

Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Report of Sheffield Youth Cabinet

Sheffield Futures are commissioned by Sheffield City Council to coordinate and support Sheffield Youth Cabinet and exists to bring together young people's voices, views and opinions to influence political activities and to help bring about change to benefit young people.

Every two years, young people aged 11 – 17 put themselves forward to be a candidate for elections and create an individual manifesto, which their peers vote upon. Youth Cabinet members are from the following schools, High Storrs, Notre Dame, King Ecgbert, Tapton, Lady Manners, Sheffield High School, Forge Valley, Hinde House, Park Academy, Handsworth Grange, All Saints and Birley.

This February, we had over 14,000 young people vote across the city for who they would like to represent them. 6 Young people per area (North, East and West Sheffield) were elected to represent their peers for a two year term. Similar to city council structures, of these six, four become local Youth Councillors represent their area and city, and two are internally elected to become Members of Youth Parliament representing their area at a regional and national level. The Youth Cabinet is made up of these elected roles and eleven special interest seats aimed at giving specific groups a voice such as young carers, and care experienced young people and meet on a monthly basis.

Findings from the Make Your Mark Consultation are used to decide what the Youth Cabinet priorities are locally, regionally and nationally for the year ahead.

*Summary of these findings are presented in accompanying PDF
'Make Your Mark 2019 results'*