

Scrutiny Board Briefing

The Youth Council have been supporting the vote in Wolverhampton and have been encouraging young people from schools and youth projects to vote. The Youth Council have been doing assemblies and approaching form groups encouraging young people to take part.

A report will be presented to Scrutiny which will update the Wolverhampton Result and provide an opportunity to discuss how Scrutiny and the Youth Council can work jointly on the issues.

This year the national campaign for the Youth Parliament was Votes at 16 the Wolverhampton response to this campaign was to ask full council to debate a motion that the council supports votes at 16. This motion was passed on July 19th 2017. The Youth Parliament have been asking for councils to offer their support to the campaign.

The national campaign will not be decided the 10th November 2017 where Members of UK Youth Parliament will come together to debate and decide in their House of Commons sitting the most important issue that they will campaign on for the year ahead. **They will decide this from the top 5 issues voted on by young people from across the UK from the Make Your Mark ballot.** The UK Youth Parliament is the only group other than MPs that is allowed to sit in the House of Commons.

The topics on the ballot paper were all decided by Members of Youth Parliament at the Annual Sitting in July. These are

A Curriculum to prepare us for life. Schools should cover topics like finance, sex and relationship education and politics.

Votes at 16. Give 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote in all elections/referendums.

Protect LGBT+ People. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender+ young people deserve to be treated the same as everyone else; discrimination needs to be challenged.

Support for Young Carers. Government should increase funding to support Young Carers. Schools and youth organisations should work together better to support them.

Transport. Make public transport cheaper, better and accessible for all.

First Aid Education for All Young People. All young people should learn basic First Aid, on a regular basis, including CPR, and all schools in the UK should have a defibrillator

Mental health. Services should be improved with young people's help.

Make the invisible visible. Not all debilitating illnesses and conditions are visible eg. epilepsy, autism and diabetes can be isolating. Young people should work together to raise awareness.

Protect schools budgets from damaging cuts. Government should reverse the proposed cuts to schools so that each young person has an equal chance to succeed

Work Experience hubs for 11-18 year olds. Knowing where to find work experience can be challenging. Government should create an online space to help young people with this