

## Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Meeting

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Who	Issue	Follow up	
	<p>Youth representatives concerned that the Youth Service budget proposals will cut the current service from over 3.3 million, and reduce the budget to 0.8 million, which has been presented as 73 % cut. They complained that they were told rather than consulted about the budget plan, and only subsequently has there been some engagement. The representatives said that they did not think it was right that the Youth Council had not been consulted in advance, or allowed to speak at Council Assembly</p>	<p>Check accuracy of facts these figures don't appear to relate back to draft budget?</p>	
	<p>A Youth Council representative said when they heard about the proposed cuts they had just been about to conduct outreach with young people . One representative said that if they had been consulted early on then they could have engaged other young people about the best way to make cuts, and his main complaint was the lack of consultation. Another representative said a cut of 73 per cent cut was disproportionate.</p>	<p>The deputation on cuts to youth services was taken at the Cabinet.</p> <p>2 February there will be an OSC meeting and that this will provide an opportunity hear about the budget including Youth Services</p> <p>JA to cabinet member responsible for budget if the timetable can be amended so that more young people could attend the OSC meeting and hear what</p>	

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		is being said about the budget for children and young people’s services.	
	The young people said at cabinet they were given limited time to present and questions at Cabinet. Cllr Mills did say she would re start the termly meetings with the Youth Council. The young people said they did not feel it had been an open process and they were disappointed that they had not being given the opportunity to do the deputation at council assembly.		
	The SGTO youth forum said they had not heard back from the cabinet lead following the cabinet meeting - an email had been sent. The chair pointed out it was the Christmas and New Year. Hugo acknowledged this might have impacted and confirmed that the council and former cabinet lead had previously engaged well with young people.	Chair to raise concerns directly with Cllr Mills	
	Young People complained that they were not sufficiently respected; given the over 6000 people voting them, to not be then give an opportunity to speak at council assembly		
	Youth Forums: commented on the potential impact that cuts could have on development and the impact on crime.		

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	<p>Government funding causing these cuts , however it was appreciated that the council has to take decisions on how to best to do this with least impact , nevertheless it was felt that such a large cut on youth services does needs to considered to see if right</p> <p>Debate on above points and perceived lack of consultation</p>	<p>Voice of young people important – scrutiny committee to offer help in future engagement</p> <p>Need to understand the budget on youth grant and government funding for Local Government services.</p>	
	<p>A request was made by a person in the gallery – he asked for a finance meeting be held with young people to look at reserves and the balance between capital and resources?</p>		
	<p>Is there a finance impact assessment and equality impact assessment? If so could this be shared with the young people</p>		