

GM ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Subject: Young Person Guarantee

Date: 4th December 2020

Report of: Cllr Sean Fielding: Leader Oldham Council
Cllr Eamonn O'Brien: Leader Bury Council

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the attached presentation is to provide Members with an update on the Young Person Guarantee (YPG); set out the process and consultation period and outline draft recommendations made by the Task Group & Youth Advisory Group.

The final recommendations will be published at the GMCA December meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- Review and consider the information contained within the presentation
- Provide feedback and highlight any concerns
- Commit to publishing the process for ongoing commitments for Young People across your areas.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

<https://democracy.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/documents/s9128/8%20CA%20Paper%20Young%20Person%20Guarantee.pdf>

1. INTRODUCTION

The Young Person's Guarantee is a commitment to improving the lives and experiences of young people from across Greater Manchester. It focuses not only on the impact that COVID-19 has had on the city-region, but also on the issues and challenges that young people have said they feel most passionate about.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Coming together to listen, respond – and work hard

2.1.1 A huge number of people across Greater Manchester have stepped up to give freely of their time, expertise, and to share their personal stories about how the pandemic has affected them. The Young People's Guarantee is a collaboration between young people who want to shape a more positive future, and hundreds of individuals and organisations working alongside them to help deliver just that.

2.2 Young people: at the heart of the Young Person's Guarantee

2.2.1 Listening to young people about their experiences of the pandemic – and their hopes of what a Guarantee could give them – has driven our work. We designed the initial shape of the Young Person's Guarantee based on what young people told us about the issues and barriers they were experiencing through a series of consultation events and surveys.

2.2.2 Young people have continued to guide the Guarantee's development beyond the initial consultation. Twenty-four people aged 11 to 30 have come together to form the Youth Advisory Group, from every part of Greater Manchester and reflecting the diversity of backgrounds and experiences we have in our city-region. The Group have held a central role in supporting and determining the work of the Youth Task Force. Most importantly, they have represented the views of their peers and, as co-chairs with Diane Modahl, have offered insight and challenge in Task Force meetings and to the whole project.

2.3 The Youth Task Force

2.3.1 Partners and organisations from across the public, private, voluntary and community sectors in Greater Manchester have combined to form the Youth Task Force. Together with the Youth Advisory Group, they are delivering the ambition of creating and developing a Young Person's Guarantee.

2.4 Focusing and delivering our response

2.4.1 Young people were, and are, concerned about a huge range of issues, some of which already existed and have been sharpened by the experience of the pandemic. They

fell into four clear, interlinked themes. The Youth Advisory Group and the Task Force mobilised around these themes to energise and focus their work.

2.4.2 The pandemic is ongoing and is inflicting more pressure on young people every day. For this reason, we focused first on connecting young people with already-existing opportunities that would support them – and, through our Task Force, mobilising our partners to come forward with more.

2.4.3 However, we also know that tackling some issues will require more than already-stretched partners are currently able to give. The Task Force explored what could enhance – and in some cases transform – the support available to young people, making recommendations for further action to achieve this. Many of these recommendations will support positive outcomes in more than one Task Force area. More work will need to follow with all partners involved to set out what is within the gift of GM and what requires greater leverage externally.

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