

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Young Mayor of Lewisham – Budget Proposals	
Key Decision	No	
Ward	All	
Contributors	Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration	
Class	Part 1	Date: 13 November 2013

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the proposed budget expenditure of the Young Mayor of Lewisham, Jamel Higgins, and outlines activities undertaken by the Young Mayor and Young Advisors during the year.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Mayor agrees the Young Mayor's budget proposals outlined in section 7.

3 Policy Context

- 3.1 The Young Mayor Programme is a key priority for the Council in delivering on its commitment to enhancing young people's achievement and involvement.
- 3.2 The Young Mayor Programme makes an important contribution to the objectives *Empowered and responsible*, and *Ambitious and achieving*.
- 3.3 The work of the Young Mayor further relates and makes a contribution to many of the outcomes set out in the Children and Young People's Plan.

4 Background

- 4.1 The Young Mayor Programme has been in place since April 2004. The Young Mayor of Lewisham is allocated a budget of £30,000 to spend on improving the lives of children and young people in the borough.

- 4.2 On Wednesday 10th October 2012, Jamel Higgins was elected the ninth Young Mayor of Lewisham. Jamel won the election on a turnout of 52.69%, which represents 9360 young people voting.

5 Budget Expenditure Achievements 2011/12

- 5.1 The Young Mayor for 2011/12 was Kieran Lang. Following consultation with young people across the borough, his budget was allocated to the following:

Health and Wellbeing

- 5.2 Throughout the consultation process, young people's health and well being was a major concern. Therefore, the Young Mayor and Advisors sought to address this through:

- The promotion of gyms for young people and support for the Lewisham Youth Games team, increasing and promoting the variety of sports available.
- Cooking classes and competitions to encourage healthy eating: a "Come Dine With Me" competition took place within the youth service, enabling young people to learn about nutrition and develop new cooking skills.
- In progress: working with partners to develop a programme to support young people's mental health and well being.

Roller Skating

- 5.3 There was much discussion among young people about how they could contribute to supporting skating as a positive, safe and healthy activity - particularly given its popularity with young people in the community. The Young Mayor and Advisors set out to:

- Build on the work already underway by the council around safer skating in the borough by highlighting the dangers and developing safer opportunities for skating using maps, events, presentations and clothing. A safe skating campaign and event took place in partnership with TFL, the Metropolitan Police Service and LBL Community Safety Team, which won an MPS award.
- Provide an additional drinking fountain for all including skaters (venue at blue square/ Brookmill road)

Hall of Fame

- 5.4 The way in which young people are perceived and portrayed remained a concern reflected through the consultations. Young people play a positive, constructive and creative role in Lewisham and the world

generally. Initially they proposed to celebrate and recognise this with a plaque in the Civic Suite recording the range of achievements of young people in the borough. This has started with a plaque listing the names of Lewisham's Young Mayors. We are exploring other ways to create a permanent display in the borough as part of ongoing regeneration projects.

6 Activities during 2012/13

6.1 Since October 2012, the Young Mayor and Advisors have continued to represent their peers at the local, regional, national and international level. Working collaboratively with the Mayor and Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees, councillors, Council officers, partner agencies and other key stakeholders, the Young Mayor and Advisors have made an important contribution to local policy development over the course of the last year. They have also continued to support projects that relate to and address issues which concern young people.

6.2 Examples of work and activities include:

<i>Organisation / Project / Work area etc</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Social Justice and diversity	Participating in debates and panels on social justice and diversity Supporting and participating in events at the Stephen Lawrence Centre Black history month activities
The Positive Aging Board	Working together with older people to build understanding through intergenerational projects
Safer Skating Project	Working with partners including the Police, TFL and community projects in promoting safe skating in promoting safe skating in the borough.
Healthy Lifestyles	"Come dine with me" project working with public health and youth clubs in Lewisham for young people to learn nutrition and cooking skills. Developing an alcohol app with the Drugs Action Team.
Young Mayor's Enterprise Project and Job Fair.	Supporting young people to find employment or create their own opportunities and businesses. Working with Economic Development, CYP and partners to deliver an

