

MINUTES OF THE MEETING Full Council HELD ON Thursday, 16th October, 2025, 6.30pm to 8.20pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Anna Abela, Gina Adamou, Peray Ahmet, Kaushika Amin, Emily Arkell, Dawn Barnes, Nicola Bartlett, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Zena Brabazon, Cathy Brennan, Lester Buxton, Dana Carlin, Liam Carroll, Seema Chandwani, Lotte Collett, Pippa Connor, Erdal Dogan, George Dunstall, Sarah Elliott, Scott Emery, Ruth Gordon, Mark Grosskopf, Makbule Gunes, Emine Ibrahim, Thayahlan Iyngkaran, Sue Jameson, Cressida Johnson, Anna Lawton, Ahmed Mahbub (Mayor), Sean O'Donovan, Felicia Opoku, Ruairidh Paton, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Michelle Simmons-Safo, Adam Small, Anne Stennett, Joy Wallace, Elin Weston, Matt White, Sarah Williams and Alexandra Worrell

29. FILMING AT MEETINGS

This information was noted.

30. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence received from:

Cllr Ali
Cllr das Neves
Cllr Cawley – Harrison
Cllr Rossetti
Cllr da Costa
Cllr Ovat
Cllr Mason
Cllr Hakata

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest put forward.

32. CSO 3.1 VI - WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed the young people to the meeting and appreciated their attendance as he acknowledged that they would be studying or working, and their evenings were very precious

The Mayor expressed that the meeting had been organised in a way for young people to express themselves and the agenda was focused on enabling the young people to make a difference to their community.

The Mayor reminded attendees that under 19s of Haringey make up approximately 21 % of the total population and the decisions the Council made would have a lasting impact on these young people. He expressed that young people are an integral part of shaping the future of local democracy and the Council were hoping to build on- and add to- this wide range of voices that represented the young people of the borough and hoped that the Council would continue to engage young people in a meaningful and transparent way.

The Mayor called on the Chief Whip, and she MOVED that in accordance with Council Standing Order 25.1, to suspend Council Standing Orders: 4.4 11, 15.1 at this extraordinary Full Council to allow speeches/ presentations from the Haringey Young people on the key concerns of young people living in the borough.

Cllr Emery seconded the procedural motion and this was AGREED.

33. CSO 3.1 VI - INTRODUCTION FROM THE LEADER

The Mayor called on the Leader of the Council to welcome the young people to the meeting and open the speeches and presentations from them.

The Leader of the Council welcomed the young people to the meeting, outlining that Haringey must ensure equal life chances for young people across all areas of the borough. The Leader understood these challenges, having personally, grown up in Wood Green. She reiterated that young people had the greatest stake in the borough and would feel the impact of every decision the Council make.

The Youth Council provision was not about optics but about building communities and institutions that served young people, and she highlighted the importance of lowering the voting age to 16 to enable participation in democracy and stake in the future of the borough.

The Council had delivered on the pledge to establish Haringey's first elected Youth Council and hold borough-wide youth elections in November. These steps would amplify young voices and embed democratic values at a time when they were under threat.

The Leader welcomed the scrutiny and challenge from the Youth Council as the borough worked towards a fair and green Haringey. She expressed that despite progress, such as improving parks and investing in school, budget pressures and new challenges made this work harder.

However, the Council would continue to listen, learn, and act together to deliver meaningful change for every young person in Haringey.

The Mayor called on Yasin to make his speech, connected with youth led services for over 18's.

Yasin spoke about hearing young people's voices and from his capacity as a youth ambassador. He believed that collaboration between young people, councillors, and senior leadership was essential and although this joint meeting was a step in the right direction, the current Youth Panel represented only a small fraction of the wider youth population in the borough. He continued to speak about tackling issues that will have a big impact on young people in the borough. This included stigma, anti-social behaviour. He expressed the importance of engaging with a broader spectrum of youth, providing them real authority over shaping their own future and how it was crucial that they be heard, respected, and empowered.

Yasin spoke about the positive steps being taken with youth-led projects such as Rising Green Youth Hub, which had been extremely successful with strong input from young people and was an example to follow when new initiatives or projects were being developed. He felt that young people's views should be considered just as important as those of any other age group. This helped empower young people and strengthened their connection with local authorities.

He concluded that ultimately, youth-led projects would help break down stigma creating a mutually beneficial relationship between young people and decision-makers. It was important for young people have the power to shift the traditional power dynamics and pave the way for a more inclusive and representative future.

