

**CABINET PANEL ON THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CO-OPERATIVE
DEVELOPMENT
30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

**TITLE OF INFORMATION NOTE: HOW THE AUTHORITY MIGHT BETTER ENGAGE WITH
YOUNG PEOPLE (11 TO 22YRS)**

INFORMATION NOTE OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR COMMERCIAL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PRIORITY: BE A MORE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COUNCIL AND ENABLE AN
ENTERPRISING AND CO-OPERATIVE ECONOMY

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This note highlights proposed items scheduled in the work programme for the Cabinet Panel on Community Engagement and Co-operative Development for 2020/21 following the initial meeting. As at Appendix A, the Work Programme/Action Tracker allow the scene to be set for evaluation and the agreement of topics for 2020/21. This allows the Cabinet Panel to set a work programme which enables open discussion that may lead to recommendations to Cabinet /the relevant Executive Members or Service Director, regarding actions that they believe that the Council should be taking to address community engagement and Co-operative Development.

2. STEPS TO DATE

2.1 . There are no steps to date as this is the first meeting set up to investigate this specific topic.

3. INFORMATION TO NOTE

3.1 This Cabinet Panel aims to provide the opportunity for organisations delivering services and activities for young people and young people themselves to discuss how North Herts Council can better engage with this age group. The Panel are interested in hearing the views of young people; listening to their concerns about local issues that affect them and how they can have a voice within local democracy.

3.2 The panel will be receiving presentations from:
Laura Butcher – Hertfordshire Services for Young People
Samantha Hough – Artistic Director of Imajica Theatre Company CIC

3.2.1 Discussion at this meeting will be facilitated and focus around three questions to be posed to the group:

- 1) What would you say are the biggest issues facing young people in our area?
- 2) How can we encourage more young people to engage with local issues?
- 3) How can North Herts Council help you to be more involved in the local issues that you are personally interested in?

3.2 The Panel will seek to ensure that consideration of agenda items minimises additional burdens on staff resources. Wherever possible, requests are made for the presentation

of documents already in existence rather than the production of new documents specifically for the Panel.

- 3.3 Attendance from external bodies and members of the public is actively encouraged.
- 3.4 This is a non-decision-making advisory body and therefore this or any notes/reports to the Panel do not include a recommendation on a key Executive decision and have not been referred to in the Forward Plan. However, recommendations for action from the Panel for consideration by Cabinet may do so. This will therefore need to be borne in mind for any recommendations of the Panel.

4. NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 Other topics for consideration and inclusion in the Panel's work programme will be considered at each meeting. When considering additional topics, their risk assessment and prioritisation will ensure that the most appropriate items are taken forward to the work programme

5. APPENDICES

None

6. CONTACT OFFICERS

Author: **Policy and Community Engagement**
Claire Morgan – Community Engagement Team Leader
Claire.morgan@north-herts.gov.uk
01462 474226

Contributors:
Commercial
Steve Crowley – Commercial Director
Steve.crowley@north-herts.gov.uk
01462 474211

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None