	enterprise project for young people.
The New Generation (TNG) Centre and Youth Service	Supporting the development of the new youth venue, hustings and consultations. Youth in Action Enterprise Project
B-involved Website	Actively contributing to the website, developing media skills, promoting opportunities for young people, raising issues of interest and maintaining social media contact with peers.
Safeguarding Conference and Welfare Reform Workshop	Contributing to discussions on policy development and the impact for young people and the wider community.
Youth Service development and commissioning processes.	Contributing to the development of the consultation document/process for young people in the borough. Understanding processes and contributing to decision making (PAF, , Children's Centres, new commissioning process).
Children and Young People's Plan	Ongoing process working on the CYPF at Young Advisors meetings.
Policing and YOS	Joining the discussion about young people being safe and policing in the borough. Developing knowledge of and supporting young people involved in the Youth Justice System. Participating in stop and search workshops. Supporting the 10,000 Hands project, promoting peace and safe havens in the borough. Taking part in a City Hall Debate on Policing Contributing to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner's consultation on policing
Local Regeneration Projects	Contribution to the consultation on past, current and future projects including Catford Town Centre and Surrey Canal

School visits	Raising awareness and consultation through assemblies, citizenship days and school councils. Supporting peers at exhibitions, achievement events and activities.
Community Events and organisations	Attending civic events representing young people, recognising achievement, encouraging participation, cohesion and volunteering.
Sports and Arts	Supporting young people's achievements at awards events and promoting opportunities for young people to participate. Supporting the Lewisham Live programme across the borough and Lewisham's Youth Games Team.
Visits to Westminster, the House of Commons and Party Conferences, , meeting politicians, Operation Black Vote voter registration events:	Developing knowledge and understanding of party politics and democratic engagement
UK Youth Parliament, UK Youth and British Youth Council:	Engagement in and with the national Youth Participation strategies
European Visits	<p>Invitations from Sweden, Poland, and Norway to share ideas, broaden horizons and raise aspirations with adults and young people.</p> <p>Youth in Action projects with youth groups in Hamburg, Germany. Sortland and Radoy in Norway.</p> <p>Training projects with Malta, Czech Republic, Sweden, Norway, Germany</p> <p>Twinning exchange with Antony, France.</p> <p>To share ideas, raise aspirations and be part of a wider world.</p> <p>Visitors from Norway, Sweden and Italy observed the election of the Young Mayor with a view to implementing the scheme in their own countries.</p>
Lewisham Hospital	Discussing young people's access to and experience of health services,

	contributing to the consultation and supporting the Save Lewisham Hospital campaign
Research and Evaluation Project	Taking part in interviews and helping evaluate the Young Mayor Project.
Young Women's Work	Young Women's leadership project encouraging and inspiring young women into leadership roles, Developing ideas and an ongoing dialogue and activities to support young women.

6.3 Over the last year, the Young Mayor and Advisors have also worked extremely effectively with colleagues and services across the Council. Increasingly, this way of working has extended to other local agencies within the wider partnership structure. In order to both sustain the proposals of the previous Young Mayor, and to develop their own, these networks and relationships are providing crucial.

10 Year Evaluation Project

6.4 Dr Kalbir Shukra from Goldsmiths College, University of London, has been commissioned to conduct an evaluation of the programme to mark its ten year anniversary.

6.5 This has included interviews with young people, officers and politicians involved in the programme an exit poll of the 2013 Election in five of Lewisham's schools to identify what influences students to vote as they do; two reunions of past and present Young Mayors and Young Advisors; and targeted work with the candidates from last year's election recording the process and their experiences.

6.6 The evaluation will conclude in April 2014 and will inform the future development of the Young Mayor programme.

The "Lewisham Young Peoples' Covenant"

6.7 The Young Mayor and Young Advisors have developed a "Lewisham Young Peoples' Covenant", a pledge identifying what young people can expect from the borough and what the borough and partners can expect from young people. This was one of the proposals of the Mayor's Youth Task Force. Young people at schools across the borough will be invited to sign the Covenant, along with the council and other public sector partners.

