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Dear Clr Catherine McDonald

Southwark's Children Services and Education scrutiny committee met with Southwark Youth Council (SYP) at our last meeting on the 12th January. SYP presented a paper, and this is enclosed.

One of the outcomes of our meeting was that we agreed to monitor the Children's and Young People Plan (CYPP) together, through quarterly progress meetings.

SYC made four other suggestions and the committee would welcome your thoughts on opportunities for progression:

- 1 Young people would like an incentives scheme to promote and encourage youth participation in the community. Youth representatives and committee members agreed to explore what this might mean practically and we will get back to you on outcomes following these discussions.
- 2 The youth council proposed workshops in schools on social issues. These might be linked to citizenship classes and be run, for example, by ex gang members and young mothers and young fathers.
- 3 Representatives would like increased communication and avenues for participation and suggested the council set up a text service that would alert young people in the borough to service provision. SYC also want better publicity using, for example, the website and Southwark Life.
- 4 SYC requested feedback on budget proposals following on from earlier consultation carried out by you. In the meantime we have sent representatives the draft revenue budget paper, including the Plain English version.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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