Cllr Chandwani, Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Resident Services agreed with the speech by Yasin and expressed that engaging with all residents, including young people, underpinned the principle of co – producing services which was important for the administration. She outlined that it was crucial to hear from young people as there were not many young people that were involved with the Council in meetings or worked in the Council. Cllr Chandwani shared that young people had been pivotal in creating Rising Green Youth Hub and this was an amazing example of sharing power and allowing people to make decisions.

The Cabinet Member was glad that the Youth Council was making a return and the engagement with young people should not be solely concerned with youth centres and that Council activities needed to include a broad range of involvement of young people in Council decision making. She highlighted an example in West Green ward where the Young Blocks collective had been pivotal in shaping the current Broadwater Farm redevelopment.

Cllr Chandwani concluded by expressing that real youth empowerment was not about young people attending Council meetings to ask for things but giving youth the power and ability to make decisions.

The Mayor outlined that the next topic of speeches would be on schools, SEND support, mental health support in schools and impact of AI on learning.

Yaa spoke about the impact on Artificial Intelligence on student learning and highlighted that although it transformed education, offering personalised learning and advanced technology, it had also brought challenges like isolation, reduced critical thinking, misinformation, and safety concerns. Yaa felt that students often turned to AI due to heavy workloads and unrealistic expectations, and it was not related to laziness as the common misconception. Yaa suggested that to reduce overuse, schools should raise awareness of AI's impacts and compile creative outlets such as workshops, talent shows, and art events to empower students and encourage authentic engagement.

Selina spoke about her personal experience at school as a student with Autism and Dyspraxia. There was a lack of sensory rooms provided for autistic children in mainstream schools throughout their school journey and since raising this issue, last year at this meeting, there was little evidence to suggest that this had improved in the last year.

Occupational Therapy was not being provided consistently or effectively in mainstream schools and was an important part of ensuring autistic students were able to have equality of access to learning and maintain independence. Also separate Individual OT support was not consistent and often sporadic in provision to have an impact. Selina spoke about the varying skills and level of support of teachers trained to teach SEN students and the need for more importance to be given to the intuitive skills. Selina had asked her fellow students the improvements for SEN students needed and these were as follows:

- Quiet rooms to do classwork, exams. Selina was aware that there were some within her school but there really needed to be more to cope with the increase in students with special needs.
- Equipment such as swings, hammocks etc. This was still to be addressed
- More support with lessons. This has improved but still not sufficient to cope with all student needs.
- More clubs available to students, there had been no change in the club choices on offer.
- More time to get from class-to-class. Schools needed to be more aware of individual student needs and put in place individual plans for a smooth transition from class to class.

Selina noted that the Council had made concrete moves in the past year to try to address the issues and concerns about SEN funding in mainstream schools, increasing funding for high-needs pupils, boosting provision in mainstream settings, improving early intervention, and pushing for more equitable funding. These moves seemed to be in response to both local pressures (rising EHCPs, demand) and national policy. However, she felt that there still remained a tension between rising

demand and cost pressures compared to the pace and scale of funding increases. The changes helped, especially for the most complex learners but many mainstream schools still faced tough decisions over how to allocate such limited resources to meet a wide spectrum of needs. For example, schools could still really benefit from more up to date faster technology to aid students learning.

Selina continued to speak about her reasons for joining the Youth Panel

- To be seen and heard.
- To reiterate the need for the government to educate neurotypical individuals on neurodiversity.
- To champion social inclusion.
- To advocate for a variety in social clubs on offer for young people. There were not many activities within Haringey, or they were poorly advertised, meaning young people could not find these spaces. Selina wanted these to be widely spread throughout the borough so that young people could access them safely without having to travel long distances.

Selina concluded her speech on the importance of friendship and understanding and her personal journey to find a friend which she was being supported to do. Selina spoke with more students, and they appreciated her sense of humour and kindness.

Danielle T spoke about being part of the Youth Participation Programme for three years. She continued to speak about supporting young people's mental health and well-being. Danielle reminded councillors that life's pressure, school, social media, expectations were overwhelming, and one in five children faced mental health challenges. SEN youth struggled even more, often without proper support. Danielle called on the Council to continue to challenge stigma, and to remind decision-makers that well-being is not an optional extra in the curriculum but the foundation of health, and successful development. There was a need for the Council to ensure children and young people's voices were heard, prioritise well-being in education, and be accountable for EHCP funding. Inclusion meant seriously valuing emotional needs

Cllr Brabazon, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families, responded to the speeches, agreeing that the impact of Artificial Intelligence was a really important issue raised and there were important questions to address on the current relationship of this facility and its impact on young people's learning.

