

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 15th December 2021

LOCATION: Online

TITLE: Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (22.10.21)

PURPOSE OF REPORT: For information

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

One of the duties bestowed on Local Authorities within the Welsh Government - Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – is Annex B – the **Statutory Guidance On Children And Young People's Participation**



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In order to meet one of the requirements of the legislation, Local Authorities are expected to work with relevant partners to:

- *Support a County Youth Forum/Council as a representative body of young people to act as a channel for young people's views across their local authority and represent those views to local and national decision-making bodies.*
- *They should aim to be as inclusive as possible in terms of geographical spread, age, gender and to represent specialist needs and more marginalised young people.*
- *For County Youth Forums/Councils to operate effectively, they will need to be adequately supported by Local Authorities who should consider what support is required to do this.*
- *They should be informed and linked to their local democratic structures.*
- *They will also need to be effectively linked into national participation structures such as Young Wales, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the National Assembly for Wales.*

*Children and young people have the human right to have opinions and for these opinions to matter. It says that the opinions of children and young people should be considered when people make decisions about things that involve them, and they shouldn't be dismissed out of hand on the grounds of age. It also says children and young people should be given the information they need to make good decisions. **Article 12 (Respect for the view of the child - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC))***

CURRENT SITUATION:

Ceredigion Youth Service is responsible for coordinating and managing the Ceredigion Youth Council since it was first established in Autumn 2015. They meet three times a year (once each term) and host an event at the end of their year 'in office'. At present, Youth Council meetings take place virtually, but ordinarily, they would be based at the chamber in Penmorfa.

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:	Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why	
	Summary:	
	Long term:	Balancing short term need with long-term planning for the future
	Integration:	Considering how young people's well-being may impact upon each of the well-being goals
	Collaboration:	Working with others to create opportunities for young people
	Involvement:	Involving young people and seeking their views
	Prevention:	Providing early intervention to reduce problems from developing

RECOMMENDATION (S):

For Elected Members to agree that Ceredigion Youth Council minutes are presented to both the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet, for information, each term.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

To meet the requirements of the legislation as set out in Annex B of Welsh Government - Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Statutory Guidance On Children And Young People's Participation

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Acronyms:	N/A

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