

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

4 February 2026 (Week 4/10)

Participants: Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Deputy Youth Mayor Tej Nundah, Recruitment Officer Ayla Kayaga, Grace Watts, Liberti Kenny, Deran Mehmet, Thomas Vaciago, Ayan Maradia, Edward Odulaja, Gabrielle Robinson, 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. Recent News Updates

Youth Mayor Havana Marshall presented and led discussions on recent political developments, focusing on the Labour Party and major national news stories.

3. Public Transport Report and LMD

The group split into two separate working groups to focus on the Public Transport Report and progress on the LMD.

LMD Updates:

The group agreed on 24 June 2026 as the proposed date for the event, to be held in the Council Chamber. Seating capacity, particularly due to the limited space for parents, Councillors need to be informed.

Action: Alessandro to confirm the Council Chamber seating capacity.

It was agreed that the Mayor should be present, along with several Councillors.

The LMD will be promoted using the same methods as the Mayor's Debate, including posters, school assemblies, and email campaigns, with an updated poster to be created. Each competing school will be represented by 4 students and 1 teacher.

Judging Panel:

- Mayor of Broxbourne
- Youth Mayor Havana Marshall
- Deputy Youth Mayor Tej Nundah

Rules and Format:

- No AI-generated content permitted
- All content must be submitted to judges in advance for review

- Presentation time limit: 5-8 minutes
- Participants: Year 7-10
- Judging Criteria: strength of points, presentation skills, and confidence, scored out of 5

The group discussed rebranding the event as a 'European / International Mayor's Debate', with all content delivered in English rather than foreign languages, while keeping questions consistent. This approach would still allow students to engage with the culture, history, and context of each country.

The structure will include 6 schools, 3 topics, and 3 separate debates.

School Pairings and Languages:

- Goffs Churchgate (Agree) vs Broxbourne (Disagree) – German
- RBA (Disagree) vs Haileybury Turnford (Agree) – Spanish
- Lee Valley (Agree) vs St Mary's (Disagree) – French

Action: Alessandro to review and amend the LMD poster.

Regarding the Public Transport Report, the group discussed various topics around local Arriva Bus Services:

Accessibility:

- Mobility Access (Waltham Cross Station lift)
- Price / Cost
- Location of Stops
- Over-crowding

Reliability:

- Punctuality
- App Accuracy
- Time-Table Accuracy
- Frequency

Customer Service:

- Driver Knowledge
- Friendliness of staff

Data:

- Interviews-audio-video (buses)
- Tally Questionnaire
- Instagram QR surveys
- Google Maps

4. AOB

None at this moment in time.