#### **6. Guest Speaker Sim Duhra, GBC Climate Change Officer: Gedling Borough Council's Journey to Net Zero – Video, Q and A.**

Sim shared a short film outlining the environmental challenges and behaviour changes needed to get to Net Zero, and members discussed what can be done to influence that process. Sim and Members considered the Environmental Sustainability Mission Statement and actions listed in the Young Peoples Consultation 2020/21 response Action Plan (**Appendix 1 pages 3 and 4**) and suggested the following additional actions:

Sim Duhra to deliver School Assembly presentations and/or PHSE sessions at Redhill and Carlton Academies. (Schools that have 6<sup>th</sup> Forms).

- That the Environmental Sustainability section of the Consultation Response Action Plan to be updated to include progress that the Council has achieved in the journey to Net Zero to date.
- Update to include the Council's recent APSE Award Win for it's collaborative work on Environmental Sustainability.
- The Green Rewards Scheme, shared by Sim at the meeting, to be widely promoted by the Council and at Council Events
- Young People to put up 'Green Reward' scheme posters in study areas at their schools and FE Colleges, Youth Clubs.



## **7. Guest Speaker Expressions of Interest (if received)**

None received – AGREED that Sim Duhra be invited back to address the Incoming Gedling Youth Council next year.

## **8. Gedling Young People's Consultation Action Plan (App.1), proposals for future meeting themes and guest speakers:**

Members proposed that Inspector Mark Stanley and Niki Pekal, GBC **Community Safety Officer** be invited to the next meeting to discuss Young People's Safety.

**ACTION:** Jane to send invitations to Inspector Stanley and Niki Pekal.

**Members noted completed and remaining meeting themes and guest speakers as listed below:**

### **Completed:**

- **Communications** – GBC Comms Team Lead Rob McCleary
- **Social Mobility (link to Employability, Entrepreneurship Equality and diversity in Consultation Action Plan)** - Lance Juby, Head of Service, Communities and Leisure – **Action arising:** nominate YC representative onto Gedling Social Mobility Commission)
- **Environmental Sustainability** - Sim Duhra, GBC Climate Change Office

### **Pending:**

- **20<sup>th</sup> November: Young People's Safety** – Mark Stanley, Gedling Policing Team Lead, Niki Pekal, GBC Community Safety Officer, Environment

### **Remaining:**

- **Activities for Young People** – NCC Youth Service Sean Ryan - Gedling Team Lead / Pom Bhogal. Group Manager
- **Equality and Diversity** – Cllrs Fox and Barnes (feedback and discussion, Arnold Summer Fair Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June, Strategic Equalities Group priorities)
- **'You Said, We Did' Presentation to Council** and invitation to attend Gedling Corporate Management Team meeting (CMT) meeting – Feb 2024?
- **Review of Youth Mayor role**

**ACTION:** On the Youth Mayor role item, it was AGREED that Youth Mayor feedback and updates be a standing item on the agenda going forward.

## **9. Member of Youth Parliament / Countywide Youth Parliament Updates, YC Awayday feedback – Amy Beckworth**

Amy Beckworth reported on a Countywide online debate taking place with Public Health on Weds 20th September at 6.00pm.

Amy also reported a social event taking place with members of Countywide Youth Forums/Councils, which she would circulate.

**ACTION:** Amy will circulate a link to the Public Health debate and details of the Countywide social event.

## **9. Any Other Business**

Freddie raised concerns about young people's safety when crossing roads on the A60 near Burton Joyce. Buses had been diverted and people were struggling to cross safely.

**ACTION:** Jane to refer the matter to NCC Highways Team / Via East Midlands.

### **Future meeting dates:**

**All 5.30 – 7.30pm in the Chappell Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, unless otherwise stated on the agenda:**

#### **2023**

20<sup>th</sup> November

#### **2024**

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## Draft Gedling Youth Council Action Plan in response to the Gedling Young People's Consultation outcomes 2021

Theme	Action	Leads	Time frames
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The Council aims to improve its communication with Young People in the borough by using dedicated methods and media that is relevant to their experience</b>		
<b>An Instagram platform for communicating with young people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work in partnership with Notts County Council to develop an associated social media platform and build the content population of this database.</li> <li>Encourage NCC to build engagement through any platform, link our GBC Commis with Youth and Community providers in the Borough</li> </ul> <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/youth-services">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/youth-services</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Scope, identify funding and engage partners</li> </ul>	NCC Youth Service NCC Children and Families Service GBC Comms/ CR Team External Comms providers NTU engagement	2021 - 2023
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The Council will work with its partners to provide and promote a range of activities during school holidays that is accessible and engaging to young people of all ages and abilities</b>		
<b>Activities for young people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holiday Activities and Food Programme</li> <li>Enhanced young People's holiday activities</li> <li>Events, Intergenerational activities</li> <li>Family Food Clubs rollout</li> <li>Increase support for local Voluntary Youth provision, especially for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</li> </ul>	NCC/GBC	Annual programmes  2021 – 2023  Ongoing

