

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

26 November 2025 (week 9/10)

Participants: Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Deputy Youth Mayor Tej Nundah, Recruitment Officer Ayla Kayaga, Health Officer Anastasia Filimonova, Thomas Vaciago, James Vaciago, Zara Djemal, Gabrielle Robinson

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

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Youth Council introduced themselves and took part in an ice-breaker activity, as well as verifying the minutes from the last meeting.

2. LMD (Linguistic Mayor's Debate)

It was noted that Goffs Academy is speculated to have pulled out of the Mayor's Debate, as they currently do not have students prepared to take part in a debate delivered in another language.

The LMD setup will follow the same format as the Mayor's Debate, so the Youth Council will now need to find a replacement school to participate.

The group also discussed the possibility of selecting one language for the debate rather than using multiple languages, to keep the event consistent and manageable.

Action: Deputy Youth Mayor Tej to research which local schools teach which languages.

3. UK Youth Parliament

Youth Mayor Havana promoted the UK Youth Parliament project and urged members to get involved, with 98 young people expressing interest across Hertfordshire.

4. Social Action Sleepover

Linton shared that a female group from the Waltham Cross Young People's Centre would like to take part in a charity sleepover to raise funds for a chosen cause. Participation would require young people to commit to and take part in a selected

activity as part of the event. The Youth Council has been invited to join the sleepover, pending formal approval.

5. Current National News

The group discussed the news around the newly approved Budget and the Government's plan for taxes, spending, and support over the coming years.

6. Guest Speakers

The Youth Council discussed the possibility of inviting guest speakers to future meetings throughout the New Year, the following names were mentioned...

- Cllr Clune – CV Workshop
- Tom Culley – Leading Apprenticeships
- Andreas Payne
- Lewis Cocking – Local MP
- Faron Paul – Knife Crime

7. AOB

None at this moment in time.