The Cabinet Member acknowledged that mental health, and SEND provision were huge issues and over the last year real improvements had been made and the Council were strengthening the focus on young people. This included an approach called 'Thrive' which put young people and their needs at the heart of decision making. There was also a lot of work with CAMHS to improve waiting times and the Council, and partners were trying to simplify the process of getting mental health support for children and young people. However, the Cabinet Member acknowledged that the outcome of this may not be as quick as wanted and that funding was restricted.

The Cabinet Member emphasised that SEND provision was a huge political challenge which was reflected in recent government activity with a recent report from a government Select Committee on Education including 48 recommendations on SEND support. This included many of the things advocated in the speeches from young

people such as teachers trained in SEND pupil support and inclusion. It was noted that Councils were waiting for legislation or white paper, this autumn, on SEND reforms. The Cabinet Member agreed that this was the biggest issue in the country, within education, demonstrated by 125000 parents making a debate happen in parliament attended by hundreds of MPs. Therefore, assurance was provided that this matter was at the top of the political agenda.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families referred to a recent partner summit on the impact of smart phones on pupils and their mental health. She emphasised that Councils and partners needed to take the impact of social media on young people's mental health seriously. The Cabinet Member continued to outline that Councils would need to challenge the government to bring in regulation and there would be a campaign in the borough with schools to continue challenging the government on this matter.

The next topic was knife crime and anti- social behaviour, and the Mayor was pleased to welcome the borough commander to the meeting to hear the young people's voices on this matter.

Kyan spoke about knife crime in Haringey being a growing crisis, with 681 offences in one year. This was not just a criminal issue but a symptom of poverty, trauma, and lack of hope. Kyan highlighted that mentoring was the missing link providing trust, guidance, and purpose for at-risk youth. A borough-wide mentoring network, embedded in schools and strategies, could save lives. He called on the Council to invest in transformation, not just enforcement, and build a system that empowered young people.

Max spoke about young people deserving an education that prepared them for real life, not just exams. Lessons should cover AI, finance, healthcare, and adapting to changing workplaces. Safety was also critical, and every young person had the right to walk home without fear. It was imperative for students to know their rights and schools should respect them. Max concluded his speech by outlining his commitment to tackling these issues and working together with the Council for a safer, fairer borough for young people.

Shane spoke about knife crime and antisocial behaviour deeply affecting young people and communities. There was a need to consider that fear drives some young people to carry knives, but this only increased risk. He felt that solutions must go beyond punishment, offering safe spaces, youth centres, mentoring, and education together with empathy and conflict resolution. Young people needed opportunities, respect, and partnership with adults to build confidence and purpose. Shane expressed that real strength lies in dignity and courage, not weapons and concluded that together the Council and young people can create a safer, hopeful, and protected future.

Zak addressed the meeting and highlighted that crime in Haringey was rising sharply, with 711 offences in 2023–24 and 681 incidents in 2024, and in his view making it one of London's most dangerous boroughs. Young people were most affected, often lacking safe spaces and opportunities. While initiatives like Knife Crime Awareness

Week and funding helped, more action was needed, including: increase in surrender bins, youth hubs, mentoring, mental health support, and involving youth voices. Zak concluded by asking the borough decision makers to act boldly to protect futures.

Cllr Williams, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning and Deputy Leader responded to the speeches on knife crime and community safety.

The Cabinet Member fully accepted and recognised the issues raised on knife crime and young people feeling unsafe. She spoke from personal experience as a mother of two sons in the borough. The Council fully recognised that knife crime was a desperate worry in the borough and as an authority had a responsibility to look after all children, whether a knife carrier or victim and this was a difficult thing to do. The Cabinet Member referred to Bruce Grove Youth Centre and their consistent work to help children not be drawn into situations with knives. The Council knew that talent is everywhere in the borough, but opportunity was not, and was doing its best to address these equalities issues. This motivated all Councillors in the room.

The Cabinet Member further commended the quality of speeches and welcomed the attendance of the Borough Commander who also cared very deeply about this issue. The Council needed to hear young people's voices, and this was why the youth Council had been reformed.

