

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Young Mayor of Lewisham - Budget Proposals	
Key Decision	No	
Ward		
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Class	Part 1	Date:13th March 2019

1 Summary

- 1.1 On Wednesday 11th October 2017, Laurelle Henry was elected the Fourteenth Young Mayor of Lewisham. Edafese Erhenede 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 2017/18.
- 1.2 These proposals are intended to provide improvements in services for children and young people in the borough. The Young Mayor for 2017/18 has a budget of £25,000 to be allocated after consultation with young people.
- 1.3 This report will do two things; summarise the achievements of the budget from the Young Mayor, Kayla Sh'ay in 2016/17 and outline the work programme of the Young Mayor, Laurelle Henry and Young Advisors in 2017/18 and the budget proposals from that term of office.
- 1.4 This report summarises the proposals which the 2017/18 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 giving children and young people the best start in life and building an inclusive local economy.

- 3.2 The work of the Young Mayor and Young Advisors makes a particular contribution to many of the outcomes set out in the Children and Young People's Plan.
- 3.3 The Young Mayor Programme makes an important contribution to the objectives and priorities identified in the new Corporate Strategy 2018-2022 which sets out 7 corporate priorities that drive decision making in the Council. The Young Mayor Programme specifically supports the priority "Giving children and young people the best start in life and seeks to ensure that "every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential".

4 Background

- 4.1 The Young Mayor Programme has been in place since April 2004. Laurelle Henry is the Fourteenth Young Mayor. Laurelle won the election on a turnout of 54.64% which represents 9334 young people voting.
- 4.2 An evaluation of the project continues to be undertaken by Dr Kalbir Shukra from Goldsmith's College, University of London with further exit polls at the election and interviews with candidates.

5 Budget Expenditure and Achievements, 2016/17 Young Mayor Kayla Sh'ay

- 5.1 Following consultation with young people across the borough, the Young Mayor and Young Advisors identified two areas of work.
- 5.2 Budget Expenditure 2016/17 Young Mayor Kayla Sh'ay
- 5.2.1 The Young Mayor and Advisors identified as a priority for the budget, two areas in order to address the needs and interests which had 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.
- 5.3 Area 1: Curriculum for Life
- 5.3.1 To work with others across the borough to develop a curriculum for life, identifying what young people want to learn which is currently outside the mainstream curriculum. This includes things like first aid, mental health and wellbeing, debating and discussion about ethical, social and world issues to help form opinions and build confidence and self-esteem. It also includes practical issues such as knowing about rights in employment, taxation and pensions, an extension of preparing young people for life after/outside school.
- 5.4 A group of young people on work experience as well as the young advisors visited schools and youth clubs to research and draw up recommendations for the subjects and issues to be covered. A

considerable amount of work and ideas have been contributed from different groups of young people in the borough.

5.5 A small group of colleagues in Lewisham have been meeting to try and move these ideas forward. They are due to be presented by young people to strategic bodies such as the Head teachers briefing, governors and Secondary Challenge to see where these ideas can be fitted into policy development and school plans, taking into account the pressures that schools are already experiencing.

5.6 The budget has not been allocated yet but will be used to pay for activities and sessions which will be piloted in some schools, suggestions include activities such as first aid workshops.

Total: £10,000.00

5.7 Area 2: Curriculum for Enterprise

5.7.1 The Curriculum for Enterprise is part of and will complement the Curriculum for Life to offer opportunities for young people to learn about and experience being involved in enterprise culture as a response to changing work places. Working with existing opportunities in Lewisham and feeding into bodies such as the Business Support Providers Forum, Education Business Partnership and youth organisations like Young Enterprise to strengthen the pathways for young people in to this field.

5.7.2 This part of the budget will be implemented alongside the Curriculum for Life, and be a pot for schools to apply to for support and an enterprise project, an identified youth space for enterprise support.

