

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Young Mayor of Lewisham - Budget Proposals	
Key Decision	No	
Ward		
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1 Summary

- 1.1 On Wednesday 14th October 2015, Emmanuel Olaniyan was elected the twelfth Young Mayor of Lewisham. Hanna Dimtsu was elected Deputy Young Mayor. The Young Mayor and Advisors worked throughout that year to develop and then consult on a range of ideas that now form the Young Mayor's Budget proposals for 2015/16. These proposals have been pushed further into 2017 because the young mayor and team have been busy with other projects and school commitments.
- 1.2 These proposals are intended to provide improvements in services for children and young people in the borough. The Young Mayor for 201/16 has a budget of £25,000 to be allocated after consultation with young people.
- 1.3 In last year's budget paper for 2014/15 The Young Mayor and Young Advisors recommended that the Mayor reduce their annual budget by £5,000 to £25,000. This was in recognition of the fact that the Council was entering the 6th year of austerity and will continue to face very difficult financial challenges and pressures for at least four more years. The Young Mayor budget was reduced to £25K for the year 2015/16 and for future years.
- 1.4 This report summarises the proposals which the 2015/16 Young Mayor is recommending to spend £25,000.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Mayor agrees the Young Mayor's budget proposals at section 8.

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 set out in Shaping our Future – Lewisham's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2020. Of specific relevance are the priorities '*Empowered and responsible – where people are actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities.*', and; '*Ambitious and achieving – to inspire our young people to achieve their full potential.*

- 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. Emmanuel Olaniyan is the twelfth Young Mayor. Emmanuel won the election on a turnout of 55.76%, which represents 9624 young people voting.
- 4.2 An evaluation of the project undertaken by Dr Kalbir Shukra from Goldsmith's College, University of London has continued with further exit polls at the election and interviews with candidates.

5 Budget Expenditure Achievements 2014/15

- 5.1 The Young Mayor for 2013/14 was Liam Islam. Following consultation with young people across the borough, the Young Mayor and Young Advisors identified three areas of work.

Young People's Funding Pot £10,000

- 5.2 The consultation showed a whole range of different areas that young people are interested in. It also showed young people are keen to organise their own events and projects. The pot was to support extra projects to develop with existing organisations providing it is clear that they are young people's ideas.
- 5.3 Groups and activities that were funded include the Young Carers Group for workshops in life skills, Football and Fun Day with Irie Dance Company, Vietnamese Women's Group Weekend activity programme, cooking programme and other half term programmes with Youth First. The Albany Young Creatives and the Looked After Children Group.

Work Experience and Employability £7,500

- 5.4 This project built on previous work with Urban Synergy to develop work experience schemes for young people from youth clubs during the holidays, enabling them to access Canary Wharf-type and other professions which they would otherwise not be able to experience. This included working with special needs schools and the SEN forum to extend the opportunities for young people with additional needs.

The Career Jumpstart Programme will offer work experience opportunities throughout May half term and the summer holidays for young people from Lewisham Schools working with a range of organisations.

Pilot scheme working with colleagues and partners around accessibility to shops and town centres £7,500

- 5.5 This project intended to identify a future development and work with politicians and local young people who use wheelchairs to ensure the buildings are as accessible as possible. This would include visits for young people and adults to different sites, identifying what works well and how accessibility can be improved. The pilot scheme would produce some recommendations for future developments and where possible provide

additional resources in some areas (i.e.: portable ramps like in Strasbourg). We are still working out the best way forward with colleagues on this pilot scheme.

6 Activities during 2015/16

- 6.1 Since October 2015, 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 All these examples of work and activities have been carried out by the Young Mayor and Young Advisors Team over the year;

Organisation / Project / Work area etc.	Activity
Young Advisor's Meetings	Regular meeting time for young people to plan and organise their activities and for partners/ colleagues/ peers to consult and discuss issues with the group. Forty Young Advisor meetings were held during 2015/16
Social Justice and Diversity	<p>Participating in debates and panels on social justice and diversity.</p> <p>Supporting and participating in events at the Stephen Lawrence Centre; policing and the voluntary sector. Young people's voices and opinions being heard and shared with other community members and professionals such as the police and others, to help create change and influence policy making.</p> <p>Supporting and Participating in Visit My Mosque Day.</p> <p>Workshop with Metro, to explore and understand better the experiences of young people who are LGBTQ and the prejudices they can face and how it's possible to better support young people/ what are the challenges.</p> <p>Termly SEN Young People's Forum with Special Needs Schools. Young People from SEN schools meet together with Young Advisors and adults to look at what their needs/interests are and involve organisations who provide</p>