In conclusion the Cabinet Member provided the young people with some information on the activities in youth services to prevent knife crime and these were: the active roles models borough wide scheme which was engaging young people and helping them to stop having the need for carrying a knife, Youth Integrated Offender Management Programme, Integrated Group Offending Team (IGOT) after schools' mobile youth clubs and Thrive 360.

The next topic was on Arts, Culture and Leisure.

Iris spoke about increasing opportunities for young performers in Haringey which in her view were limited and fragmented, leaving many teenagers without access to drama, dance, and music events. Iris felt that performing arts should unite communities across all areas, regardless of socioeconomic background. Funding for youth arts was critically low and needed urgent attention. Iris called on young people, residents, the Council, and partners to work together to create inclusive, accessible spaces and events that celebrate talent and strengthen community through performing arts.

Jeremaih spoke about having more safe, accessible recreational spaces like skateparks, basketball courts, and community hangouts for young people. He felt that parks alone were not enough, and young people needed places to connect, stay active, and feel a sense of belonging. He continued to outline that without these, teens risked isolation or negative behaviours. Investing in free, welcoming spaces would strengthen communities, reduce stress, and create opportunities for healthy engagement. Everyone deserved a place to relax and be themselves and he called on the council to make this a reality.

The Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure thanked the young people for sharing your experiences . The Cabinet Member agreed that leisure, parks and arts were massively important to young people and residents. While their value was often overlooked, the Council understood clearly that they improved mental and physical health and, ultimately, helped build thriving, resilient communities.

The Cabinet Member outlined that in Haringey, there were lots of performing arts activities for young people, whether that was through the Haringey Youth Festival, Haringey Music Service, Schools Day at the Finsbury Fest, Haringey Shed, Haringey Creates or Alexandra Palace Creative Youth Network. It was noted that in preparation for the London Borough of Culture in 2027, the Council were planning more festivals and events aimed at young people. There would be lots more opportunities to take part, get involved, develop skills, and most importantly shape the arts and culture on offer in Haringey, particularly for young people.

The Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure spoke about the nine libraries in Haringey which played an increasingly vital role as dynamic community hubs that bring together culture, creativity, and learning for all residents. It was noted that recent initiatives included Library Lates in partnership with Alexandra Palace and their Young Creatives Network, offering evening events with live music and performances, curated and hosted by the young members. The service had recently launched new Creative Studios in several libraries, featuring recording and podcast facilities to support digital content creation; and the introduction of new gallery artist spaces to showcase and nurture local talent.

The Cabinet Member acknowledged that there was always more to do, and she was looking forward to working with the young people on the Youth Council to know what services and communication would benefit them most.

The Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure referred to the borough parks as designed by residents, for residents. It was noted that the Council were currently in the process of delivering numerous projects that would see play provision in the borough improved, increased and diversified. These provisions would be designed in consultation with those who will be enjoying the facilities. These included: · Tottenham Parks - a £1.5m scheme to improve 8 play areas in Tottenham · Play zones - will create 4 new multi-use games areas totalling £1.3m, funded by the football foundation and Council. She further outlined a number of individual park projects including – the re-design of Down Lane Park, installation of a BMX track in Highgate and improvements to a number of existing play features in multiple parks. This was in addition to: improved facilities in Russell Park and Tambo Recreation ground, the introduction of a new skate plaza in Finsbury Park and upgrades to multiple sports court facilities. It was noted that these initiatives had been or were being delivered in partnership with local young people through engagement in schools, faith forums, user groups and more.

The Cabinet Member further highlighted Haringey Parks Young Women's Network which worked with young women aged 16-30 from across the borough to make the borough parks safer and more welcoming for women. The network was currently working on identifying options to increase and improve lighting within the borough parks. It was noted that this 6-month research project would include working with the

Council's principal lighting engineer and the designing out crime officer within the Police Service and exploring good and innovative practice in other areas which also balances biodiversity needs and considerations. The Cabinet Member offered the opportunity to the Youth Council to get involved and could provide an email contact after the meeting.

The final topic was on Youth Participation. The Mayor invited Charlene to address the meeting.

Charlene spoke about how young people have faced broken promises, rising unemployment, crime, and school exclusions. Charlene highlighted that issues such as young people's involvement in crime and being excluded from school stemmed from deeper challenges at home, school, and work environments, leaving many without guidance or opportunity. Short-term programmes were not enough and there was a need for lasting, visible, and inclusive initiatives that empowered youth and provided real futures. Charlene felt that true change required investment, collaboration, and action, ensuring every young person in Haringey can say, "I have a future here."

