

Councillor Champion Role Profile

Youth Democracy Champion.

The Postholder:-

- A serving MKC Councillor nominated by the Leaders of Political Groups with an interest in supporting and advancing the objectives of the Council's Youth Led Democracy Project.
- Experience of youth led democracy (ideally direct previous involvement as a young person), would be useful.
- Appointed by Council to emphasise the importance the Council places on the role.
- The role will require an enhanced DBS check if the postholder needs or wishes to be directly involved in the supervision of young people.

The Role:-

1. To be a link / contact between MKC Councillors and young people serving on Youth Council / Cabinet, including identifying opportunities for Youth Council / Cabinet to engage with decision makers appropriately.
2. To promote the contribution and ideas of young people but in particular the campaigns, reports and issues identified and agreed by the Youth Council / Cabinet, both with Councillors and the wider public, including Chairing some meetings and inviting other Councillors.
3. To act as a mentor, or conduit to other councillors to mentor any young people in Leadership roles in Youth Council / Cabinet (for example a Youth Mayor / Deputy Youth Mayor).
4. To engage with sector stakeholders and voluntary sector, to understand and encourage general engagement opportunities and to develop any civic opportunities alongside the Mayor and Leader, and young people in leadership roles (for example a Youth Mayor / Deputy Youth Mayor).
5. To establish close liaison with the portfolio holder for Youth Services, Democratic Services and Children's Services to discuss, consult on and agree the scope of the work programme of the Youth Council / Cabinet.
6. To promote local democratic participation and specifically the involvement, participation and engagement of younger people in the electoral and decision-making process.
7. To understand and keep abreast of the relationship between local and national youth democracy structures (for example, British Youth Council and our Youth MP's) and to attend training, seminars or other development opportunities as appropriate.