



RBWM Youth Council

Working Group
report back to
Cabinet May 2021

The Working Group was established to agree:

- *A plan for governance and overview of the Youth Council workings, structure and accountability*
- *A process for allowing the Youth Council to be consulted on issues relevant to young people within the borough*
- *A procedure for allowing question and answer sessions between Youth Council Members and Cabinet Members and other Councillors to help develop policy and enhance the Council's aims and objectives.*



Working Group Members

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Meetings to date

17th March - terms of reference

31st March - application form

14th April - rules and regulations

12th May - fine tuning of rules and regulations and overview of applications

Rules and Regulations


We have drafted 18 rules and regulations

- Each Youth Council meeting will include a standing item to consider the RBWM Cabinet Forward Plan and Overview and Scrutiny work programmes to identify items the Youth Council may wish to provide comment on.
- The Youth Council can invite Cabinet members and other councillors to their meetings to help develop policy and enhance the Council's aims and objectives. This can include a question and answer session on pre-agreed topics.
- The Youth Council will be able to raise any problems or concerns via Democratic Services, and challenge issues regarding service delivery, current strategies, and the working of the RBWM Council as it affects young people of the borough.



Details for joining the Youth Council
are available on

<https://rbwm.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/young-people/information-and-advice/rbwm-youth-voice/youth-council>



We have advertised on our social media channels, had a press release and a feature in the RBWM residents newsletter.



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14th May 2021

Dear Headteacher,

Young people who want to make a difference in the borough are being encouraged to join a newly formed Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Youth Council.

Following a decision by Cabinet, RBWM and Achieving for Children have implemented the council to represent young people.

Members of the Youth Council will:

- Be the voice of young people
- Contribute to local council policies
- Produce campaigns and projects about issues that are important to young people
- Make sure every young person can have a say in decisions that affect them
- Represent their schools, wards, clubs and societies.

Young people want to be involved across the range of Council areas in a way that is not tokenistic, or too late to influence decision making. I fully support this Council and believe that having a dedicated forum for young residents to engage in both national issues and local issues, as well as keeping a close eye on the business of the council, is the most meaningful way of achieving this.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our young residents in the Borough and to this end we would like one representative from your school to be on the Youth Council. We look forward to receiving application forms from students from your school you are interested in joining the Youth Council. There are further details available on the following webpage along with the link to the application form.

<https://rbwm.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/young-people/information-and-advice/rbwm-youth-voice/youth-council>

The closing date for the initial round of applications is Monday 31 May. The council will hold its first official meeting in September, with some introductory sessions during the summer. For further information or any queries please contact Elaine Keating, the Youth Engagement Officer on elaine.keating@achievingforchildren.org.uk or 07824 865297.

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The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are committed to making a difference and aspire to be the very best local authority in which a young person can live.

Kind regards

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Next Steps....

- Responding to all applications
- Continue promoting the Youth Council
- Meet applicants informally during the summer to establish working programme and manifesto
- First official meeting in September