The Mayor called on the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families to respond.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families responded to the final speech and all the issues raised by the young people at the meeting. The Cabinet Member could not disagree with the issues raised and these were some of the main reasons for her becoming a Labour Councillor and a socialist that believed in redistribution of wealth and not having inequality. These values were shared by colleagues.

In responding to these issues, the Council would also need to be realistic that it was working within boundaries and faced challenges with finances. The Cabinet Member spoke about housing being the biggest issue facing the Council and that building more homes was part of dealing with inequality and deprivation. The Council were in the process of building 3000 new Council homes, and the intention was that these were family homes so children and young people could have a stable life that they deserved. This would do more to contribute to mental health, wellbeing than anything else the Council would do.

The Cabinet Member continued to speak about Schools which were important to prepare young people for life. The curriculum issues raised should be discussed with Ofsted and those compiling the new curriculum. There had been announcements recently of increased apprenticeships and more job opportunities for young people. However, this may sound far away and not make it real for young people. The bursary programme run by the Council for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds was referred to and the Council was proud of this scheme and the opportunity this provided.

The Mayor led the meeting in a round of applause for the young people.

34. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13

The Mayor called on Cllr Brabazon to move the motion D

Cllr Brabazon moved Motion D on Reaffirming support of the Youth Council and facilitating the forthcoming borough wide Youth Council elections together with the nominations of the youth representatives to the Youth Parliament.

She expressed how members were determined to have a youth council and the need to ensure that all young people have a voice. Since the Council meeting last year there had been huge progress with developing the Youth Council with considerable work completed by the Youth Service; engaging the borough's secondary schools to ensure participation of young people and nominations to come forward for positions in the Youth Council.

Cllr Barnes seconded this motion, which was recognising the value of young people to the borough and the community. Her political group had long been an advocate for young people, and they supported the revisions to the voting age and had proposed extra money for schools. There was also a demand from her political group for more focus on apprenticeships and other training options to cater for the young people who did not want to go to university.

Cllr Barnes referred to the pupil premium policy which she explained had been a Liberal Democrat policy introduced in 2011. This policy meant that teachers had extra money specifically targeted to support children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, and this money had made a real difference in closing the attainment gap between the more and the less privileged in society.

She outlined that her political party would support the rights of children with education, health and care plans and did not want a harder process for other children to get EHCPs in future. She extended an invitation to representatives from the Youth Council to meet with the Liberal Democrat group.

Councillor Buxton spoke in the debate, praising the young people for their speeches and efforts. He had been elected as youth champion and, alongside Councillor Brabazon, had prioritised the creation of a Youth Council. Since then, Elevated Youth and the youth panel was formed, These young people were involved in scrutiny, and the youth council elections were now launched. He thanked council officers for facilitating these achievements. Cllr Buxton reflected on concerns raised, noting similarities to his own experiences 15 years ago, when education was a central focus for youth. In contrast, today's young people had faced funding cuts and rising university fees. The motion aimed to embed youth engagement into council culture and services, with a commitment to continued collaboration.

Councillor Paton expressed gratitude on behalf of the Council and the Green Socialist Alliance, congratulating officers for their efforts in enabling this joint Council meeting with young people. He emphasised that the younger generation had a significant stake in Haringey but were often excluded from decision-making. He acknowledged the courage it took to speak truth to power, especially given the challenges young people had faced during the pandemic and public sector cuts. Cllr Paton highlighted concerns about rising academic pressure, unmet mental health needs, and the growing unaffordability of living in London, with rents increasing by 11% and average house prices by 14% in Haringey. He described these issues as defining challenges for the generation and praised the young people for speaking up. He urged the Council and officers to continue creating spaces for youth voices and encouraged young people to keep challenging and engaging with future plans.

Cllr Brabazon thanked all speakers in the debate and the young people.

