

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE: 31 MARCH 2016

TITLE: REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
REVIEW OF HARLOW YOUTH COUNCIL

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**This is not a Key Decision
Call-in Procedures may apply
This decision will affect no ward specifically.**

RECOMMENDED that the Harlow Youth Council Action Plan, at Appendix D of the original report to Scrutiny Committee report, is approved for implementation subject to the following amendments:

- (a) Substitute “annual Speed Meeting event” with “ biannual Speed Meeting event” at Action Point 3;
- (b) Add an additional Action Point 11 to read: “Actively promote HYC to hard to reach groups, including those in alternative education, young carers, NEETs and young people with a disability”.

REASON FOR DECISION

A The Scrutiny Committee considered a final report on its Review of Harlow Youth Council at its last meeting. The Committee has asked the Cabinet to agree a series of actions to improve the Youth Council.

BACKGROUND

1. At its meeting on 15 March 2016, the Scrutiny Committee received a final report on its Review of Harlow Youth Council.
2. The Committee’s Review of Harlow Youth Council was conducted between September 2015 and March 2016. It has involved intelligence gathering from a number of sources, as explained in the original report to the Committee, which is attached as Appendix 1.
3. The Committee considered several possible measures the Council could take to increase the effectiveness of the Youth Council and has asked Cabinet to approve an action plan to put these into effect.

IMPLICATIONS

Implications of the recommended decision are outlined in the 'Implications' section of the original report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Original report to the Scrutiny Committee, 'Review of Harlow Youth Council', incorporating:

- Appendix A – Questionnaire for Youth Councillors
- Appendix B – Youth Council Questionnaire
- Appendix C – Feedback from Youth Councillors
- Appendix D – Draft Youth Council Action Plan

BACKGROUND PAPERS

All original reports to the Scrutiny Committee can be viewed from <http://moderngov.harlow.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=119&MId=655&Ver=4>