

Appendix 3

Cabinet Response to Recommendations

Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Comments and Reasons for Decision
Appendix		
1. It is recommended that all council consultations include a question relating to age, in order to establish the age range of residents taking part.	Accepted	
2. It is recommended that a review of the City Council's communications strategy takes place, specifically looking at how the Council could better engage with young people through the use of new social media channels.	Accepted	
3. It is recommended that the Task and Finish Group reconvene in 6 months' time for a meeting with the new Youth Engagement Lead Officer to discuss progress on implementing their recommendations.	Accepted	
4. It is recommended that City Council reports pertaining to the Planning and Climate Change service areas include an	Accepted	

<p>additional section outlining whether and how the council has engaged with young people in respect of the proposed decision.</p>		
<p>Service Specific Recommendations</p>		
<p>Planning (Development)</p>		
<p>5. It is recommended that the Planning Service consult directly with young people on major planning applications and regeneration schemes within the city through local schools and further education institutions</p>	<p>Partially Accepted</p>	<p>The City Council receives many major planning applications each year; consulting young people on all would be onerous and probably yield little of value. However, a new 'Youth Engagement Lead' Officer is currently being recruited in partnership with Young Gloucestershire. Officers will explore if and how this role could effectively work with young people and engage in more significant proposals.</p> <p>However, it is important to note that planning legislation dictates how local authorities should engage the public in planning applications. Therefore, it would be necessary to exercise caution and equity in publicising planning applications.</p> <p>More widely, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing, and</p>

		<p>Officers, have and continue to engage with course leaders and students at the University of Gloucestershire.</p>
<p>6. It is recommended that the Planning Service implement innovative engagement tools, such as Digital QR codes on statutory planning notices and 'Dot-Voting', during formal consultation periods hosted in local communities.</p>	<p>Partially Accepted</p>	<p>The Council has an adopted Statement of Community Involvement (2015), which sets out different engagement methods that can be used for local plans, and the approach required and encouraged for more significant/major planning applications.</p> <p>For local plan consultations, it provides a menu of options that can be tailored to meet the scope of the consultation. This is currently being updated and a new version will be published in 2023, and includes engagement with schools, colleges and universities.</p> <p>In addition to this, Officers will work with the Communities Team to design consultations that engage as effectively as possible with the community, including young people.</p>

		<p>Officers will explore whether a QR code can be added to statutory planning noticed that take the user to Public Access.</p> <p>The answer provided to Recommendation 5 is also relevant.</p>
Planning (Policy and Open Spaces)		
7. It is recommended that when the council's Playing Pitch Strategy is updated, consideration is given to extending membership of the delivery group to include groups promoting physical play and activities as well as sports bodies.	Accepted	
8. It is recommended that when the council's Open Space Strategy is updated, consideration is given to extending any public consultations to grassroots community organisations.	Accepted	
Climate Change		
9. It is recommended that the Council uses the development of the Council's Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan as an opportunity to increase engagement with young people on local climate change challenges and solutions.	Accepted	
Democracy		
10. It is recommended that a document or information leaflet be created on a yearly basis and circulated to local schools. This should be in a format suitable for reading by young people, featuring a range of updates on Council activity,	Accepted	

<p>presented in an interactive way such as through the inclusion of wordsearches, competitions and/or other child-friendly activities. This could also support PSHE lessons, with the document being used to encourage children to engage and discuss their thoughts and opinions on what is going on within the Council. However, we are conscious of the resource available within the council and would want to ensure this was as effective as possible to justify the commitment of resource.</p>		
<p>11. It is recommended that City Councillors engage with schools to a greater extent and invite them on a yearly basis for a visit to, and tour of, the Council Chamber and Mayor's parlour. This could include interactive activities such as mock debates, along with a focus on the history of the city, such as by encompassing a visit to Gloucester Museum.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	
<p>12. It is recommended that a guide suitable for young people on how Gloucester City Council works is developed and published online as an educational resource – explaining in easy-to-understand terms how the Council operates, its remit within the city, and how young people can get involved. This could be used by schools to support with lessons, as well as on an individual basis by young people and their families.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	