	<p>activities or can plan activities to meet the needs/interests of the group.</p> <p>Responding to consultation on the SEN local offer.</p> <p>Working with SACRE – RE curriculum, reading, discussing and providing ideas on the review of the RE curriculum for all key stages, so it better meets the needs/interests of young people in Lewisham.</p> <p>Organising an International Women's Day event at the civic suite with participants from 5 different secondary schools.</p> <p>Supporting the BELEVE Young Women's conference.</p>
Civic Events	<p>Young People from the Young Mayor Team attend event to show solidarity and recognise the importance for the wider community of events with important historical roots, recognising achievements and being involved in civic institutions. As elected representatives this is part of the role and is important both for them to attend and for others to see they recognise and take these responsibilities seriously.</p> <p>Holocaust Memorial Day event.</p> <p>Primary school council and Mayor Meetings.</p> <p>House of Lords Visit with Chair of Council and dignitaries.</p> <p>Supporting citizenship ceremonies.</p> <p>Council AGM</p> <p>Mayor's reception at People's Day, organised and hosted with European visitors from Sweden and Czech Republic.</p>
Intergenerational Activities	<p>Working together with older people to build understanding through intergenerational projects</p>

	<p>Quiz with Positive Aging Council/ supporting the POSAC.</p>
Health	<p>Working with the Headstart Programme to improve young people's mental health and wellbeing including organising events and consultations in schools and in the community, being part of the Young People's Steering Group and the Partnership Board.</p> <p>Responding to consultation on the Public Health proposals for a new Young Peoples' Service.</p> <p>Regular update with the CCG about local developments.</p> <p>Liam working with the British Youth Council on Mental Health Select Committee at Parliament, national committee collecting evidence and making recommendations at the Committee.</p> <p>Liam continues to work on the National NHS Youth Forum, working with young people across UK on campaigns. Liam helping to develop local hospital forum for young people.</p> <p>School Nurse Consultation; contributing views on the effectiveness of school nurses.</p> <p>Launching the Try Life website – mental health and wellbeing support for young people</p>
Employment and Enterprise	<p>Supporting opportunities for young people i.e.: Job Fair, Apprenticeship opportunities, other jobs and training on the Facebook and through informal networks.</p> <p>Work experience students from 7 schools plus work experience Voter registration campaign</p>
Working with Children and Young People Directorate including Lewisham Youth Service/Youth First	<p>Organising showcases and other events at the TNG, for Lewisham Live, an open Mic night, International Women's day and Head start events.</p>

	<p>Being involved in the consultation for changes to the Youth Service, visits from the staff at intervals to contribute to the review/ changes of the service.</p> <p>Supporting the election of the Youth Directors for Youth First and the development of Youth Forums.</p> <p>Budget consultations at some youth clubs and centres. Talking to young people about the Young Mayor's budget and what it should be spent on.</p> <p>Contributing to the Lewisham Attendance Counts Conference</p> <p>Post 16 conference at Goldsmiths College</p> <p>Contributing to the Education Commission</p> <p>Ongoing process working and reviewing the CYPP through Young Advisors meetings.</p> <p>Consultation on SEN Local Offer</p> <p>Meeting with CYP Select Committee identify in depth review: contributing to the in depth review on IAG identifying the next subject; Transition from Primary to Secondary school.</p>
<p>B-involved Website and Facebook</p>	<p>Promoting opportunities for young people, raising issues of interest and maintaining social media contact with peers. Work experience students in particular support the site and social media.</p>
<p>Community Safety, Policing and Youth Justice</p>	<p>Attending the launch of the Serious Youth Violence Commission and contributing to round table discussions locally.</p> <p>Safer Neighbourhood Youth Conference and contributing to the on-going discussions around community safety, particularly to have young people's contributions to problem solving.</p> <p>Contributing to the Metropolitan Police IAG conference</p>

