
Leicester Young Peoples Council Survey

Scrutiny Commission - OSC

Date of meeting: 9th September

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Useful information

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1. Summary

1. Leicester Young Peoples Council (YPC) is made up of 44 children and young people who were elected by their peers (5,000 votes) in November 2024.
2. In October 2025, the YPC met with the City Mayor and the executive team to share a survey they have developed to capture the views and wishes of children and young people in Leicester City.
3. The survey was welcomed by the City Mayor and exec and given the go ahead to be rolled out.
4. It was launched in November 2025 and completed by 2,868 children and young people across the City. 55% were female and 43% were male.
5. The YPC have since been reviewing the findings and establishing their priorities and campaign ideas.
6. The initial findings document (attached) outlines that the three top issues that children and young people are worried about are Education, Health (in particular mental health) and community safety.
7. The presentation, that will be shared, outlines the findings from the survey and the campaigns the YPC will be working on for the next two years.
8. The aims are to ensure that the chairs of all commissions are aware of what children and young people in our City are saying as well as consider how they may be able to support and promote the YPC campaigns.

2. Recommended actions/decision

- 2.1 To hear the voices of children and young people in the City.
- 2.2 To consider how the YPC can be further supported.

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

- 3.1 The survey was completed by 2,868 children and young people. 55% were female and 44% male. This represents approx. 9% of the total population of 11-19 yh

5. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Signed: Paresh Radia Principal Accountant

Dated: 23.06.2026

5.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications as a result of this report.

Signed: Amy Owen-Davis, Principal Solicitor, Social Care and Safeguarding

Dated: 22.06.2026

5.3 Equalities implications

Our Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED), requires us to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic as defined by the Equality Act 2010 (sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, disability, race, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, age) and those who do not. The YPC survey supports the Council's PSED by promoting participation and representation among a diverse range of children and young people across Leicester. The findings from the survey have led the YPC to develop priorities and campaigns which are important to them, and these will be progressed over the coming two years. These will continue to ensure that children and young people are actively involved in the decisions that affect them and help to achieve the right outcomes for them.

Signed: Sukhi Biring, Equalities Officer

Dated: 25 June 2026

5.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are no significant direct implications associated with the survey's delivery.

The survey contains questions relating to public transport, community services, leisure activities and young people's priorities, which may provide useful evidence to inform future council policies, programmes and service improvements. In particular, responses on barriers to bus use, accessibility and transport affordability could support wider objectives to encourage sustainable travel and reduce transport-related emissions.

While the survey seeks to understand the issues most affecting young people in Leicester, it does not include climate-related questions which limits the Council's ability to understand the extent to which climate change affects young people locally and how climate considerations compare with other priorities identified through the survey.

The survey may help identify opportunities to better engage young people in environmental and climate-related initiatives if such themes emerge through the responses and free-text comments.

Signed: Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer, Ext 372246

Dated: 24th June 2026

5.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

6. Background information and other papers:

7. Summary of appendices:

Appendix 1 – A copy of the Initial findings leaflet.



Initial findings YPC
survey 2025 - 2028.pdf

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

9. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?