

# Remodeling Proposal



**Brighton & Hove  
Youth Council**

By Young People for Young People



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City Council**

# 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

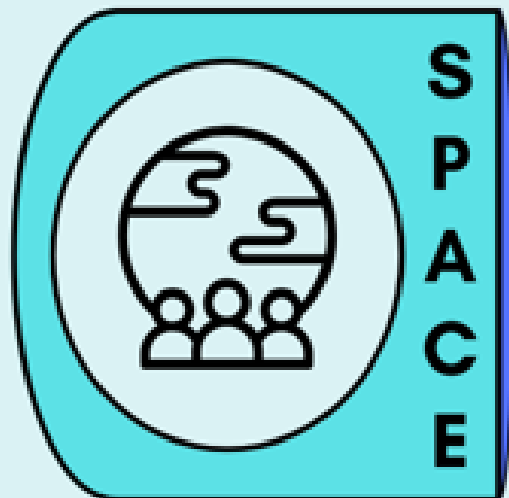
- Youth Council is a youth led program establishing a pathway for the voice of young people in the city to be heard by decision makers on issues that impact them.
- Youth Council highlighted challenges with the current model including relationships and connection to decision makers leading to a review in spring 2025

# CHALLENGES

## Youth Council

- 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



Youth Council HQ based alongside decision makers

ID badge and shared IT Access

Consistent Programme of Training, Listening Campaigns and Evaluating



Presentation to Corporate Leadership twice annually

Presentation of Youth Council Manifesto and Campaigns to Full Council Annually

Corporate Director for FCW to attend Youth Council

Inclusive Election Process across all schools and colleges

Additional spaces for underrepresented voices

Bi-ennial listening event for young people across the city

Training Programme



Election of Youth Council Portfolio Leads

Elected leads to meet with relevant cabinet leads and councillors  
8 hours of internal/external consultation annually.  
Agreed with young people



# RECOMMENDATIONS

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## Youth Council

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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.
- 15' 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

