

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

11 February 2026 (Week 5/10)

Participants: Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Deputy Youth Mayor Tej Nundah, Recruitment Officer Ayla Kayaga, Ayan Maradia, Thomas Vaciago, Edward Odulaja, Grace Watts, Liberti Kenny, Gabrielle Robinson, Declan Twam

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

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. Welcome and Introductions

The introduced themselves and took part in an ice-breaker activity. Havana reported that she is collaborating with the local MP to arrange a free day trip to Parliament, which will include complimentary train travel.

She also confirmed that she will be contacting Tom Culley to attend the session on 18 March to provide guidance and discussion on apprenticeships.

The group additionally reviewed and approved the minutes from 4 February.

2. Hertfordshire Youth Council Constitution

Linton presented the Hertfordshire Youth Council (HYC). He explained that each SfYP District Youth Council and SfYP SEND Youth Council will nominate one representative and one deputy to represent young people at county level. Once selected, these representatives will attend the Hertfordshire County Youth Council, where they may take on leadership roles such as Chair, Deputy Chair, or General Member.

The opportunity is open to young people aged 11–17, and up to 25 for young adults with SEND, who either live or are educated in Hertfordshire and attend an SfYP District or SfYP SEND Youth Council.

The programme is expected to begin around summertime, although the frequency of meetings is still to be confirmed. It was noted that the Chair and Deputy from each Youth Council may act as representatives, and questions were raised about what other Youth Councils are doing and who their representatives will be. The group discussed the possibility of holding elections to select members to represent Broxbourne at the Hertfordshire Youth Council.

It was also highlighted that HYC representative roles could potentially influence Youth Council elections in the Autumn Term 2026, and the Youth Council agreed that further clarification is needed regarding positions and selection processes.

3. Public Transport Report

The group divided into two groups, with Havana presenting a tally-chart questionnaire designed to gather public feedback on local bus services. It was suggested that the age ranges be refined, as the existing “55+” category was considered too broad. A revised structure was proposed, including 35–65 and a separate 65+ category for senior citizens.

The group then undertook various research activities. Havana shared findings from her investigation into peak travel times, service delays, and accountability, as well as the psychological impact of unreliable transport on public trust, daily stress, and dependency on bus services. Her research focused specifically on the 310-bus route, which operates from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm.

She also outlined plans to conduct a statistical test of independence to examine the relationship between lateness and peak travel periods, identified as:

- 7:00–9:00 am
- 3:00–5:00 pm
- 6:00–7:00 pm

To support this analysis, the group discussed methods of collecting reliability data, including bus-spotting observations or requesting operational information directly from the bus company via the Freedom of Information Act. Questions were raised about the company’s credibility, and it was suggested that a rota system could be organised so members can track bus punctuality and performance.

4. LMD

The LMD group agreed to retain the event title Linguistic Mayor’s Debate. It was decided that AI may be used for research purposes only, but not for creating the final presentation content.

Communications and Promotion:

Emails inviting expressions of interest will be addressed to headteachers, with additional copies sent to Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) and English departments. The group will work on obtaining specific contact email addresses. A follow-up email will also be sent after expressions of interest are received, outlining roles, judging panel details, criteria, expectations for statements, and full event information.

Event Guidelines:

The group decided the following:

- Reasonable props will be permitted.
- All presentation content must be submitted **two weeks prior** to the event.

Debate Topics

Spanish: The Monarchy should be abolished.

French: Topic to be decided – a France-specific topic will be discussed and agreed.

German: Germany has done enough to make reparations for its past.

The group will continue discussion to finalise a French-focused topic and will create an LMD WhatsApp group to share ideas.

Action: Alessandro to rewrite the email to headteachers for LMD, to be reviewed on 25 February

Action: Alessandro to create an LMD groundwork document and update the poster to revert to the original event title.

5. AOB

None at this moment in time.