

**ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**Agenda item 10: Report of the Communications, Marketing and Events Officer**

**Introduction of a Youth Council**

**1. Introduction**

1.1 This purpose of this report is to consider the proposal to introduce a Youth Council.

1.2 At the Community Services meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, it was noted at minute CS58 that Cllr Samantha Bowring would host an online meeting with youth groups in Abingdon to discuss future youth projects in Abingdon

**2. Progress to date**

2.1 Cllr Samantha Bowring invited any youth groups that had received a grant from the Town Council within the last 12 months to attend and at the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 a suggestion was made from Abingdon Damascus Youth Project that the Council work with the various youth organisations in Abingdon to instate a panel of young people as a 'Youth Council' who would have a pot of money available and would decide how this should be spent. The aim being to better involve the youth of Abingdon in the work of the Council whilst also enhancing their budgeting and responsibility skills.

**3. Decisions**

3.2 The Committee is asked to consider this proposal and confirm if they wish for this to be recommended up to Full Council. If such a proposal was put forward this would also have budget implications and would therefore be treated as a "budget bid" as explained in the Treasurer's Report at agenda item 8.

Louise Brown – Communications, Marketing and Events Officer  
29th October 2020