



Youth Forum

Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Forum held at The Jeffrey Room - The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Wednesday 16 August 2023 at 10.00 am.

Present:

Substitute Members:

Also Present:

Apologies for Absence:

Officers:

1. Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies- 10am

Attendance: Lissy, Skye, Henry, Morcea, Kayla, Lilybo, Jessica, Honey, Haroon, Jamie, Debs, Leonie-Jane, Aimee (pm)

Apologies. Anna, Fiona,

2. Memorandum of Understanding

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. Disproportionality Project- 10:15am

Leonie-Jane introduced herself to the Youth Forum and gave a brief overview of her role/job. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) prosecutes criminal cases that have been investigated by the police and other investigative organisations in England and Wales. The CPS is independent, and we make our decisions independently of the police and government.

Our duty is to make sure that the right person is prosecuted for the right offence, and to bring offenders to justice wherever possible.

The CPS:

- decides which cases should be prosecuted.
- determines the appropriate charges in more serious or complex cases and advises the police during the early stages of investigations.
- prepares cases and presents them at court; and
- provides information, assistance and support to victims and prosecution witnesses.

Prosecutors must be fair, objective, and independent. When deciding whether to prosecute a criminal case, our lawyers must follow the Code for Crown Prosecutors. This means that to charge someone with a criminal offence, prosecutors must be satisfied that there is sufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction, and that prosecuting is in the public interest.

The CPS works closely with the police, courts, the Judiciary, and other partners to deliver justice.

Aim today was to ask the forum members thoughts on the Race Action Plan, improve experiences for black individuals, how can we turn it around, what can we do to improve? Police Race Action Plan | College of Policing Police Race Action Plan: Improving policing for Black people (college.police.uk) Disproportionate use of police powers: A spotlight on stop and search and the use of force (justiceinspectorates.gov.uk)

4 Workstreams:

1. Represented (Internal culture and inclusivity)
2. Not over Policed (use of Powers)
3. Involvement (Community)

4. Not under-protected against victimisation.

Changes have happened but would like the views of members and the community.

- Pulled over in a car: NOW have to be documented, previously Police did not have to record.
- If pulled over, can ask for a female officer to attend. Check they are who they say they are, just ask for the badge number, ring 101.

Questions / Observations

Do officers who get interviewed / disciplined – is this available publicly? Advised internal processes but if disciplinary stage, this is in the public domain.

Make the Race Action Plan more public - should be shared to the community, schools, places of worship – need to build up on trust.

Asked if Police with a good record get a thank you or is it recorded anywhere?

Action: All to review the Police Race Action Plan and share any questions / thoughts to AL/JW. Discussed County Lines and Cuckooing. LJW gave a brief overview of each area. Signs to look out for. Report a crime | Northamptonshire Police (northants.police.uk) Agreed for LJW to attend a further sessions. Brief discussion on careers

Useful links to share to Youth Forum members

Safer nights out | West Northamptonshire Council (westnorthants.gov.uk) IT ONLY TAKES ONE CAMPAIGN It Only Takes One

Flare Report app | Northamptonshire Police (northants.police.uk)

Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org)

5. **Youth summit/ Substance misuse project work- 11am**

Event date: add here

b. Workshops 16th / 30th September & 14th October (share poster here)

c. Weekend event: 25th – 26th October

· Members worked in groups with designs and plans for them to present at the Youth Summit

· Agreed item to presented on Substance Misuse & Vaping

· Discussed thoughts on being interactive, presentation, quiz etc. Canva shared

6. **Lunch-YAY!! 12:15pm**

7. **Heritage tour training- 12:45pm**

Members took part in the Guildhall building tour to gain insight and understanding as to what would be required from them on the day. The tour can be edited and adjusted to each young person's preference, as long as the main route is followed on the day. Free lunch will be available

Recap will be done during the next forum meeting, including identifying who will be supporting the event.

8. **Items for Future Meetings**

9. **Sanitary Products poster session- 2pm**

Work continued on this youth summit materials, as well as the sanitary projects poster. More time will be spent on this during the next forum meeting.

10. **Community Information Exchange**

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

13th September-4:30 to 6:30pm. Jeffery Room, Guildhall

The meeting closed at Time Not Specified

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Chair: _____

Date: _____