

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**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**

The report provides Cabinet with a 12-month update on the Bright Minds Bright Future (BMBF) 'Big Objectives' document, following Cabinet's approval of the Big Plan. As Cabinet will recall BMBF is a youth-led movement working together with the Council to make the Borough a great place to grow up.

The report is presented by representatives of the BMBF 'Big Committee'.

**REASONS FOR PRODUCING THIS REPORT**

The BMBF Big Committee welcome the opportunity to present their 12-month review on progress made towards achieving their Big Objectives. The report also highlights areas of good practice and identifies future projects and opportunities.

**DETAIL**

1. The Big Objectives are made up of 9 key areas which include: -
  - community safety
  - communications and engagement
  - young people's services
  - health and wellbeing
  - business, regeneration, and transport
  - environment and green spaces
  - arts, leisure, and culture
  - special educational needs (SEN) and
  - equality and diversity
  
2. Excellent progress has made against the above in the last 12 months. Some examples are detailed below: -
  - Being included as a best practice project on the LGA website for their work around knife crime (May 22).
  - Holding a Young Persons Environment Question Time Event (October 22).
  - Securing £12,000 of funding from Virgin Money to deliver Different Altogether Project (January 2022).

- Securing £10,000 from National Lottery, Together for our Planet Funding (February 2022).
  - Winners of the County Durham Community Foundation High Sheriff Youth Award (March 22).
  - Winners of Young Person of the Year Space Award (July 22).
  - Won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services (June 22).
  - Recruited 42 young people to be SBC Corresponders at SIRF (August 22).
  - Creation of Big Objectives 22/23 (July 22).
  - North Tees Hospital Children's Ward Review (October 22).
  - Queen's Award Celebration Event (November 22).
3. As noted above BMBF were the proud award winners of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2022. The award is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK and is equivalent to an MBE. The prestigious award recognises BMBF's outstanding work in the community to support young people growing up across the Borough and their work to make Stockton-on-Tees a great place to grow up. BMBF received the award at a celebration event from the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner.
4. In addition to the above achievements BMBF members have also been contributing to a range of projects and initiatives such as:
- Environmental work
  - Social action projects
  - Health & wellbeing initiatives
  - SBC correspondents' coverage
  - Equality and diversity
  - Improving the voice of the child
5. These achievements will be expanded upon in the supporting presentation.

#### The Big Committee

6. The 'new' Big Committee were elected in February 2022 with their new Big Objectives agreed and signed off in July 2022. 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.

Following the elections, Katie Jenkins left for university and following an election Sally Sheridan is now Chair of Big Committee:

Chair and Head of Environment and Green Space  
Head of SEN  
Head of Children Services  
Head of Communications and Engagement  
Head of Community Safety  
Head of Business, Regeneration and Transport

Sally Sheridan  
Alex Matthews  
Emma Smith  
Lilly Crisp  
Vicky Nightscales  
Bailey Rogers

Head of Arts, Leisure, and Culture  
Head of Equality and Diversity

Elise Watson  
Parul Sinha

Further details of the Big Objectives will be presented at the Cabinet meeting.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS**

7. 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**

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

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. None.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

11. 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**

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

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Big Objectives 2022 document.

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