

Youth Representation Task & Finish Group

8:00am, Thursday 17 June 2021 Microsoft Teams Meeting

Crewe Town Board Actions (5 March 2021)

- 1. At the upcoming Board Meeting, due to take place on 5th March 2021, Board Members will be given the opportunity to volunteer to be part of the task and finish group. It is expected around 5 volunteers would be required to join this group and all should be able to commit the time and effort to achieve this goal.
- 2. Once the task and finish group have established a consensus on how the voice of young people should be represented and how this can be achieved, the group would be invited to present back to the Board for approval.
- 3. The task and finish group would then proceed to scope out a delivery plan accordingly.
- 4. It is expected that the outcome of the objective will be in place within a 6-month period.

Recommendations

How should the voice of young people be represented on Crewe Town Board?

- Establish a Young Peoples Sub-Group
- Membership of upto 10 people with an age group of 16-24 years
- Report into Crewe Town Board via a youth Chair who would attend all Crewe Town Board meetings
- Terms of Reference (ToR) for Young Peoples Sub-Group to be agreed and based on the CTB ToR and linked to CTB TIP themes.
- Sub-Group representation to be reflective of Crewe and from as wide a representation as possible e.g., YMCA, Youth Parliament, College, schools, employed, the arts, sports (additional suggestions from CTB members).
- Chair of Young Peoples Sub-Group to be mentored by CTB member.
- Administrative support and infrastructure to be provided to ensure barriers that may prevent real meaningful impact are removed.
- Ensure role of a Mentor is defined and clear, i.e., to provide support on working through board papers prior to CTB meetings, supporting confidence and developing skills to be a full and active member of CTB.
- Ensure role of administrative support is defined and clear, i.e., organising Young People Sub-Group meetings, support in preparing agenda, producing minutes and following up actions, providing information in such a way that will allow communication into wider groups in Crewe.
- Young Peoples Sub-Group to inform, influence and guide the CTB around the TIP themes to support and steer the long-term development of Crewe from Young Peoples perspective.
- Build capacity of members of Young Peoples Sub-Group to be involved in other sub-committees i.e., Transport their views on how they would like to see transport developed locally in the coming decades will influence their futures.
- Build capacity of members of Young Peoples Sub-Group so that they can communicate and influence in ways our older generation cannot i.e., charge points in the carparking areas their input and future thinking will drive developments in a different way.

How can this be achieved?

- Realistic timeframe.
- Preparation with infra-structure in place before starting.
- Keep group size manageable but representative.
- Need to have achievable and realistic milestones to ensure long term sustainability and real impact.
- If broad direction of travel agreed by CTB, an action plan with target dates and identified resourcing to be produced and presented to CTB.