

ANGUS COUNCIL

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THE YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE 2018

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ABSTRACT

This report details the aims and objectives of the Year of Young People 2018 (YOYP2018). The report recommends that the Council uses the Year of Young People 2018 to celebrate, engage and empower Angus's young people.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) endorses and supports the Year of Young People 2018.
- (ii) agrees that Angus Council, working with our partners, uses the Year of Young People 2018 to celebrate, engage and empower Angus's young people.
- (iii) agrees to focus on co-design work with young people as outlined in section 5.
- (iv) requests that the Strategic Director – People reports local progress to the Children and Learning Committee.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2030:

2. A skilled and adaptable workforce
4. The best start in life for children
5. More opportunities for people to achieve success
6. Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being
9. Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Year of Young People 2018 (YOYP2018) is an opportunity to celebrate the amazing young personalities, talents, and achievers that make up Scotland.
- 3.2 Year of Young People 2018 aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.
- 3.3 YOYP2018 has the following objectives:
 - Provide a platform for young people to have their views heard and acted upon
 - Showcase the amazing talents of young people through events and media
 - Develop better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations
 - Recognise the impact of teachers, youth workers and other supporting adults on young people's lives

- Provide opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities
- 3.4 Activity of Year of Young People will be based around six key themes, which were developed by young people and will guide everything that is done across the year.

Culture - Share and celebrate young people's talent and contribution to Scottish culture and arts.

Education - Allow young people to have more say in their education and learning.

Enterprise and regeneration - Celebrate young people's role in innovation, entrepreneurship and the Scottish economy as well as making Scotland a greener and more pleasant place to live.

Equality and discrimination - Recognise the positive impact of young people in Scotland and encourage them to take the lead in challenging all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

Health and wellbeing - Make sure young people have the chance to lead healthy, active lives and understand the importance of mental health and resilience.

Participation - Give young people the chance to influence decisions that affect their lives.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Young people from Angus are engaged as YOYP Ambassadors and will work to promote activity within Angus.
- 4.2 Building on existing work with young people in Angus officers across the Council's services are developing plans to promote YOYP2018. This includes work with young people and partners to develop a refreshed youth engagement strategy for the Angus Community Planning Partnership. As one of YOYP themes, the year provides an opportunity to shine a particular light on engaging young people and making sure that their voices are heard and influential.
- 4.3 YOYP2018 has a particular focus on co-design with young people, providing an exciting opportunity to engage our young people directly in the transformation of Angus Council and the redesign of services. A YOYP2018 Co-design Blueprint has been developed by young people to support this work. This is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.4 Similarly, the objectives and 6 themes of YOYP are in close alignment with our Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families. The year provides an opportunity for a step-change in our engagement of young people in the co-design of things that matter to them.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Council endorses and supports the Year of Young People 2018 and that, working with our partners, Angus Council uses the Year of Young People 2018 to celebrate, engage and empower Angus's young people.
- 5.2 In particular it is recommended that the Council works with our young people to co-design:
new mechanisms to effectively engage and involve our young people in the improvement of Angus and our communities e.g. this could include proposals to develop a Youth Council should our young people think this would be useful; and strategies and services for some of our most vulnerable citizens, including our looked after children and young carers.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications arising as a direct result from the recommendations within this report. All activities that will be undertaken in support of YOYP2018 will be resourced within existing budgets.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

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List of Appendices:
Appendix 1 - Co-design Blueprint