Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

7 October (Week 3/10)

Participants: Scarlett Robertson, Ayla Kayaga, Gabrielle Robinson, Monroe Clarke, Tanisha Balasingham, Lily-Rose Blackford, Zara Djemal, Paula Dilello, Nashaya Benjamin, Edward Odulaja, Ayan Maradia, George Vaciago, Chase Hall, Thomas Vaciago, El-Elohim Obilanzila, Declan Twum, Grace Watts, Liberti Kenny

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Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Youth Council introduced themselves to the Mayor (Cllr Spears) and participated in an ice breaker activity.

2. **Youth Council Elections**

Candidates standing for Cabinet positions delivered two-minute presentations to the Youth Council, outlining why they were applying for their chosen roles and what they hoped to achieve if elected. Following the presentations, members cast their votes for each position.

The election results for the 2026/27 Youth Council Cabinet were confirmed as follows:

- **Youth Mayor:** Zara Djemal
- **Deputy Youth Mayor:** Thomas Vaciago
- **Health Officer:** Lily-Rose Blackford
- **Social Media Officers:** Edward Odulaja and Monroe Clarke

The newly elected Cabinet members were congratulated on their appointments and will take up their roles for the 2026/27 term, supporting the Youth Council's work and representing the views of young people across the borough.

3. **Social Media Discussion**

The Youth Council participated in a discussion regarding the proposed social media ban for young people under the age of 16 and explored the potential impact such measures could have on young people's social wellbeing. Members discussed both the positive and negative effects of social media, highlighting its role in helping young people stay connected with friends, access support networks, and engage with their communities.

4. **AOB**

None at this moment in time.