



Young Mayor Cameron Update to Cabinet 22nd May 2023

Hello Everyone,

I've had many meetings since I last gave you my update, with you Dame Norma and lots of council staff, Chief Executive Paul, Sam Dand, Colin MacDonald, Rachael Nicholson and Chris Woodcock from Public Health, Jill Hurst from Catering and with partners from VODA.

Everyone has been very supportive of my ideas and plans are coming together to make things happen. I'm pleased to tell you that an allotment and small gardens event is being planned and invitations sent to leads and caretakers from the secondary schools who are already registered with Eco Schools Award. This will take place on 27th June here at Quadrant.

I've attended Carbon Net Zero 2030 board meetings and have been impressed by how much is already being done in the borough.

I was grateful to be invited to the unveiling of the new plastic bottle bin which had been donated by The Green Seas Trust. We hope that people will use it to recycle the single use plastic bottles and prevent more plastic finding its way into our oceans.

I visited Shiremoor Adventure Playground, where I met with staff and young volunteers, and enjoyed a tour of the facilities. The new Community Safety Committee are going to visit again with me, to learn from the young people, why the space is so attractive to them.

In memory of Youth Councillor and SEND Youth Forum Member Daniel Taylor, the Youth Councillors agreed that they would raise money for a local charity that is connected to Daniel's pledge to have more accessible activities and places in North Tyneside.

Local charities were identified, and the background info was presented to Youth Councillors. Everyone used a paper vote to choose one of the charities that they would like to support to raise funds for over this year. The Charity that received the most votes is Pathways 4 All!

Youth Councillors are looking forward to working with Pathways 4 All to discover from the young members at the project the sorts of barriers that prevents their participation.

In the meantime, Youth Councillors will fundraise by, holding raffles, book sales, supermarket bag packs and sponsored activities. They hope that you will be able to support their fundraising efforts.

The total amount raised will be presented to Pathways 4 All at the end of the Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament term in March 2024

Young People's Conference was a great success Over 120 participants attended from 10 schools across the borough. The feedback from participants was very positive they tested the new Ready for Life game and gave us some good pointers to improve it, and in other workshops explored, what are the barriers to young people accessing places and activities.

We will tell you all about it at the decision makers event here at Council offices young people from the participating schools and some youth councillors will explain what the issues are connected to the two topics, this is planned for June 8th.

Thank you.