



SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

FOR A MEETING OF SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL TO BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2023 AT 5PM
@ INNOVATION SPACE, THE FORUM, ELMER SQUARE

1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Charlotte Hannah L Korben Sophie Mia Angelina Hannah G Jess B Keeva Isabelle</p>
2	<p><u>Attendance:</u> 25 Young People in attendance.</p>
3	<p><u>Southend Safeguarding Partnership:</u> Paul Hill and Maggie Atkinson from the Southend Safeguarding Partnership (SSP) shared how the SSP works. The SSP statutory partners are Essex Police, Southend City Council and SCB. They also talked about strategic leadership. Maggie discussed Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Southend Safeguarding Partnership also works with schools, social care and adult services to keep young people safe. Maggie also mentioned about empowerment and having a voice. Paul asked the youth council some questions on safety which will inform their work.</p> <p>ACTION – Children’s Day is 20th November, ask adults who run services in Southend to light landmarks or flood lit buildings blue to represent UNICEF. Youth Council shared locations.</p>
4	<p><u>Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor & Member of Youth Parliament Updates:</u> Aila – was chosen to be a judge at the Jack Petchy Award. Tom C – attended Priory Park Coronation event and Music In The Park. Madi – arranging work with Make Your Mark and Free School Meals.</p>
5	<p><u>Youth Mayor Elections:</u> Jocelyn and Aila stood for the role.</p> <p>Jocelyn Speech – leave a mark for the future, podcast, voice to young people today, money knowledge being taught in schools, basic financial skills.</p> <p>Aila Speech – holding a second re-launch event, having a biannual conference and inviting School Reps.</p> <p>Jocelyn was elected as Youth Mayor.</p>
6	<p><u>Deputy Youth Mayor Elections:</u> Tom C and Josh H stood for the role.</p> <p>Josh received the most votes.</p> <p>Josh elected as Deputy Youth Mayor.</p>
7	<p><u>Southend Pride ideas and distribution of badges:</u> Ideas for pride – Youth Council Workshop, Cake Sale, carnival games, stalls, Youth Council visit, fundraiser, prizes. Action – Lucy to complete stall application</p>
8	<p><u>Environmental Project:</u> Noel discussed the opening of the Lavender Maze in Priory Park on 31st May.</p>

	<p><u>Vaping Project:</u> Tom C mentioned that there were over 1,500 responses for the vaping survey these are currently being analysed.</p>
10	<p><u>Debate:</u> Edward held the debate – should there be a Royal Family?</p>
11	<p><u>First Aid Course:</u> Tom C mentioned having a First Aid Course for all members of the Youth Council so they know the basics of how to help someone who needs immediate medical attention. Action – Thomas to send Lucy contact details</p>