Total: £15,000.00

6 Activities during 2017/18 by Young Mayor Laurelle Henry and the Young Advisors Group

6.1 Since October 2017, 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 one Young Advisor meetings were held during 2017/18.
Social Justice and Diversity	<p>Participating in debates and panels on social justice and diversity. 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>Young Advisors helped plan and host an International Women's Day event with school groups to celebrate 100 years of Suffrage. Workshops included debating and Feminists society and STEM and spoken word workshops.</p> <p>Begin part of the Youth AIG – youth advising police group</p> <p>Representing young people at LGBTQ events including Launch of LGBTQ Month and full council. Discussion about the prejudices they can face and how it's possible to better support young people</p> <p>Drumbeat School Council meetings planning a summer event.</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>Participating in the safety Conference, with parents and young people.</p> <p>Equalities event with Councillors and school celebrating 100 years of some women having the vote.</p>
Civic Events	<p>Young People from the Young Mayor Team attend events to show solidarity and recognise the importance for the wider community of events with important historical roots. Recognising achievements and being involved in and learning about other 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>Primary school council and Mayor Meetings.</p> <p>Holocaust Memorial Day event.</p> <p>House of Lords Visit with Chair of Council and dignitaries.</p> <p>Syrian Refugee Event</p> <p>Council AGM / Full council Meetings</p> <p>Visit to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office</p> <p>Celebrate commonwealth day – raising flag</p> <p>Laurelle, Young Mayor and her Mum attended the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle at the invitation of the Lord Lieutenant</p>

Organisation / Project / Work area etc.	Activity
Intergenerational Activities	Working together with older people to build understanding through intergenerational projects.
	Attending Positive Aging Council meetings.
	Silver Sunday with POSAC
	Windrush Generation Reminiscence Project with Layers for London and the local community
Health	Some input into the development of the new Young Peoples' Health Service.
	Meeting with Compass (the commissioned group for the YPHS) about publicity and marketing
	Regular update with the CCG about local developments.
	Meeting with Brook about the sexual Health Services they provide for Young People.
	Meeting and discussion with Lewisham and Bromley Mind
	Working with CYP Mental health commissioning team around mental health services and CAMHS
	Met with the CAMHS young people's Participation group to share experiences and plan together
	Helping with the sugar smart public consultation
Employment and Enterprise	Supporting opportunities for young people, activities, jobs and training through sharing on Facebook and through informal networks
	Work experience students from 7 schools plus 10 students on work experience doing a two week Voter Registration and Curriculum for Life campaign
	Create con – creative industries careers event for schools
	Visit to Deptford Construction HUB
Working with Children and Young People Directorate including Lewisham Youth Service/Youth First	Update and discussion on progress of Youth First, attending Youth Forum.
	Budget consultations and discussion on the Curriculum for life at some youth clubs and centres.
	Contributed to the CSC All staff Conference
	Meeting with CYP Select Committee and to identify in depth review: contributing to the in depth review on Teacher retention.
	Discussion with Junior LACC about Curriculum for Life Working with the Safeguarding board about the website and engaging with young people
B-involved Website and Facebook	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.

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Community Safety, Policing and Youth Justice	Workshop around stop and search with Y Stop – understanding your rights and being able to talk to others about rights and responsibilities.
	Participating in the Youth Violence Commission with Vicky Foxcroft MP
	Developing knowledge of and supporting young people involved in the Youth Justice System, through the YOS engagement group.
	Hate Crime Awareness week supporting the White Ribbon Campaign, awareness building in the community and for young people
HR, Regeneration and Housing	Contributing to the consultation with Team Catford including a discussion on affordable housing
	Speaking with Lewisham Homes engagement team about the needs and interests of young people
	Interviewing for Chief Executive position and CYP position
	UKYP representative and Young Mayor Judging the Guardian newspapers public sector awards
Working with Schools and Colleges	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
	School visits to the civic suite including, school council meetings and primary school visits with the Mayor.
	Termly School Council Meetings at the Civic Suite: hosted by the Young Mayor and Young Advisors with school council representatives.
	Deptford Green School Feminist Conference
	Young Mayor Budget consultations, talking to students about priorities for the budget, getting their views and ideas.
	Consultations and discussion on the Curriculum for Life including Lewisham College Council
	Meeting and talking with travel ambassadors at Sandhurst school
	Supported the Schools Clean air Conference
	Opening Tidemill school and Turnham School
	Young Advisors visit Gordonbrock School visit to year 6 about transitioning to Secondary school
	School council visits about the Curriculum for Life
Community Events and Organisations	Attending community events representing young people, recognising achievement, encouraging participation, cohesion and volunteering, for example: AGM, Blackheath Fireworks; Preschool Alliance Community Event; Sedgemoor Summer Sizzler;
	Participating in Lewisham Youth Conference as inspirational speakers.