	<p>Developing knowledge of and supporting young people involved in the Youth Justice System, through the YOS engagement group.</p> <p>Hate Crime Awareness week supporting the White Ribbon Campaign, awareness building in the community and for young people.</p> <p>Discussion about domestic violence and young people's experiences.</p>
Regeneration and Housing	<p>Contributing to the consultation on current and future projects including Lewisham Town Centre, Catford Town Centre, and Beckenham Place Park.</p> <p>Consultation on the Master Plan; finding out how the plans are made and contributing ideas to all aspects of the plan.</p> <p>Supporting the development of Phoenix Housing youth project the Young Makers.</p> <p>Contributing to waste and recycling consultation, sharing experiences and contributing to policy changes, through discussions and presentations at Young Advisors Meetings.</p> <p>Question and answer session with Cllr Egan about housing in Lewisham</p>
Working with Schools and Colleges	<p>Visits to primary, secondary schools and colleges: campaigning, raising awareness, budget consultations and feedback through assemblies, citizenship days and school councils. Supporting peers at exhibitions, achievement events and activities.</p> <p>Forest Hill School Citizenship Project; working with year 9 to help them develop their citizenship/community projects. Facilitating groups talking to students helping them put together their plan.</p> <p>School visits to the civic suite including, school council meetings and primary school visits with the Mayor.</p>

	<p>Termly School Council Meetings at the Civic Suite: hosted by the Young Mayor and Young Advisors school council representatives</p> <p>Young Mayor Budget consultations, talking to students about priorities for the budget, getting their views and ideas.</p>
Community Events and Organisations	<p>Attending community events representing young people, recognising achievement, encouraging participation, cohesion and volunteering, for example: Moonshot Youth Event; Hither Green Festival; Young Women's Day; Downham Parade; Blackheath Fireworks; Preschool Alliance Community Event; Sedgehill Summer Sizzler; Supporting Love to Dance</p> <p>Participating in Lewisham Youth Conference as inspirational speakers.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation on the Bellingham Fellowship Development how young people can be involved in the development.</p> <p>National Citizenship Service visits and Dragons Den events.</p> <p>Discussion with St Mungos about Young People's gardening project</p> <p>Consultation and participation in Lewisham Local</p>
Sports and Arts	<p>Talent Clash event with Midi Music and Forest Hill School. Young people have the chance to audition and perform and show their talents. Young people participate by coming to watch and seeing local young people achieve and have fun.</p> <p>Supporting People's Day and young people's performance opportunities.</p> <p>Working with Fusion to promote opportunities for young people in their leisure centres.</p> <p>Supporting local football tournaments.</p> <p>Consultation on Lewisham Music Service changes</p>

<p>Visits to Westminster, meeting politicians and supporting voter registration events.</p>	<p>Young people developing knowledge and understanding of party politics and democratic engagement which can then be shared with their peers.</p> <p>Visit to the House of Lords and meeting with Lords, developing an understanding of how decision making process work.</p> <p>Meeting with Vicky Foxcroft MP, and working on the Serious Youth Violence Commission</p> <p>2 weeks of voter registration campaign with 20 work experience students. Students developing their understanding of democratic processes and reasons to vote. Students visiting different areas of Lewisham (leisure centres/market/libraries etc.) and encouraging people to vote. Visits to all Lewisham sixth forms and colleges to register young people to vote with presentations and publicity, tablets to register people there and then.</p> <p>Meeting with Councillors around housing, refugees, select committees, food bank, serious youth violence, mental health and wellbeing, youth services.</p> <p>Participating in Local Assemblies, encouraging young people's participation and engagement locally.</p>
<p>UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and British Youth Council (BYC) and other Regional and National work.</p>	<p>Engagement with the national Youth Voice Strategies and meeting other young people who are representing their areas.</p> <p>Participation in "Make Your Mark" ballot to decide on the national campaigns.</p> <p>Representing Lewisham at House of Commons UKYP Annual Sitting.</p> <p>BYC Votes at 16 Lobby of Parliament, Interviews about votes at 16</p> <p>Member of BYC Select Committee and attending BYC conventions.</p>

