

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	5 th July 2022	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Update on model of Children and Young People’s Participation	
WARD:	All	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To note the review undertaken by Off the Record (OTR) in relation to support of and delivery of the Member of Youth Parliament in B&NES.
- 1.2 To note the changes of the delivery model in the last 18 months.
- 1.3 To consider and approve the proposed new delivery model for Children and Young People's Participation in B&NES.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to note and approve the changed approach proposed by Off The Record to the restructure of the B&NES Youth Forum.
- 2.2 The proposed changed approach has been endorsed by B&NES commissioner

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The attached report outlines the rationale behind the decision to no longer engage a B&NES young person to be a Member of Youth Parliament and the next steps that will be taken to ensure a wider engagement plan for children and young people.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Off the Record's delivery of children and young people's participation/Youth Forum Service contributes towards meeting the statutory duties of the Council in respect of Children Social Care, Health, and SEND (Special needs and disabilities) needs.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 The current contract with Off The Record (OTR) 2021-2024 will be delivered within the current financial envelope.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance. There are no associated risks with this report. OTR will continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out but all the service users group at Off The Record (OFR) are supported to be fully inclusive of all the needs of those young people in attendance.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 8.1 Climate change is one of the key campaigning issues for the Youth Forum. The model is expected to have a positive impact on climate change and by closer working partnership working on climate issues the Youth Forum can assist the council in delivering on net zero commitments.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

- 10.1 The outline for this proposal has formed part of an initial discussion with Cllr Dine Romero and the Localities Officer for Communities. The Youth Forum had several meetings with the outgoing MYP and the Youth Forum and discussed fully the need and implications of any changes made to the way they operate as group. The S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer have also been consulted with as part of this proposal.

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Background papers	
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