

# **Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes**

**28 January 2026 (Week 3/10)**

**Participants:** Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Deputy Youth Mayor Tej Nundah, Recruitment Officer Ayla Kayaga, Health Officer Anastasia Filimonova, Thomas Vaciago, Ayan Maradia, James Vaciago, Gabrielle Robinson, Nashaya Benjamin, Edward Odulaja, Grace Watts, Liberti Kenny, Zara Djemal

**Facilitators:** Linton Sutherland, Alessandro Principato (Broxbourne Borough Council)

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The group introduced themselves and took part in an ice-breaker activity.

## **2. Louise Boutell (Herts Prevent) Guest Speaker – Extremism & Counterterrorism**

Louise Boutell delivered a workshop around extremism and counterterrorism, engaging with the group and covering various societal issues.

The session encouraged discussion and helped raise awareness around the importance of vigilance, critical thinking, and safeguarding within communities. Young people were given the opportunity to reflect on how individuals and communities can play a role in recognising concerns and promoting safety in an appropriate and responsible way.

## **3. LMD Outline + Public Transport Report Focus Groups**

The group split into two smaller groups to focus on separate projects, led by Youth Mayor Havana and Deputy Youth Mayor Tej. Havana outlined the aims and objectives of the public transport report to her group and discussed methods for progressing the project with members.

The group explored issues around public engagement and the current reputation of public transport, including the cost of bus fares, funding cuts and fare caps, quality and reliability concerns, incidents on buses, anti-social behaviour, and availability of services. Wider discussions also touched on local petitions and the role of corporate social responsibility in addressing these challenges.

## **Linguistic Mayor's Debate (LMD) – Draft Outline**

### **Participating Schools**

- Goffs Churchgate – French / German (*Agree*)
- Robert Barclay Academy – Spanish (*Agree*)
- Broxbourne School – French / German (*Disagree*)
- Lee Valley – French / Spanish (*Agree*)

- St Mary's – French / Spanish (*Disagree*)
- Haileybury Turnford – Spanish (*Disagree*)
- Bishop's Stortford (*French / German – to be confirmed, last resort depending on eligibility*)

Schools will be contacted to ensure adequate preparation time.

### **Guests / Attendees**

- Student participants (4 per team, Years 7–10)
- Teachers
- Councillors (*to be confirmed*)
- Mayor
- Youth Council members
- Parents (*to be confirmed*)

### **Venue**

- Broxbourne Council Chamber  
Bishop's College, Churchgate, EN7 9XQ

### **Debate Overview**

#### **1. Debate Motions**

#### **French:**

France should leave the Eurozone  
France's laws on religion are unjustified

#### **Spanish:**

The monarchy should be abolished and replaced with an elected Head of State

#### **German:**

Germany should switch to fully electric as soon as possible  
Germany has done enough in terms of reparations for its past

2. Schools will present in their assigned language, supported by on-screen translations and printed copies for judges.
3. Judging will be based on strength of arguments, delivery, and overall quality of presentation.
4. A final debate will take place in English, involving two to three schools, with a break scheduled beforehand.
5. Votes will be counted and winners announced at the end of the event.

### **To Be Confirmed**

- Attendance of parents
- Whether debate statements will be new or existing
- Final date and time (*proposed: 24 July 2026, 5:30pm–7:30pm*)

