

Portfolio:	Youth
Portfolio Holder Name:	Cllr Jacqui Solomon
Full Council Meeting Date:	Thursday 7th December 2023
Agenda Item:	TC2023/104

Meetings were scheduled with the College and schools and Cllr Marsh and Cllr Solomon met with Bridgwater College Academy and Haygrove School, and Cllr Solomon met with Robert Blake and Bridgwater and Taunton College. The purpose of these meetings was to more fully explain the role of the council and the youth forum and to encourage attendance at the forum. A proposal was also made to each establishment for them to have a Council funded project and to come with proposals to the Forum.

The Forum met on 14th of November and was well attended and the students made some proposals and discussed each approach. They then completed a task for us to list the activities that they attend outside of education and list activities they would like to see. This information will be shared with the LCN who are looking at youth provision. The students also looked at the youth grant applications and agreed them.

Cllr Solomon will be attending a Democracy and Careers day at Chilton Trinity School in December and will use this as an opportunity to explain the work of the youth forum and the work of the council. The students will also be consulted on what changes they would like to see in youth provision in the town.

The next forum meeting will be in February and the students have been asked to submit project proposals before then.

Recommendations: (if you are expecting Council to make a decision from your report)

None