



THURROCK YOUTH CABINET CONSTITUTION

1. Mission Statement

- To provide a voice for young people aged 11-19 yrs in Thurrock.

2. Aims & Objectives

- To act as a link between Thurrock Council, its key partners, the wider community and young people in Thurrock.
- To promote the views of young people in Thurrock and to represent their views to Thurrock Council, its key partners and the wider community.
- To encourage and initiate communication between young people in Thurrock and local and national government.

3. Membership

- The Thurrock Youth Cabinet will be open to elected/nominated members from Thurrock schools, colleges and youth groups.
- Each organisation will have 2 allocated spaces on the Thurrock Youth Cabinet and will be encouraged to hold elections to select their members.
- In addition to the elected/nominated members, The Thurrock Youth Cabinet will also be open to other young people living or going to school in Thurrock.
- Members will be aged between 11-19 yrs.
- Any member wishing to leave the Thurrock Youth Cabinet should provide written notice to the Participation Officer or Chairperson.
- Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without good reason will, at the discretion of the meeting organiser, be withdrawn from the Thurrock Youth Cabinet.

4. Elected Representatives

- Each year, The Thurrock Youth Cabinet will elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) and Deputy Member of Youth Parliament (DMYP).
- The elected officers will hold their posts for 1 year.
- Members can only hold 1 role at a time.

5. Meetings

- Monthly meetings will be held to carry out the business of the Thurrock Youth Cabinet.
- Where a member is unable to attend a meeting they must inform the Participation Officer or Chairperson prior to the meeting taking place.

6. Voting

- Members shall vote by a show of hands except when electing officers which shall be done by secret ballot.
- In the case of an equal amount of votes, the Chair may give the casting vote.

7. Political Views

- The Thurrock Youth Cabinet is a non-political organisation, working on behalf of young people in Thurrock.
- Members cannot express their party political views either as a member or on behalf of the Thurrock Youth Cabinet.

8. Support to the Thurrock Youth Cabinet

- Officers of Thurrock Council will provide the necessary support to enable the Thurrock Youth Cabinet and its members to operate effectively.