Organisation / Project / Work area etc.	Activity
Community Events and Organisations	National Citizenship Service professional visits and Dragons Den events
	Taking part in in VAL events
Sports and Arts	Open Mic night as part of Lewisham Live with Midi music and the Looked After Children's Team
	Supporting People's Day and developing messages for young people about people's day. To contribute to safety of the event and young people's positive participation in the event.
	Peoples Day work experience programme with European visitors as part of an Erasmus+ project.
	Working with Fusion to promote opportunities for young people in their leisure centres.
	Supporting local football tournaments.
Visits to Westminster, meeting politicians and supporting voter registration events.	Young people developing knowledge and understanding of party politics and democratic engagement which can then be shared with their peers.
	Visit to the House of Lords and meeting with Lords, developing an understanding of how decision making process work.
Visits to Westminster, meeting politicians and supporting voter registration events.	2 weeks of voter registration campaign with 8 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 meeting with Councillors around housing, refugees, select committees, food bank, serious youth violence, mental health and wellbeing, youth services, poverty commission
	Debating Votes at 16 event at Houses of Parliament
	Contributing to the Barriers in Politics report initiated by local councillors
	Interviewing Shakira Martin (president of the Students Union) for Lewisham Life celebrating the achievements of women
	Meeting with Heidi Alexander MP at the Houses of Parliament about Europe
	Meeting with Vicky Foxcroft MP at her constituency office
	Meeting Rebecca Mason Jones talking about the Women's Equality Party

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UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and British Youth Council (BYC) and other Regional and National work.	Engagement with the national Youth Voice Strategies and meeting other young people who are representing their areas
	Representing Lewisham at House of Commons UKYP Annual Sitting.
	Participating in the Peer Outreach Project – GLA Peer Outreach Team.
	Attending BYC conventions and meeting other young people who are active in their communities across London and the South East
	Understanding the regional opportunities for young people and how to get involved in and influence policy making across London
European visits / visitors	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.
	With the aid of Erasmus+ grants we visited Alingsas outside Gothenburg to find out about how they work with young people who are NEET, and training and enterprise initiatives
	Visit to Strasbourg to learn about the European Institutions, European Parliament, Council of Europe etc., with young people from Czech republic, Sweden and Portugal. Follow up to discussion and learning about Europe with schools in Lewisham and the Young Advisors Group.
	Local Government Association of Sweden (Solar) Conference – Young Mayor and Young advisor speaking about young people’s participation
	Young people from the three countries came to work with Young Advisors on Peoples Day to gain some experience
	The aim being to share ideas around citizenship develop an understanding of what it means to be European, raise aspirations and be part of a wider world.
	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.
Research and Evaluation Projects	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
	Continue to follow candidates and record their experiences, creating a longitudinal study conducted by Dr Kalbir Shukra, Goldsmiths College.

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 2017/18

7.1 Consultation

7.1.1 The Young Mayor has worked closely with both her 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.

7.1.2 Initial ideas for spending proposals were gathered from a range of sources and forums, including from candidates manifestos and the election campaign. These were then discussed at the Young Advisors meetings and the long-list put into a postcard format. The Young Advisors designed a tick box postcard to make it easier when talking to others and gathering views, it also had a space to write more where if required.

7.1.3 This long-list was taken to schools and youth projects and used at events, where a wider group of local young people were able to debate and discuss about the merits of the emerging proposals.

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

- Arts, sports and performance opportunities
- Employment and enterprise opportunities
- Healthy Living and lifestyles
- Work with faith groups, intergenerational and diversity projects
- Environment issues, clean streets, traffic and transport
- Being safe, working together to help everyone feel and be safe
- School; what we learn and why, linking school to working life, support in school.
- informal education, youth services

7.2 Consultation Outcomes

Some of the ideas, interests and concerns include:

7.2.1 Arts, sports and performance opportunities

Support young people's talent

Interschool sports/dance competitions and workshops

More creative street art

School music festival

More sports tournaments
Music showcases to display the talents of young people
More youth events for young people to attend

