

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

17 DECEMBER 2020

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET INFORMATION ITEM

Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Bob Cook

Children & Young People – Lead Cabinet Member - Councillor Lisa Evans

BRIGHT MINDS BIG FUTURES - 12 MONTH UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report provides Cabinet with a 12-month update on BMBF's Big Objectives document, following Cabinet's approval of the Big Plan. The Big Committee will attend Cabinet on 17 December and present their update.

REASONS FOR PRODUCING THIS REPORT

The BMBF Big Committee welcome the opportunity to present their 12 month review at the Cabinet meeting to highlight areas of good practice, areas of development and aspects of the plan which have been revised/reconfigured following a mid-point review and re-election of Big Committee members and revision of portfolios.

DETAIL

1. There have been some excellent achievements in the last 12 months including:
 - Knife crime and violent crime awareness motion passed at Council – February 2020
 - Young Persons Community Safety Question Time – February 2020
 - Secret Sound (over £800 raised in total) – February 2020
 - Winners of the County Durham Community Foundation High Sheriff Youth Award (March 20)
 - Led on APSE Local Government Commission 2030 at the British Youth Council, North East Convention and produced supporting report and video to be included in findings (June 20)
 - Winners of Mayors Green Space Award – July 2020
 - Successfully secured £400 Tees Valley Nature Partnership Funding for Bird and Bat Boxes – September 2020
 - Successfully secured £1200 Branching Out Funding for trees at Leven Park and 18 Fruit Trees across 3 sites – September 2020
 - Successfully secured £1200 from Thirteen to roll out a Refill and Reuse project in 2021
 - Launched own funding stream "Pot of Gold" – November 2020
2. In addition to the above achievements there has been a significant contribution in making the Borough a great place to grow up through projects and initiatives such as:
 - Environmental Work

- Social Action Projects
 - Health & Well Being initiatives
 - Community Safety
 - SBC Correspondents coverage
 - Improving the voice of the child in statutory services
 - Established excellent links with local MP's
3. These achievements will be expanded upon in the presentation.
4. The Big Plan was a large document which outlined in detail the 'wish list' of young people in the Borough 2018/20. Following the election for the Big Committee in August 2020, a full review of the Big Plan was undertaken with feedback from young people identifying the Big Plan was too large (46 pages) and included too much detail. The Big Committee have developed a more succinct version of the Big Plan called "Big Objectives" which is a shortened version highlighting 3 main objectives for each area. Each elected member of the Big Committee is responsible for developing their own action plan to achieve their Big Objectives which will be referred to as their Bright Ideas. Bright Ideas will include more detailed information on how they will deliver their objectives, identifying partners, timescales and resources required and this will be used internally to monitor progress and record achievement at Big Committee meetings.
5. The Big Objectives document covers the following areas and mirrors the roles of individuals on the Committee:
- Community Safety
 - Communications and Engagement
 - Young People Services
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Business, Regeneration and Transport
 - Environment and Green Spaces
 - Arts Leisure and Culture
 - Special Educational Needs
 - Equality and Diversity

Details of the Big Objectives will be presented at the Cabinet meeting.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

6. There is no requirement for an assessment in relation to this report. The update does not constitute a new policy, strategy or a change in the delivery of a service insofar as the Council is concerned.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no corporate parenting implications arising from the report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. None as a direct result of this report

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no direct legal implications arising from the report

RISK ASSESSMENT

10. Existing management/operational systems and procedures are sufficient to control and minimise the risks arising to low to medium status.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

11. The work of BMBF takes place across all wards.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Big Objectives 2020 [link]

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