

COUNCIL MEETING – 5 JULY 2018

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

- a Youth Councillor Bella to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Community Development:

It was great to attend the celebration event to mark the repeal of Section 28 and to learn about how Islington has always been at the forefront of campaigning for LGBT equality. How are faith institutions encouraged to extend LGBT equality within education settings they are responsible for both inside and outside of the school curriculum?

- b Youth Councillor Honey to Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council:

At the recent council election, Islington's voters provided you with a mandate to continue with the commitment to make Islington a fairer borough. What positive things can Islington's young people expect during the next 12 months which will improve their lives?

- c Youth Councillor Lydia to Councillor Caluori, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families:

The YMCA in April 2018 conducted research to examine Local Authority expenditure on youth services in England & Wales. In just six years, Local Authorities have cut their expenditure on youth services in England and Wales by more than £750m.

As this research demonstrates, the long-term benefits of youth services are far too often overlooked and young people may miss out on opportunities outside the school setting to engage in activities that support their learning and development. What reassurance can Cllr Caluori provide to Islington's young people that Islington will continue to invest in youth services?

- d Youth Councillor Ben Boukerma to Councillor Comer-Schwartz, Executive Member for Community Development:

It's been a great year for women as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women being granted the right to vote following the suffragette movement. We would like to congratulate Cllr Kadeema Woodbyrne on becoming Islington's first ever women and girl's champion and Islington YCllrs have enjoyed working with Cllr Woodbyrne as part of the Fair Futures Commission. What will be the main focus for this role over the next few months, especially for girls and young women in Islington?