7.2.2 Employment and enterprise

More career opportunities like work experience, interviews and looking for your pathway after education.
More jobs, workshops for CVs, seminars by industry professionals, job fair and workshops to find out what you might want to do
Support young people to create enterprise and promote businesses run by young people in Lewisham
Workshops in schools to develop own more offers and taster sessions for diverse jobs to help year 11s know what industry they'd like to enter

7.2.3 Healthy living and lifestyles

Sexual health and relationships information, workshops
Mental health and wellbeing workshops and support
First aid workshops
LGBTQ info and support
Bring awareness of mental health and wellbeing such as depression and peer pressure
Workshops showcasing life skills
Counselling to be in schools for students to express their feelings more
Help housing problems
Obesity and exercise, eating less sugar

7.2.4 Work with faith groups, intergenerational and diversity projects

Politics workshop
Show how diverse, cultural and creative Lewisham is by organising a cultural showcase day to celebrate our diversity
Youth disability awareness workshops across all Lewisham schools.
Work with older people and learn from their experiences

7.2.5 Environmental issues

Less pollution and cleaner air
Cleaner streets
Less cars near schools

7.2.6 Being safe and working together

Anti-knife crime campaign
Make the streets safer for young people, more police and better CCTV
More recognition for young people
Set up a counselling service for those affected by gangs, weapons and related threats.
Welcome refugees to Lewisham

7.2.7 School and education issues

What we learn and why, linking school to working life, support in school
Learn about politics

More interactive lessons that pupils can debate and find out what they are interested in and what their views are on difficult subjects to be intrigued such as having conversations about issues going on around us and how subjects at school relate to the work environment
Life skills; budgeting, finances, running a home
Counselling to be in schools for students to express their feelings
Support from people we are happy to talk to about all kinds of issues

7.2.8 Informal education, youth services

More places for young people to go after school so they're not bored and get involved in crime
Support votes at 16
Make sure young people know their rights

7.2.9 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 Budget Proposals 2017/18 Young Mayor Laurelle Henry

- 8.1 The Young Mayor and Advisors have identified as a priority for this year's budget three 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.
- 8.2 The proposals are intended to be very specific, linked to outcomes that are achievable and deliverable. The Curriculum for Life is an ongoing piece of work initiated in last year's budget. With further consultation and ideas from different groups of young people and from some colleagues this has taken additional time to achieve. The contribution from this budget further consolidates young peoples and increasingly other professionals' interest and support for this piece of work. It will enable further resources and evaluation of this project.
- 8.3 Proposal 1
Continuing the development of the Curriculum for Life;
- Small pot grants for schools and other organisations to apply to initiate/continue /develop/expand a project addressing any of the areas and issues identified in the Curriculum for Life

£10,000.00

- Schools Conference event in in Summer term 2019 to share the best practice of projects/session funded by the small pot and/or other activities which fit into the Curriculum for Life – Identify ways forward developing a young person led self-evaluation of the Curriculum for Life

£3,000.00

- Develop a Lewisham Alumni Programme – Past students from Lewisham schools will meet together and develop ideas about how they can contribute to supporting current students through sharing their experience and stories and through taking part in classes which relate to their jobs /careers/ experiences. To influence and raise aspirations of students thinking about who they want to be and what they want to do and showing how to collaborate and continue to work as part of the community. Pilot in two schools.

£3,000.00

8.4 Proposal 2: First Aid

To contribute to the ongoing interest and concern that Young people have to access First Aid training to enable them to be better prepared to help others. Working with Street Doctors providing First Aid sessions taking place in schools and youth services.

£7,000.00

8.5 Proposal 3: Enterprise and showcase

An event combining entrepreneurial and other opportunities for young people alongside a talent showcase and access to education and employment support in the creative sector

£2,000.00

8.6 Summary of Proposed Expenditure

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Continuing the roll out of the Curriculum for Life	16,000.00
First Aid	7,000.00
Enterprise and showcase	2,000.00
T O T A L	25,000.00

8.7 Progress and Evaluation

- 8.7.1 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.
- 8.7.2 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-

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. For example working with the special schools and groups such as Looked after Children and Young Carers who might find it more difficult to participate.

13 Environmental Implications

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

14 Background papers

Curriculum for Life PowerPoint