



Young Mayor Cameron Update to Cabinet 26th June 2023

Hello Everyone,

On June 8th as part of the year of The Voice of the Child we held an event with North Tyneside Council decision makers. Some young people from the participating schools at Young People's Conference and some Youth Councillors helped explore further the issues connected to the topic of possible barriers for some young people accessing activities and places in the borough.

I would like to thank them for each making a pledge on what they will do to improve things. We intend to follow up with them in few months' time to see how they are doing.

They also critiqued the new Ready for Life Game which MYP Sharon has been working with her committee. The game provides the foundation for having a conversation about aspects of finance as young people move into adulthood. Improvements will be made to the game before it goes out for use in secondary schools.

It was great pleasure for me to attend the Dragons Den type panel, where children councillors presented their school playground projects to Jackie Laughton, Cllr Steven Phillips and I. All the children had worked hard on their projects. The 4 winning playground project is a small allotment which is being developed at Benton Dene Primary School.

Youth Councillor's, SEND Youth Forum members and Children in Care Council collaborated on creating a Safeguarding film, the

animation will be used in schools and colleges to inform children and young people about what safeguarding is and where to go for help.

SEND Youth Forum are working with Connexions on a project preparing for adulthood. They are working with a graphic illustrator to include the information that is needed to equip them.

I continue to attend Carbon Net Zero 2030 board meetings on TEAMS and am always impressed by how much is being done in the borough.

I am continuing to attend the Local Transport Board along with the North Tyneside Public Transport Forum. As a frequent user of public transport, it is good for me to be able to pass on my thoughts about services alongside the young people's views that I represent.

It was good for me to meet with the young members at North Tyneside Carers Centre. I told them about my role as Young Mayor, the roles of Youth Councillors and encouraged them to join Youth Council. We would welcome them to inform Youth Council projects with their own experiences and perspectives.

Sunderland Council hosted the BYC YouthCon last Saturday. Several Youth Councillors and I attended and enjoyed the day very much. We took part in debates, workshops and listened to the guest speakers.

Thank you.