7 The Young Mayor 2012/13's Budget Proposals

Consultation

- 7.1 Initial ideas for spending proposals were gathered from a range of sources and forums and then discussed at the Young Advisors meetings.
- 7.2 Following this, a long-list was developed which was taken to schools and youth projects where a wider group of local young people were able to debate and discuss about the merits of the emerging proposals.
- 7.3 Proposals were also disseminated through the Young Mayor's newsletter, distributed to all the schools and colleges in the borough and were made available for viewing and comment on the B-involved website, Facebook and Twitter.

Consultation Outcomes

- 7.4 Some of the main areas of interest included:
- Business, enterprise and employment
 - Participation for young people in arts and sports activities.
 - Health and wellbeing issues
 - Intergenerational activities
 - Provision of youth services
 - Perceived and actual fears around serious youth violence and safety for young people on the streets.
- 7.5 The Young Mayor and Young Advisors will continue to work with partners in both the authority and partners to promote opportunities and develop ideas to address these interests. There will be ongoing dialogue with the Youth Service, in light of the new commissioning process.
- 7.6 In particular, the Young Mayor and Young Advisors have worked closely with the 10,000 Hands Campaign and the Jimmy Mizen Foundation to bring together young people, schools, members of the community, the Police, transport providers, public and community services to promote cohesion, peace and understanding. The Young Mayor Team is committed to continuing to support this work.

Mentoring and Work Experience Programme

- 7.7 Young people in the borough have told us that they are highly aware of the competitiveness in the workplace and want to be able to maximise their opportunities. In response, the Young Mayor and Young Advisors have identified as the priority for this year's budget a project supporting

young people to find employment through a mentoring and work experience programme.

- 7.8 The programme will complement and enhance work which has already started in the borough and will be delivered in partnership with local community organisations and council directorates, including the Mayor's Youth Task Force youth employability project and the apprenticeship programme.
- 7.9 This programme will encourage and identify mentors from existing local businesses who provide work experience to young people in the borough, This will complement the existing work experience offer. The Young Mayor has also identified some corporate, public and community sector partners to encourage to offer mentors for the programme.
- 7.10 We will also hold a series of open events designed to inspire young people and give them information about what different careers entail by interacting with people in those roles.
- 7.11 Young people will be recruited from schools and colleges and also from local community organisations and partners. The programme will be flexible and ensure additional support where young people are particularly vulnerable or have additional needs.
- 7.12 The Young Advisors will help to plan, design and manage the planned events, where they have the capacity to do so. Colleagues, partners and young people from other organisations will also be asked to contribute.

Summary of proposed Expenditure

7.13	Mentoring and Work Experience Programme	
	Publicity and promotion	3,000
	Launch event and inspirational workshops	2,000
	Outreach to youth and community organisations and inspirational workshops to recruit mentees	5,000
	Coordination and partner finding	10,500
	Partnership and team building activities with mentors and mentees	4,500
	Mentoring training and supervision	2,000
	Travel and/or expenses for mentees	1,500
	Evaluation	1,500
	Total	30,000

Progress and Evaluation

- 7.14 An ongoing consultation and evaluation process will take place with local young people The new Young Mayor and Young Advisors will

report progress in implementing these proposals to the Young Citizen's Panel, School Councils, Mayor and Cabinet and the B-involved website and other social media.

8 Financial Implications

- 8.1 The net costs of the proposed programme is £30k and will be met from the budget for the Young Mayor's programme.

9 Legal Implications

- 9.1 The Localism Act 2011 gives a general power of competence to local authorities which provides them with the power to do anything an individual can, apart from that which is specifically prohibited. In exercising discretionary powers the Council must act reasonably taking relevant matters into account and ignoring those which are irrelevant. It would not be unreasonable for the Mayor to agree the sum of £30,000 for the purposes outlined in this report.

10 Crime and Disorder Implications

- 10.1 The Young Mayor's proposals relate to the development of activities, resources and information that will provide young people with diversionary activities, contribute to community initiatives and provide opportunities for young people to address issues concerned with their safety.

11 Equality Implications

- 11.1 The Young Mayor and Young Advisors have considered the equalities implications in all of the proposals and will ensure an inclusive approach to all activities undertaken.

12 Environmental Implications

- 12.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

13 Background papers

None

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