

Remodeling Proposal



**Brighton & Hove
Youth Council**

By Young People for Young People



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Strategic Context

- Brighton & Hove City Council Plan 2023-27
 - Outcome 3: Create more opportunities whereby the voices of all children, young people and families can be heard and can influence and improve the services that support them
- 5 Pillars: Ways of Working
 - Pillar 4: Be diverse and inclusive
 - Pillar 2: Be connected
- Rationale
 - Youth Council is a youth led program establishing a pathway for the voice of young people in the city to be heard by decision makers on issues that impact them.
 - Youth Council highlighted challenges with the current model including relationships and connection to decision makers leading to a review in spring 2025

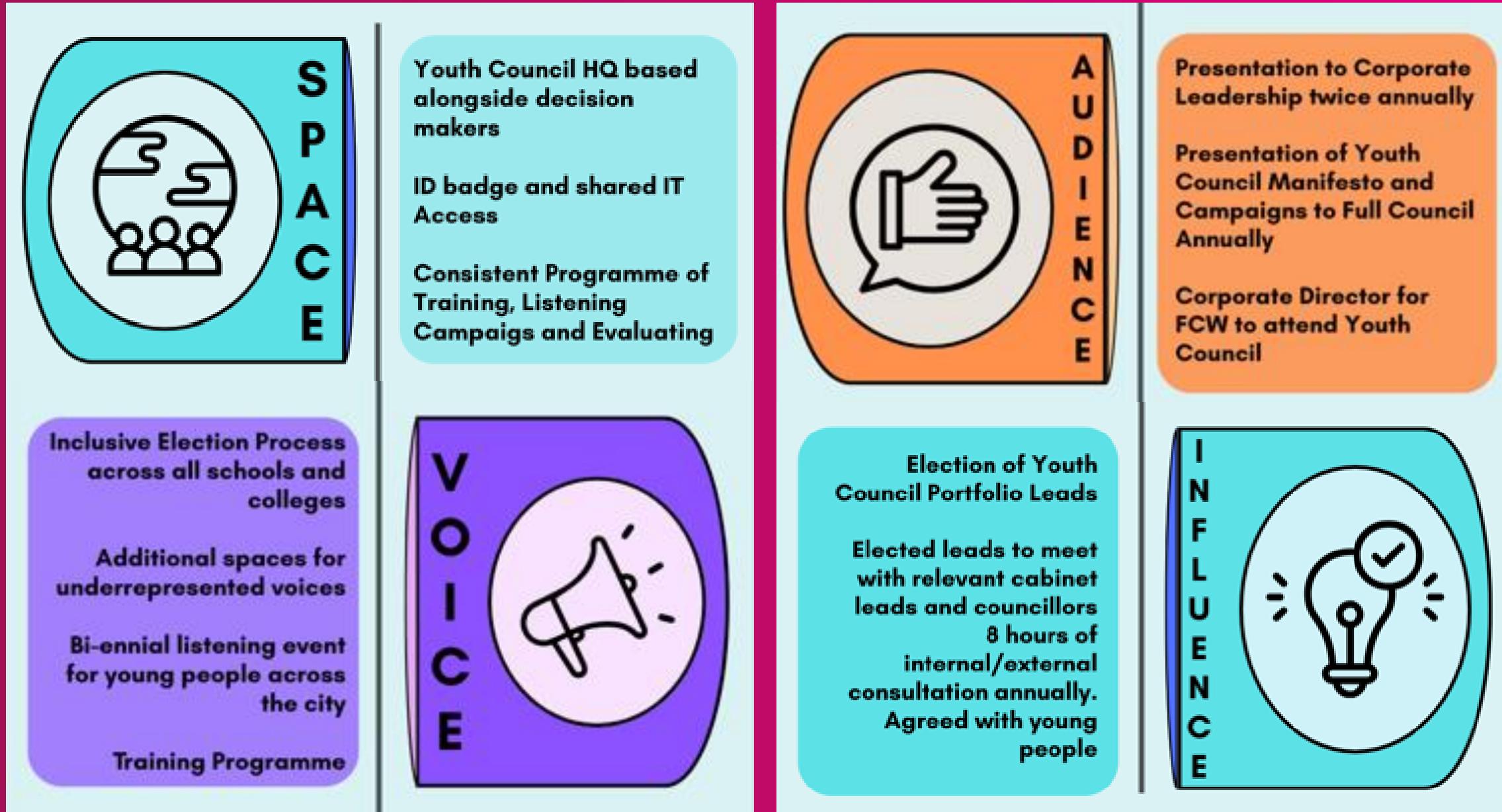


CHALLENGES

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- No consistent relationship or connection to decision makers
- Involvement in decision-making processes at times felt performative
- Campaigns were a tool for acting on voice, but felt limited on their own
- Change in governance model altered the connection to decision-making
- Identity as a standalone group rather than part of the council
- Space to have a voice was there, but the acting on that voice and influence was not
- A suitable meeting space was sometimes difficult to find
- The frequency and sporadicity of meetings felt confusing and overwhelming
- Knowledge of how the council functions was lacking.

Youth Council Proposed Model for Consideration



RECOMMENDATIONS

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Following the Youth Council review, a request that the proposed new model is approved, including Councillor agreement to the following adjustments;

- Request for basic funds for a bi-annual listening event, to include young people from schools and colleges across the city.
- Request for a commitment from Cabinet Members to meet with Youth Council portfolio leads on relevant issues
- Request for an office space for a Youth Council HQ (ideally located near Councillors)
- Request for ID badges for access and shared IT access
- Request for a Presentation of Youth Council Manifesto and Campaign at Full Council annually
- Request for a Presentation to the Corporate Leadership Team twice a year

