

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

9 DECEMBER 2021

**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 9 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 activity within the Borough and upcoming projects.

DETAIL

1. There have been some excellent achievements in the last 12 months including:
 - Launched the Pot of Gold Funding stream
 - Won a Mayors Civic Award
 - Secured £4,250 to support allotment and Norton Green project
 - Mental Health social media campaign
 - Secret Sound
 - Shining Stars – Primary School Newsletter launched
 - Held British Youth Council Campaigning Workshop
 - Involvement in Stockton on Tees Great Big Green Week
 - Secured £1,000 from Virgin Money for development grant
 - Completed suicide prevention training and sessions on Mental Health and Drugs and Alcohol
 - Working with Primary Schools and local MP's to elect Child MP for Stockton North and Stockton South
 - Held session at Conyers School and Oakwood Primary School
 - Secured £500 from the ARC to launch new Grow Into Real Leaders campaign
 - Shortlisted for Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
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:
 - Scrutiny committee involvement

- Launched Norton Green Eco Project and Stockton on Tees Great Big Green Week
- Relaunch of BMBF Approved
- Supporting Public Health in delivering key Covid-19 messages and design of Sexual Health survey
- Supported the National Market Traders Young Traders Local Heats

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. A copy is attached at **Appendix 1**. Each elected member of the Big Committee is responsible for developing their own action plan to achieve their Big Objectives. A refresh of the Big Objectives document was due for September 2021, however due to Covid-19 this has been extended to March 2022.

5. Members of the Big Committee will attend Cabinet to provide an update. The full Committee details are as follows:

Olivia Jessop – Head of Health and Wellbeing
Jamie West – Head of Business, Regeneration and Transport
Loui Sawley – Head of Environment and Green Space
Netanya Alwis – Head of Community Safety, Chair and MYP
Katie Jenkins – Head of Children and Young People
Parul Sinha – Head of Equality and Diversity
Alex Mathews – Head of Special Educational Needs
Lily Crisp – Head of Communications and Engagement

6. Elections for the Big Committee were due in August 2021, however due to Covid-19 it has been agreed that elections will take place in February 2022. Once members are elected a review of the Big Objectives 2020/21 will be carried out and a report produced on the progress made to date. The newly elected Big Committee will look to produce a new Big Objectives document for 2022/23.

7. 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

8. 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

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. None as a direct result of this report

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK ASSESSMENT

12. 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

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. None

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Big Objectives 2021/2022



Big Objectives

Community Safety

- Make Stockton-on-Tees a safe place to live and grow up
- Stay safe online
- Raise awareness of the dangers of substance and alcohol abuse

Communications and Engagement

- Recruit more members to BMBF
- Develop key campaigns through social media
- Raise the profile of BMBF

Young People's Services

- Encourage and empower young people to have a voice and influence
- Recognise and celebrate young people's achievements
- Build strong relationships with youth groups, student councils, schools and colleges

Health and Wellbeing

- Promote and encourage healthy lifestyles
- Tackle social isolation and loneliness
- Work with Public Health on key campaigns

Business, Regeneration and Transport

- Promote and encourage greener travel
- Build strong links with local businesses
- Develop volunteering opportunities and reward schemes for young people

Environment and Green Spaces

- Make Stockton-on-Tees cleaner and greener
- Increase environmental education and involvement within schools and local communities
- Encourage recycling and reduce waste

Arts, Leisure and Culture

- Encourage more young people to access local museums, libraries and event spaces
 - Engage with young people at Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Events
 - Increase participation in the arts

Special Educational Needs

- Support and empower young people with SEN to have a voice
- Engage and recruit young people with SEN to get involved in activities and events
- Improve knowledge and understanding of SEN

Equality and Diversity

- Promote and value equality and diversity
- Zero tolerance of bullying, harassment and victimisation
- Improve knowledge and understanding of beliefs, cultures and disabilities



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Stockton-on-Tees a great
place for young people

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