	<p>Saffron Worrell is the Procedures Group member for London so now supports all the UKYP members across London.</p> <p>Attending the BYC Leadership weekend</p> <p>Participating in the Peer Outreach Project – GLA Peer Outreach Team.</p> <p>Interviewing London Mayoral candidates with Partnership for Young London</p> <p>Understanding the regional opportunities for young people and how to get involved in and influence policy making across London.</p>
European visits / visitors	<p>Erasmus+: Youth in Action Projects (European funded projects) with youth groups in Alingsas near Gothenburg, Sweden. Prague 7, Czech Republic, Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal</p> <p>We visited Alingsas outside Gothenburg to help run their young people’s festival, Also a visit to Prague 7 to meet with their youth council. The aim being to share ideas, raise aspirations and be part of a wider world. In return we had visits from young people from Sweden and Czech Republic, who took part in workshops and visits, looking at training and enterprise opportunities as well as citizenship and an understanding about being European.</p> <p>We have partners in Mallorca, Reggio Emilia, Italy, Santa Maria da Feira in Portugal, Prague 7, Bordeaux in Paris who we are developing projects with through the European programme Erasmus + including a Hub to promote young people’s mobility, training and work experience.</p> <p>For the 12th election there were visitors from Santa Maria da Feira in Portugal, who have since developed their own Young Mayor Programme and have elected their third Young Mayor.</p> <p>Supported Lewisham Polish Centre and Warsaw University’s research into the participation of young people with polish heritage in Lewisham.</p>

Research and Evaluation Projects	<p>Taking part in interviews and helping evaluate the Young Mayor Project. Conducting an exit poll for the young mayor's election, interviewing candidates and recording their journey and experiences.</p> <p>Continue to follow candidates and record their experiences, creating a longitudinal study conducted by Dr Kalbir Shukhra, Goldsmiths College.</p>
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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 proving crucial.

7 The Young Mayor's Budget Proposals 2014/15

Consultation

7.1 The Young Mayor has worked closely with both his Advisors and with schools and youth organisations in identifying how to best spend the allocated budget, as well as consulting more widely through social media. There has also been dialogue with local groups in the voluntary and community sector.

7.2 Initial ideas for spending proposals were gathered from a range of sources and forums, including from candidates manifestos, these were then discussed at the Young Advisors meetings.

7.3 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.

7.4 This is the long list as it went out to schools, colleges, youth clubs and the voluntary sector for consultation:

Arts and performance opportunities: Film, multi-media, recording and showcasing talents; music, fashion, drama, festivals

Sports opportunities: Improve sports and parks facilities and more interschool/ inter club competitions and events, football tournaments, fun run

Healthy Living: lifestyles, SRE and wellbeing/ mental health awareness, cook outs and healthy eating

One Lewisham: working with charities, faith groups, community groups, intergenerational and diversity projects.

Environment: keeping Lewisham clean, rubbish collected, chewing gum collected, recycling facilities on the street. Safer street crossings.

Disability awareness: facilities, services and representation, improving access

Life skills: work skills, money, university/college, housing information, hostels

Engagement and campaigns: each school to have representatives, small pot of money to fund young people's campaigns/events,

Publicity and promotion: more news about the Young Mayor and young advisors, promotion about what's available for young people

Employment opportunities: Apprenticeships, work experience guidance, mentoring, vocational skills; construction.

Consultation Outcomes

7.5 Some of the ideas, interests and concerns include:

Hearing young people's views

- Youth conferences to hear from young people,
- Representatives in every school
- Social site to help people keep in touch with everyone and hear people's views

Crime and safety

- Make Lewisham a safer place, do something about fear and knife crime in the borough.
- Keep youths out of trouble and use them/us to help the community, combat issues like mental health and gang related activities, workshops on gang culture, youth violence and mental health
- Workshops to resolve conflict, change the way we perceive life and help each other fit in, workshops about inequality, discrimination and crime
- Youth groups for people who are involved in knife crime/gangs
- Support system for young people affiliated to crime to set them on the right path
- Mental health support, counselling for people who have been affected by knife crime and/or depression, youth counsellors to support young people with their problems
- Change stereotypes and expectations of young people, change how young people are perceived by the media
- Help people get on the right path

Arts and sports activities

- Afterschool activities, drama productions, music studios, fashion shows, music performances, local events for young people to go, street art, gaming competitions, interschool competitions
- Football tournaments; park gyms; roller skating
- Cultural festivals and events to bring people together

Health

- Sexual health workshops and information
- Cook outs, Healthy eating and fitness
- First aid courses for all schools
- Mental health awareness

Environment

- Keep areas clean, more recycling, recycle waste properly

Disability awareness

- Disability awareness, places where disabled people can swim, more space for wheelchairs/ guide dogs/bins, support groups for people with disabilities

Jobs and business

- More jobs, workshops for CVs, seminars by industry professionals, job fair and workshops to find out what you might want to do
- Workshops to help young people identify their skills and use their passions, meet their aspirations and ambitions
- Chances to develop entrepreneurial skills and social skills
- Workshops in schools to develop own business taking an idea through to a business that could change your life

Other

- Help with homelessness and housing problems
- Intergenerational projects
- Support Votes at 16
- Improve libraries
- Help schools who need money

7.6 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. As seen through the areas of work detailed in section 6 the Young Mayor and Advisors group aim to work through a wide range of issues, concerns and interests which are raised by young people over the year. The consultation results came back to the Young Mayor and Young Advisors and the following proposals were developed.

