

Minutes of a **MEETING** of the **YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE** held at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014** at 1.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Brownson (Chairman) and Councillors Anderson, Blackburn and Golightly.

**Also Present:** David Anderson, (Town Clerk)

**YC.1/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Zair.

**YC.2/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were submitted.

**YC.3/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**YC.4/13 YOUTH AWARD COMPETITION**

The Events Committee had requested that this Committee consider options to improve the Youth Award Competition, in particular the possible involvement of the Youth Council in the Competition as a means of engaging with young people.

Detailed consideration was given to the establishment of a Youth Council with the following terms of reference.

The Youth Council will comprise of three representatives at Key Stage 4 from the School Councils of the following secondary schools:

- Bishop Barrington Secondary School
- King James' 1 Academy
- St John's School and Sixth Form College

The purpose of the Youth Council would be to meet twice a term (six times a year) to be the voice of the young people of Bishop Auckland.

Meetings would usually be held in the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland beginning at 6.00 p.m. and finish no later than 7.30 p.m.

The Youth Council would decide their own agenda based on issues important to them, but would also be requested for their input to the Youth Award Competition to ensure it continued to be relevant and resulted in genuine improvement for the youth of Bishop Auckland. In that respect the Youth Council would also be asked to judge the competition.

Arrangements were to be made for the first meeting of the Youth Council to be held in the Four Clocks Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from 6.00 p.m. and finish no later than 7.30 p.m.

**RECOMMENDED:** That a Youth Council be established with terms of reference as detailed above.