

**Council**

**Lambeth Youth Council Annual Report 2015/16**

**Wards:** All

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**Report summary**

This report highlights the key activities and achievements of Lambeth Youth Council for 2015/16. This year, the project has supported elected young people to support campaigns and projects which strengthen the voice of young people that live, work or study in Lambeth. In November 2015 the Youth Lambeth Cooperative (YLC) were commissioned to manage and support the Lambeth Youth Council, which includes Youth Mayor, Youth Mayor Fund, Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) representatives.

**Finance summary**

There are no financial implications arising as a direct result of this report.

**Recommendations**

- (1) To approve the annual report.

## **1. Context**

- 1.1 Lambeth Youth Council (LYC) is a project for young people aged 11 to 19 years who live, work or study in Lambeth. It provides opportunities for young people to get their voices heard by decision makers to help influence policy that affects them at local and national level.
- 1.2 It is established practice to submit an annual report of Lambeth Youth Council (LYC) to Full Council.
- 1.3 In December 2015 the YLC were commissioned to manage and support the Youth Council and regular monitoring of the service has been undertaken by the Democratic Services Manager.

## **2. Proposal and Reasons**

- 2.1 The main focus of LYC during the reported year has been to deliver the Youth Council elections and support the Youth Council and UK Youth Parliament programmes.
- 2.2 Youth Council Elections ran from 14<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the energy and commitment shown by the candidates throughout the process was a obvious sign of the perceived value of the Youth Council's work and reputation in the borough. The elected Youth mayor received 1631 votes with an overall turnout of 78%.
- 2.3 LYC supports an elected Youth Mayor, Member of Youth Parliament, and Youth Cabinet. The role of those elected young people is to gather and represent views of the wider youth population across Lambeth through links in schools, youth centres, voluntary sector, etc.
- 2.4 The - Youth Mayor and UK Youth Parliament members are in the first year of their two year term and were elected in December 2015. Highlights and achievements for the year include:
  - Receiving accredited training to assess applications and conduct interviews, allowing participants to successfully allocate funds to local projects in partnership with YLC.
  - Devising and project managing a series of young people focussed projects funded by the Youth Mayors' Fund.
  - Debating at the House of Commons alongside 600 other Members of Youth Parliament on the Make Your Mark Consultation.
  - Promoting the Youth Council and consulting with young people around their views at the Country Show.
  - Sitting on the judges panel at Lambeth School Debating Competition and awarding the winners and runners up prizes.
  - Taking part in the Delivering on Mental Health & Wellbeing Roundtable.
  - Taking part in the interview panel of the Strategic Director of Children's Social Care.

2.5 The young people have been meeting regularly and, have enjoyed a variety of informal and formal meetings and engagements, including conducting keynote speeches, attending prize giving ceremonies, tree planting, attending consultation events, and meeting with the Chief Executive

- Youth Council attending a reception with Chuka Ummuna MP.
- Eugene Panton, Deputy Youth Mayor participating in the annual Mayor's Civic Service.
- Strengthening relationships with local councillors and Cabinet members. Introducing a councillor mentoring programme for the youth cabinet members.
- Diogo Costa attended the launch of the Brixton in Bricks and Mortar project.
- LYC members attended the Brixton Shine Saturday School to promote the Youth Council and sharing experiences of being cabinet members.
- Krystelle-Jayde Edward-Stedford, Member of the Youth Parliament to attend the UK Youth Parliament Annual Sitting 2016 at the University of York, which is the national body for youth participation, engaging with national campaigns and sharing best practice with other MYP's from around the United Kingdom.
- Lizzy Ojo, Cabinet member for Crime sits on the Youth Offending Service Board as young people representative.
- The Youth Mayor has a monthly column in Lambeth Talk highlighting a range of young people focussed issues.

### **3. Finance**

3.1 There are no capital or revenue implications arising as a direct result of this report. All work associated with the production of the annual report has been met from within the existing revenue budget for Lambeth Youth Council held in the Democratic Services Business Unit, Corporate Affairs Division within the Enabling Cluster.

### **4. Legal and Democracy**

4.1 There are no legal implications arising as a direct result of this report.

4.2 There are no specific comments from Democratic Services.

<b>Audit trail</b>				
<b>Consultation</b>				
<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Lambeth cluster/division or partner</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Comments in para:</b>
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<b>Key decision report</b>	No
<b>Date first appeared on forward plan</b>	n/a
<b>Key decision reasons</b> N/a	non key
<b>Background information</b>	Lambeth Youth Council Information Sheet Lambeth Youth Council Elections Pack
<b>Appendices</b>	None.