<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The council aims to provide more opportunities for young people to gain employability skills, in order to better prepare the next generation for entering the workplace</b>		
<b>Employability and entrepreneurship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with GBC Economic Development and Jobcentre Plus on representing at Employability Events</li> <li>• Advocate for Work Experience placements</li> <li>• Increase employability and careers guidance support for young people</li> <li>• Work with Futures, JC Plus and local employers to deliver a Careers Event for Gedling Young People</li> </ul>	GBC Economic Development  Futures JCPlus Schools	2021 - 2023
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The Council and its partners aim to ensure that young people in the borough are equally respected and feel included in the actions we take to improve the borough, and in the services that we provide</b>		
<b>Addressing inequalities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross reference working with Equalities Consultation delivery plan</li> <li>• Instagram links to LGBTQI+ SEND support and information</li> <li>• Multicultural engagement, multicultural activities</li> <li>• Intergenerational activities</li> </ul>	GBC Communications, CR Team, all departments	2021 - 2023
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The Council will work with the Children and Young People's Mental Health Board to ensure better access for young people to health and wellbeing support, including mental health services, by aiming to reduce the waiting time for appointments to 3 weeks</b>		
<b>Health and Wellbeing, including Mental Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Children and Young People's Mental Health Board to identify and improve access to services in Gedling</li> <li>• Population of Instagram</li> <li>• Advocate for Young People's Health and Wellbeing service improvements in the Borough, especially Mental Health services</li> </ul>	GBC Community Relations Team, Public Protection Health/ICP NCC Youth Services	2021 - 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with local community and young people's clubs, sports and health groups and Positively Empowered Kids to develop local offers</li> <li>• Engage with Children and Young People's Mental Health Executive Action Plan</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk">The Thrive Approach – Healthy Young Minds (healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk)</a></p>	NCC Children and Families Service CAMHS CYPMHE	
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The council aims to work with young people and public protection partners to provide guidance on how to report bullying and harassment and access to personal safety advice</b>		
<b>Young people's safety Sources of support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population of Instagram</li> <li>• Engage with Commissioned Partners to advocate for improvements to safety and support offers in the Borough</li> <li>• Gather data and information to inform our response to external funding opportunities</li> </ul>	GBC Notts Police NCC Youth Service Respect programme	2021 - 2023
<b>Mission Statements</b>	<p><b>The council aims to make public walkways, parks and nature reserves more sustainable and accessible for young people to use in order to improve their wellbeing now and in the future.</b></p> <p><b>The youth council supports 'Kids Against Plastic' in their campaign to encourage schools to sign up to their 'plastic clever schools' initiative and achieve carbon neutrality by 2023</b></p>		
<b>Environmental sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Notts County Council Environmental and Youth Services, GBC Waste Services and Kids Against Plastic to achieve zero single use plastic and improved household recycling</li> <li>• Engage with consultation on the Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy and action plan</li> </ul>	GBC Community Relations Team GBC Environmental Services NCC Environment Dept	2021 -2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young People to be actively featured in local influential media to improve recycling rates and practices</li> </ul>		
Mission Statement	<b>The Council will work across departments, staff teams and partnerships to increase understanding and awareness of Young People's concerns, priorities and communication needs, in order to improve and better direct services to them</b>		
Culture Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YP consultation included in Bi Annual Gedling Conversation</li> <li>Impact of GBC services on young people to be included as a cross cutting theme in Annual Service Planning</li> <li>Training and engagement opportunities provided to GBC Staff Teams</li> <li>Identify and bring forward data sets and guest speakers to enable The Council and Gedling Youth Council to evaluate existing provision and influence continuous improvement.</li> </ul>	GBC All departments  Commissioned Partners	2022 and ongoing

## NCC Database of YP information and support

<http://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/results.page?districtcovered=4&newdirectorychannel=10-2>

## Employability

**Actions discussed:**

- Springpod initiative
- Inspire Day interview practice
- Ways of signposting to employers / build confidence
- Careers event 2022?

## **Equalities / Culture change**

### **Actions discussed:**

- Work with young people identifying within the protected characteristics groups listed in the Equalities Act
- Celebrate the diverse nature of who we are – events should be inclusive in both planning and engagement
- Education - use the right/ new accepted language
- Provide safe space to talk in real terms and feel accepted
- Put bullying, mental health and safety under safeguarding

**Observation: All mission statements must have a measurable outcome/ outcomes listed beneath it.**

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