



## Young Mayor Amelie Ferris Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Hello Everyone I hope that you have all enjoyed a good summer, many youth councillors have been away over the summer break but are back now and keen to follow up the aims of the working groups.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Member of UK Youth Parliament Oscar spoke in support of the Air Quality motion during the Big Debate at the British Youth Council Conference in Leeds.

Oscar has also been involved in sending out the Make Your Mark consultation. This is the largest young people's consultation in Europe. At the end of the process we will know the most important issues nationally and they will be debated by Members of UK Youth Parliament at the House of Commons on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Just as important we will know what's important to young people locally and Youth Councillors can work on these issues over the next term.

Also during August, Youth Councillors raised £335.06 from the bag pack at Morrison's in Whitley Bay and over £100 from the sale of sweets which will go towards their fundraising total for St Johns Ambulance, so far we have raised £553.89. There is a further bag pack planned for December.

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, Youth Councillors from the Youth Transport Forum group met with other young people from the North East region at the Open Lab in Newcastle and helped develop the website which is being created with the Digital Civics Department at Newcastle University. This website will pull together transport information into one place to make it easier for users to find out the information that they wanted.

Anti Bullying working group members have met with the web designer, the group have suggested some changes and updates for the Your Present Your Future Anti Bullying website. The Anti Bullying Creative Writing and Poetry Competition is open for entries from young people who live or study in the borough. Entry Form flyers have been sent out to schools, colleges and libraries with more being given to Youth Councillors for them to take to their schools. Entries close on 30<sup>th</sup> September

A letter has been sent out to schools to inform them about the opportunity to participate in a range of activities over Local Democracy Week in October. Childrens Councillors have come into council offices to work on the school council event which will take place during that Week.

I've met with my planning group we are working on the arrangements for the Equality and Diversity Conference to be held in January 2020. The conference places will be offered to Young People.

The Young Cabinet Member for Environment Abi Tang and the Environment Group Members has been meeting with Cabinet Member for the Environment Councillor Johnson and officers from the Environmental Sustainability department to look at ways that we can support the work that they are doing. North Tyneside Council is already making massive changes and is on track to meet the target to reduce the carbon footprint of North Tyneside Council. The Council contributes to only a small portion of the boroughs carbon levels and the rest of the borough needs to help reduce the overall amount too. Abi updated the Youth Council members about some of what is already happening and asked members what they can pledge to do! She also asked what schools can do.

The young people's group will work more closely with the Environmental Sustainability department to put an action plan together.

Thank you