

# **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

## **Cabinet Meeting: 11 July, 2016**

### **Report of the Leader**

#### **Youth Cabinet Constitution**

##### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise Cabinet of the review of the constitution of the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Cabinet (VOGYC) conducted by Youth Cabinet members.
2. To seek approval of the revisions for including future Youth Cabinet election dates.

##### **Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet approve changes to the VOGYC Constitution attached in [Appendix A](#) and authorise its implementation.
2. That Cabinet approve the VOGYC election cycle as attached in [Appendix B](#).

##### **Reasons for the Recommendations**

1. To ensure the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Cabinet Constitution reflects the outcome of the recent review.
2. To enable the VOGYC to continue to work in partnership with the Vale Youth Forum.

##### **Background**

3. In August 2015, the first elected Youth Cabinet completed its term of office and its members evaluated their experience. They recommended a review by the VOGYC to include an in depth analysis by young people of the Constitution, terms of reference, membership, role descriptions and positions.

##### **Relevant Issues and Options**

4. The review was conducted. The review concluded that the only point to be changed related to the continuity of membership. Discussions with their peers were held about the length of time youth cabinet members should in future hold office balancing the need for continuity of membership with the need to give other Vale Youth Forum members the opportunity to get involved. It was agreed there needed to be a better balance. It is proposed that the VOGYC Constitution is adjusted accordingly to reflect their proposal.

## **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

5. None directly relevant to this report. The VOGYC receives project funds from the Council of £2,000 per academic year.

## **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

6. There are no sustainability and climate change implications arising from this report.

## **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

7. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

8. There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

9. The changes ensure young people have a more meaningful experience.

## **Corporate/Service Objectives**

10. This report links to the Corporate Plan in relation to the objectives relating to children and young people's engagement.

## **Policy Framework and Budget**

11. This is a matter for Executive decision.

## **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

12. Youth Cabinet members and Vale Youth Forum members have been consulted on the changes that are proposed. Youth Cabinet members discussed proposed changes with members of the Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet.

## **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

13. Corporate Performance and Resources.

## **Background Papers**

None.

## **Contact Officers**

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## **Officers Consulted**

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