

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	14 th April 2025	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	CYP Participation	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Participation is important for children and young people receiving services from B&NES as their experiences can give valuable insight into what they need. They have the right to influence their care, the services they receive and to be given the opportunities to do so.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to consider and approve the proposed Participation Promises for Children and Young People in B&NES.
- 2.2 The Panel is also asked to acknowledge the overview of how we participate and engage with children and young people in B&NES.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The attached Participation Promises are intended as a commitment for all staff working with children and young people in B&NES to sign up to and to share widely.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Since 2000 B&NES has been signed up to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Article 12 states that:

Children and young people have a right to be involved in the all the decisions that affect their lives

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 There are no significant resource implications associated with this report. However the Promises may need to be translated in different languages, depending on the ethnic background of the child or young person.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 There are no associated risks with this report.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out but all the young people who were consulted recognised the importance of these promises. They also reflected that making them available in accessible formats would mean that they would be fully inclusive of the needs of all young people.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 8.1 Children and young people across B&NES are keen to support initiatives to tackle climate change and environmental issues. Many of them contribute to projects within schools and settings to improve the environment and make a small contribution to the overall achievement of carbon neutrality by 2030.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Several groups of young people have reviewed these promises including students from Chew Valley School, YCSW ,Mentoring Plus OTR and a small group from Youth Justice and Young People's Prevention Service.

10.2 The Chief Finance Officer has cleared this report and attachments.

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Background papers	
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