

**BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**

**Special Full Council**

**Tuesday 18 February 2025**

**Decision Report**

**Commitment to support Youth Provision**

**Recommendation**

**Council agrees a strategic priority to work with and support youth provision**

Ward

Not Ward Specific

Financial Risk Management

No financial implications have been identified at this time.

Crime Prevention

By involving young people in local governance and community projects, we can foster a sense of belonging, responsibility, and civic engagement among the youth and reduce the potential for engagement in ASB

Objective

To create an environment that fosters positive youth development.

Report

Town councils can be crucial in supporting youth services and clubs, providing valuable resources, and creating an environment that fosters positive youth development. By implementing youth strategies, we can significantly contribute to young people's positive development, ensuring they have access to the resources, support, and opportunities they need to thrive.

Blyth has a great resource in the existing youth clubs/ providers and the Town Council has historically supported many of them through the community grants scheme. The local youth clubs have highlighted to the Town Council the challenges they currently face following reductions in funding from the Northumberland County Council.

The Town Council is well placed to provide support to youth organisations and has done so previously through:

- Funding and grants

- Promoting Youth participation,
- Youth and recreational activities, and
- Young people skill development.

Further opportunities may exist via working with external partners and local youth providers to develop a youth strategy to expand the support to the existing offer, overcome challenges, and develop ideas.

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**11 February 2025**