

<b>Report to:</b>	Scrutiny and Overview Committee 15 November 2022
<b>Lead Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Bill Handley – Lead Cabinet Member for Communities
<b>From:</b>	Councillor Richard Stobart (Chair) and the members of the Young People Task & Finish Group

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## **Young People Task & Finish Group – Terms of Reference**

### **Executive Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Scrutiny and Overview Committee's endorsement of the Terms of Reference agreed by the Young People Task & Finish Group for conducting its investigation into youth engagement in South Cambridgeshire.

### **Key Decision**

2. No.

### **Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Overview Committee approves the Terms of Reference attached to this report at Appendix A.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

4. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee is the Task & Finish Group's parent committee and approval of the Terms of Reference will mean that the Young People Task & Finish Group will be formally constituted and therefore able to carry out its work plan.

### **Details**

5. At its meeting in July 2022, Full Council approved a motion asking the Cabinet to establish a working group to investigate ways in which "...the voice of young people is heard in the development of the Council's policies for the future of the District. This

Council encourages youth engagement in local politics and supports the greater involvement of young people in decision-making at the Council...”.

6. Subsequently, the Leader of the Council asked the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to take on this piece of work.
7. At its meeting on 6 September 2022 the Scrutiny and Overview Committee appointed Councillors Graham Cone, Stephen Drew, Sue Ellington, Helene Leeming, and Richard Stobart to the Young People Task & Finish Group.
8. The Task & Finish Group held its first meeting on 20 October 2022 and its second on 2 November 2022. Each of these meetings served to develop a work plan based on the Group’s draft terms of reference. It is envisaged that the Task and Finish Group will gather its evidence from January to March next year with a view to reporting its findings to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee towards the middle of 2023.

## **Options**

9. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee can do one of three things:
  - (a) Endorse and adopt the terms of reference as attached at Appendix A
  - (b) Make amendments and adopt the terms of reference as amended
  - (c) Reject the terms of reference

## **Implications**

10. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

### **Staffing**

11. The lead officer for this Group is the Communications and Communities Service Manager and other colleagues will be required to input into the work of the group as its work progresses. There are therefore resourcing implications, but these considered to be achievable within current resources.

## **Consultation responses**

12. Consultation responses will help to inform the Group’s final report to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee. Consultation has not yet started.

## **Alignment with Council Priority Areas**

### **Growing local businesses and economies**

13. Task & Finish Group recommendations may relate to this priority.

### **Housing that is truly affordable for everyone to live in**

14. Task & Finish Group recommendations may relate to this priority.

### **Being green to our core**

15. Task & Finish Group recommendations may relate to this priority.

### **A modern and caring Council**

16. Task & Finish Group recommendations do relate to this priority as the Group intends looking at improving the inclusion and involvement of young people in decisions that affect them and create in those young people a sense of belonging.

## **Background Papers**

None

## **Appendices**

Appendix A: Young People Task & Finish Group Terms of Reference (draft)

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