



Young Mayor Max Update to Cabinet 20th February 2023

Hello Everyone,

This is my last update to you in my role as Young Mayor, I want to thank you all for your support over the last year.

On Friday 17th February the youth elections concluded, and the new elected Young Mayor is Cameron Quinn from St Thomas More their pledge is:

To ensure that every young person in North Tyneside has the best possible start in life by creating a safe diverse and nurturing environment.

The new elected MYP is Sharon Zeng from George Stephenson High school, and their pledge is: To raise awareness about the importance of financial education in schools, informing students about their financial choices and career choices.

I wish them both all the best in working to achieve their pledges. I know Youth Councillors will support them in achieving them, as they've supported MYP Hannah and me to achieve ours.

Many of the Youth Council Environment Committee and I have taken part in the tree planting in the Northwest of the borough as part of the North East Community Forest project. I've also attended St Columbus Primary School to help them with the planting of their trees in the school grounds, this was part of their Eco Schools Award.

You will remember my own pledge last year was to encourage as many schools as possible to register for the Eco school Award, I'm pleased to say 51 schools are now registered, this is a huge increase. I would like to thank Councillor Graham and the Sustainable Environment team for all their support, I know when their team go into schools to do assemblies on recycling, they talk about Eco Schools Award.

Thanks to Cllr Graham and Paul Nelson for attending our last Environment Committee meeting it was good for us to hear about all the work that is being carried forward by North Tyneside Council out as part of the Action on Climate Change.

The fundraising for Walking With has gone well over the year. Most money raised has been from the Morrisons request for donations from shoppers we

carried out our third fundraiser of the year in Whitley Bay yesterday and have raised a further £85.81 this has been added to the running total making the final amount of £703.67 which will, be presented to walking With at our March meeting we also collected over 150 large bags of groceries which were greatly appreciated . We have all been overwhelmed by the generosity of people donating.

Members of the Youth Council, SEND Youth Forum and Children's in Care Council are working with Suzy Kitchen who is the Independent Scrutineer for the Children's Safeguarding Partnership. They will be helping to co-produce a video informing young people of the Partnership and how they can get help around young people's safeguarding.

The SEND Youth Forum are also busy making films around School Nurses and Education, Health, and Care Plans and why its important to hear the voices of children and young people in these. These videos will be used at staff conferences and on our SEND Local Offer and website.

Thank you.