Following a vote on Motion D, this was unanimously AGREED

Motion D – Re-affirming Council support of The Haringey Youth Council and facilitating forthcoming borough wide Youth Council Election together with nomination of youth representative from Haringey to the Youth Parliament

Proposer: Cllr Zena Brabazon

Seconder: Cllr Dawn Barnes

The Council notes that

- The last census the Council undertook indicated that there were over 59,000 under 19s in the Borough- out of an overall population of 261,000. This represents a significant proportion of Haringey's population.
- Young people have more of a stake in our borough's future than any other community group. They will feel the impact of decisions made by politicians, councils and governments more than anyone else – and their opinion and liberty is as vital to democracy as residents 18 and above.
- The government's decision to lower the voting age to 16 years old reflects a growing recognition of the importance of young people's role in democracy – and this should be reflected in Haringey Council's decision-making process.
- The Corporate Delivery Plan 2024– 2026 set out plans to establish a Haringey Youth Panel. This was to ensure that young people representing their communities would have more opportunities to be actively involved in influencing decisions that affect them.
- Since 2022, The Council's Youth Services team has undertaken work with schools, youth groups and established youth forums to recruit young people to an initial Youth Panel event. In 2024 the Youth Panel and the Elevated Youth SEND Forum was created with close ties developed between the two forums.
- Since September 2024 the Youth Panel and Elevated Youth SEND Forum have:

- Come together with Councillors in an extraordinary Council meeting to discuss and raise issues that are important to young people.
 - Effectively scrutinised and influenced council decision-making by contributing to Scrutiny meetings, raising the concerns of young people around community safety.
 - Engaged their peers through consultation which provided significant input in the Youth Strategy and shared their findings with both Children and Young People's Scrutiny and Cabinet, widening the democratic participation of their community
 - Part of the recruitment and selection processes for key officer posts with weighted scoring applied.
 - Partnership and Engagement Initiatives: Collaborated with events partnership Team to secure Wireless Festival tickets for local young people and worked alongside the Council's Press Team to promote youth involvement and community engagement opportunities.
 - Empowering Young People and Families: Inspired by the Elevated Youth and wider Youth Panel (soon to become the Youth Council) initiated the Creating Generational Wealth event for young people and their families. The event focused on savings, entrepreneurship and will-writing, delivered in partnership with Barclays Bank and the London Capital Credit Union.
 - Youth Development and Learning Opportunities: Supported youth participation in London festival of Architecture and social pressures impact young people.
 - Additionally, partnered with Street Doctors to deliver lifesaving first aid training to 14 Youth Panel members on responding to knife crime incidents.
 - Employment Support: Collaborated with the King's Trust team to support school leavers who are Youth Panel members in exploring summer retail employment opportunities. As a result, two young people successfully secured part-time positions with Marks & Spencer in central London.
- The Council must continue support young people to develop the skills to make sure this is a successful continued project. The next steps are now to facilitate the Youth Council election.
- The Youth Council election period starts on the 15th of October with a launch of manifestos for candidates running for the positions of: Young Mayor, Deputy Young Mayor, Youth Council Chair, and Youth Council Deputy Chair.
 - Members of the Youth Council will also represent Haringey on the London's Youth Assembly and UK Youth Parliament ensuring the voice of 'Haringey young people reach a London wide and national level.

The Council believes that

- Young residents who represent their community must be heard by the Council especially when it comes to decisions that directly affect them now and in the future.
- Only through genuine and meaningful consultation with young people and the Haringey Youth Council will the Council deliver policies catered to the needs

and experience of young people and support them in a way they find productive.

- Closer ties must be formed between Elected Representatives and the Youth Council.

This Council resolves to:

- First and foremost, genuinely listen to young people and the Youth Council. This cannot simply be a performative exercise for the council – young people must be genuinely consulted and considered.
- Use the Youth Council as a valuable resource, seeking consultation in and outside of formal and Full Council meetings on issues relevant to young people where appropriate.
- Engage with the Youth Council, ensuring that senior decision-makers, such as Cabinet Members or senior council officers, meet with the Youth Council and to discuss matters of relevance.
- Provide references for Youth Council members for their role in the democratic and decision-making process.
- Support the Youth Council to widen their engagement and access any regional or national initiatives that they may be eligible for.
- Without fault, ensure the education of Youth Council members remains unaffected by participation in any council-related initiative.
- Do its utmost to ensure that Haringey has a diverse Youth Council that represents the young people of the borough.
- Continue supporting and developing the skills of the Youth Council to ensure that the voices of young people in the community are being heard at every level.
- Commit to support Councillors to engage with the Youth Council on a regular basis. This will culminate in an annual Council-wide meeting with the Youth Council to hear concerns and issues directly affecting young people.
- Promote the participation of young people in local democracy and ensure that they are at the heart of decision making.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date