

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

24 September (Week 1/10)

Participants: Youth Major Havana Marshall, Recruitment Officer Tej Nundah, Darcey Moore , Isla Kayaga, Liberti Kenny, Anastasia Filmonova, Derin Mehmet, Amelia Evans

Facilitators: Linton Sutherland (Services for Young People), Alessandro Principato (Broxbourne Borough Council)

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Youth Council introduced themselves and participated in an ice breaker activity.

2. Youth Council Elections (8 October 2025)

The Youth Council discussed upcoming elections and the roles available, particularly the new role, Health Officer. Nominees were urged to send their presentations to linton.sutherland@hertfordshire.gov.uk or Alessandro.principato@broxbourne.gov.uk by Tuesday 7 October – Youth Workers are also able to read speeches for nominees who feel less comfortable with public speaking.

The Major Cllr Patsy Spears will be present at the elections on 8 October.

Members of the Youth Council were given the opportunity to nominate themselves for the various positions available.

3. LMD Updates

The Youth Council will be contacting schools to promote LMD, with Broxbourne School and Goffs Academy already involved. Debates will be translated into English, and MFL teachers (Spanish, German, French) may be invited to join the judging panel. A teacher at Broxbourne School has also been identified as a potential judge.

Before setting a date, likely in late November, the Youth Council will coordinate with schools and seek confirmation from the Mayor. The Council Chamber is being considered as a venue. In addition, the event poster will be updated to show digital timings and to emphasise the opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in a language of their choice.

4. Local Protests

The Youth Council watched a recording of the Leader of the Council's speech on Sky News and respectfully discussed opinions on the local protests taking place at the Marriot Hotel in Cheshunt. The group split into two groups and discussed reasons for and against.

5. Youth Parliament

SfYP are working with the NYA (National Youth Agency) to set up a voting process for Hertfordshire representation in the UK Youth Parliament.

The plan is to establish youth councils in each district with a youth chair and deputy. Young people will be able to vote for their chosen representative for the UKYP through youth council membership as well as through their school. The plans are in their infancy and are set to develop in the spring 2026.

6. Councillors Social

The Youth Council have been invited to a social event at Cheshunt Golf Club by Councillors, a free event with refreshments provided. This social event poses as a great opportunity for Youth Council members to meet and network with Councillors, the young people expressed their interest in attending the event.

7. Local Government Reorganisation

Youth Major Havana summarised the Local Government Reorganisation for other members, ensuring everyone is kept informed. She explained the finer details and urged the group to provide feedback, the group also expressed concerns in terms of the reorganisation will affect Youth Council.

8. AOB

None at this time.