



Young Mayor Cameron Update to Cabinet 31st July 2023

Hello Everyone,

Since the last time I gave my update, I have held an allotment and small garden event which gave information and outlined the benefits of creating spaces within schools. Vicky from VODA along with Pauline from Lovaine Gardens Allotment were the experts on hand to answer questions. The event went well and so far, we have had 8 schools get in touch to apply for the grant that's been offered.

I have met with Ms Bowers, the food technology lead from Norham High School to plan the launch of the cost-of-living cookery project, which was part of my pledge. She was very keen to support the project whereby students will be given a bag of fresh ingredients and asked to create a recipe, cook a meal and take a selfie photograph of the finished meal. The recipes will go into a cost cutting guide and cookery booklet. North Tyneside Catering services team have agreed to cook the winning recipe and it will be available to students on the school lunch menu.

Shiremoor Adventure Playground will also run a cookery session over the summer break and the some of the children will be given the bags of ingredients and the meal can be taken home afterwards.

Youth Councillors and I have taken part in fundraising with bag packing at Morrisons, we have taken part in 2 sessions and as always, the shoppers in Whitley Bay have been very generous with their donations.

Youth Councillors' and I have taken part in the State of the Area planning meetings, this year the theme is North Tyneside 2030, and many of us have contributed to what we believe to be the key themes for us in the near future as we will all be adults in 2030. There will be more about this event later in the year.

Youth Councillor's, SEND Youth Forum members and Children in Care Council members attended a launch at Jam Jar Cinema showing the safeguarding video which they made with the North Tyneside Safeguarding Children's Partnership. 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.

Member of Youth Parliament Sharon Zeng attended the UKYP Annual Conference in Leeds last weekend, she met with other MYPs from around the country and found it interesting to hear about the sorts of projects that they are involved. The

focus of the weekend was the Food for Learning Campaign, which calls for free school meals for all young people. The MYPs will be debating the topic later in the year at the House of Commons

Thanks to Director of Resources Jon Ritchie who met with me earlier in the month, Jon explained about the financial processes between the council and schools.

Thanks to Katie Lawson Community Protection Officer who met with me last week and explained about the work that she and the team are currently doing with young people around the borough.

Last week some of us took part in a Young Carers Awareness session, this was run by staff from the Young Carers Centre. Thanks to Peter Thorpe and Lucy Hodgson for such an interesting session, we will be welcoming them back to our Youth Council meeting in September when they will be sharing their knowledge with more Youth Councillors.

Thank you.