Bucks Youth Voice Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: Thursday 8th October 2026
Meeting Time: 5-7:30pm
Meeting Location: Mapledean Family Hub, High Wycombe

Staffing: Shayan, Flic, Kirstie
Guests: Clive Seall (Service Director for Early Help, Prevention), Claire Hunter (Head of Finance)

Attendees:
In Person: (Vice Chair) RH, ZK, LW, RM, PH, AI
Online: N/A

Hello and welcome, overview of agenda for today

The meeting started at 5:00pm, with all members joining in person. Shayan opened the meeting, welcomed everyone. Shayan also gave an overview of the agenda and Vice Chair, RH provided an overview of the group agreement.

Positive Pineapple

Everyone introduced themselves and shared something positive that had happened. Clive Seall took part in this too with YVEC, before his introductions.

Introducing Clive Seall - Service Director for Early Help, Prevention

The YVEC members took time in this session to get to know Clive, who is the Service Director for Early Help, Prevention in Children's Services at Buckinghamshire Council. Clive introduced himself personally, his background and ambitions within this new role. YVEC enjoyed this interaction and also asked some meaningful questions relating to their personal experiences.

Budget Consultation Activity

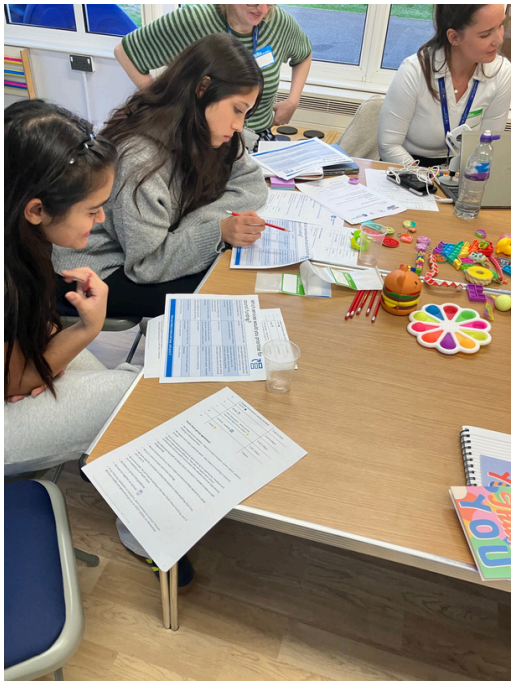
This session was led by Claire Hunter, Head of Finance at Buckinghamshire Council, aiming to gain feedback from YVEC on where they think the council budget should be prioritised for the next year. Claire started off by explaining the different areas the Council's budget can be allocated to each year, the financial status of councils across the country and the current budget plan.

Based on this knowledge, YVEC participated in an activity where they had a ‘bingo card’ with different areas the budget could be invested in. YVEC took time to identify their priority and non-priority areas, individually.

Care and support services for older people and vulnerable adults	Car parking such as car parks, street parking	Community safety such as working with other organisations to tackle anti-social behaviour, violence and hate crime
Culture and tourism such as museums, country parks and archaeology	Educational services such as childcare, pre-school, school admissions	Environmental health such as food safety, health and safety in the workplace, pollution control, housing standards and trading standards
Housing such as finding a home, social tenancy issues, homelessness issues	Library services	Maintaining parks, open spaces, playing fields, rights of way and the countryside
Pavement maintenance including footpaths	Planning services such as advice, enforcement, development plans, planning applications, building control	Protecting the environment such as development of green spaces, renewable energy
Public Health services such as stopping smoking, drug / alcohol services	Public transport	Road infrastructure and planning
Road maintenance	Services and support for children and young people	Services to attract and support local businesses
Sport and leisure services	Town centre regeneration	Waste collection
Waste management such as fly-tipping prosecutions and recycling	Place your block to share your view, pick up to 5!	

Then, a group discussion took place for YVEC to add depth to and explain their responses. For example, YVEC fed back the issue of fly-tipping in certain areas, working to reduce antisocial behaviour, housing problems and the need for more accessibility equipment in parks.

Decision: Claire Hunter will take YVEC’s feedback to a cabinet away day to inform the Budget Consultation 2027/28.





Break

The group had a 20-minute food break where they ate pizza and picnic style food.

YVEC Elections

The YVEC elections took place toward the end of the break, to align with the timings of the schedule. RH and AI came forward for Chair, delivering a two minute speech each with the prompt question, 'what does a good representative for YVEC mean to you?' It was agreed beforehand, that the individual who was not appointed Chair would be appointed as Vice Chair. Both speeches delivered were impressive and clearly thought out, demonstrating commitment to the role.

The voting took place anonymously, where the YVEC voting box was used. YVEC members wrote the name of their desired Chair on pieces of paper, which were folded up and placed in the YVEC voting box. Shayan then checked these, counted and revealed the Chair for this year, RH and the Vice Chair, AI.

YVEC Discussion: 'what topics are important to us currently?'

This discussion got YVEC thinking about the most important topics to them currently. This highlighted themes that could inform the conversation spaces for the youth summit 27, that are scheduled to be decided in the next meeting.

Many topics were discussed and members were also reminded of the previous conversation spaces from last year. The topics discussed included:

- Accessibility of the council
- Physical health - opinions on ways of communicating about things/barriers to physical fitness/healthy eating/price of health
- Mental health (thinking about Article-12 from last year)
- Drugs/vaping
- Community and antisocial behaviour
- Youth involvement/engagement
- Identity - reflecting on last year's 'Identity Space'
- Political engagement - rights of voting/rights in general

AOB

Shayan updated YVEC, that The Aylesbury Waterside Theatre had been confirmed for the 1st of March, for the Summit 27.

Decision: Summit planning will be in full swing from the November YVEC Meeting.

Shayan also relayed the previous Chair, WT's reflections around concluding their position, as WT could not make it to the meeting on this occasion. The reflection was positive and encouraging.

After, a thank you card was given to RH for their time as Vice Chair, and will be given to WT, when present next meeting.

The Impact

Through today's session, YVEC has directly fed back to the finance team and their views will be taken to a Cabinet Away Day in November, to inform budget allocation for the council 27/28.

All members contributed to the planning stage of the Summit 27, through identifying current, important themes for young people in Bucks today. This will ultimately shape the conversation spaces discussed in the next meeting.

Close

The meeting closed at 7:30pm. Thank you to everybody who was part of this meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Shayan via: YouthVoiceBucks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk