

# CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

**Report to:** Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date of meeting:** 9 May 2024

**Title:** Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (02.02.24)

**Purpose of the report:** To present minutes from the Youth Council meeting

**Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:** For information

**Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:** Councillor Wyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills

## **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**.

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 Work and Engagement Team is responsible for coordinating Ceredigion Youth Council since it was first established in Autumn 2015. The Youth Council meet four times a year (once each term) for official meetings, and host an event at the end of their year ‘in office’. Youth Council meetings take place in the

Chamber in Penmorfa. Minutes of each meeting are presented to both Learning Communities Scrutiny and Overview Committee and full cabinet, ensuring the voice of young people feeds into the wider democratic process in Ceredigion.

**Wellbeing of Future Generations:**

**Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why.**

N/A

**Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:**

**Long term:** N/A

**Collaboration:** N/A

**Involvement:** N/A

**Prevention:** N/A

**Integration:** N/A

**Recommendation(s):**

For Elected Members to view the minutes from the specified Ceredigion Youth Council meeting at Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet, for information.

**Reasons for decision:**

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