8 Young Mayor Budget Proposals 2015/16

The Young Mayor and Advisors have identified as a priority for this year's budget two areas in order to address the needs and interests which have arisen over the year, and from the consultation process, to complement existing provision and also to recognise the continuing and increasing strain on public resources.

Wellbeing, Opportunities and Engagement

- 8.1 The proposals are intended to be very specific, linked to outcomes that are achievable and deliverable. Wider objectives will continue to be met but the Young Mayor and Advisors wanted to concentrate on two tangible areas in terms of their proposals to cover the variety of the feedback that came through the consultation.

Young People's Funding Pot £10,000

- 8.2 Following the success of the previous year's funding pot in order that young people can apply themselves for support to develop their own projects the proposal is to continue with a funding pot. There will be a review of the process and projects in order to take forward improvements/amendments to the process.
- 8.3 The consultation showed a whole range of different areas that young people are interested in, it also showed young people are keen to organise their own events and projects. This pot will support extra projects to develop with existing organisations providing it is clear that they are young people's ideas. There will be a straight forward application and interview process, to ensure that they are ideas coming from young people themselves and then a panel of young people including the Young Mayor and Young Advisors who will decide on allocation of money.
- 8.4 The applications will address one or more of the criteria below which come from the budget consultation. A range of activities fitting these criteria will be funded;
- Hearing young people's views
 - Crime and safety
 - Arts and sports activities
 - Health
 - Environment
 - Disability awareness
 - Jobs and business
 - Other
- 8.5 The application process is straightforward for young people to complete with support from an organisation. This organisation will receive the money on young people's behalf/ to ensure safety / risk assessment /process. If there is not an organisation that can support young people's application then the Young Mayor Team will assess whether we can provide the support necessary or identify an organisation than can help to implement the project. We will ask for support from the commissioning team to implement the Funding Pot. Full evaluation will be carried out during the life of the project.

Supporting Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing in response to violence and trauma experienced in the community. £15,000.00

- 8.6 In response to young people’s concerns about violent incidents affecting young people in the community, a sum has been identified to work with existing services, to pilot some new ways of working to meet the needs of the wider community of young people.
- 8.7 Potentially working with the Youth Offending Service, CYP Commissioning team, Public Health and voluntary organisations, using previous research with young people from the Headstart programme, this proposal aims to pilot activities to create cohesion and support in some of the most affected neighbourhoods.
- 8.8 This could include supporting the community of practice, to take forward interests and concerns identified by local residents, young, and older, to develop activities and support which will lead to increased wellbeing, self-esteem and resilience in response to traumatic events. It could also include counselling /group work activities for young people and could be used alongside the Young People’s Funding Pot.

8.9 Summary of Proposed Expenditure

Young People’s Funding Pot	£10000
Supporting Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing	£15000
Total	£25000

Progress and Evaluation

- 8.10 The new Young Mayor and Young Advisors will report progress in implementing these proposals to Youth forums, School Councils, Mayor and Cabinet and the B-involved website and other social media.
- 8.11 An ongoing consultation and evaluation process will take place with local young people through the Youth Service, School Councils, the Voluntary and Community Sector and People’s Day, as well as the B-involved website.

9 Financial Implications

- 9.1 The net costs of the proposed programme is £25k and will be met from the budget for the Young Mayor’s programme.

10 Legal Implications

- 10.1 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 empowers the local authority to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of all or any persons within the local authority’s area. It enables the Council to incur expenditure under these wellbeing powers which could include a budget for the Young Mayor. The sum of £25,000 is a reasonable for the purposes outlined in the report.

11 Crime and Disorder Implications

- 11.1 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.

12 Equality Implications

- 12.1 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.

13 Environmental Implications

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

14 Background papers

None