

**Classification:** Public

**Key Decision:** No

## **Gravesham Borough Council**

**Report to:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 29 June 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Assistant Director (Communities)  
**Subject:** Youth Concordat 2020

### **Purpose and summary of report:**

To inform members of the proposal to renew the Gravesham Concordat to coincide with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gravesham Youth Council

### **Recommendations:**

1. That the Council commits to the renewal of the Concordat pledge and that the other representatives identified in the report are approached to commit to the updated Concordat.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Gravesham Youth Council celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its formation this July. While the organisation has gone through a number of name changes over the years (Gravesham Youth Forum and Vox Box) the role of the Youth Council's purpose remains the same – to represent the views of all young people who reside or go to school in the Borough of Gravesham. This is achieved by enabling young people to voice their concerns and to participate in local government, empowering young people to be involved in decision making and actions to improve their local community.
- 1.2 In October 2000, a Festival of Youth event, organised by the Council, Kent Youth & Community, North West Kent Racial Equality Council and the Gravesham Youth Forum was held at The Woodville.
- 1.3 The Festival was intended to be a springboard to enable young people to raise issues and concerns and have an involvement in the future shaping of the Council's work. This resulted in a meeting between the members of the Youth Forum, the Leader of the Council, The Mayor and Cllr John Caller in December 2000.
- 1.4 It is proposed that the Concordat is updated and re-committed to in marking Gravesham Youth Council's 20th year and renewing partners' willingness to receive and act upon the views of young people in the Borough.

## **2. Concordat**

- 2.1 One of the aims of the Gravesham Youth Forum was to put in place a Youth Concordat - a pledge made by relevant partners *'to provide the opportunity for youth issues to be discussed widely and a platform for their opinions to be expressed'*.
- 2.2 A copy of the original Concordat is attached as Appendix 2. This was agreed by Cabinet and a Cabinet Member was identified as having responsibility for young people's issues. In this instance, with an updated Concordat, that responsibility falls with the Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure.
- 2.3 The Concordat was signed by a number of partners and the then MP, Chris Pond, in the Houses of Parliament, followed by a visit to 10 Downing Street. The partners at the time included Kent County Council, Kent Police, North West Kent Racial Equality Council, and Gravesham Youth Forum.
- 2.4 An updated version of the Concordat is attached as Appendix 3. It is proposed that the following agencies are asked to sign the new Concordat Gravesham Youth Council, Gravesham Borough Council, Kent County Council, North West Kent Racial Equality Council, Kent Police, The Gr@nd CIC and MP for Gravesham, Adam Holloway.
- 2.5 Cabinet is asked to agree the updated Concordat and the approach to the other partners to sign. Plans will be put in place, in agreement with the Cabinet Member for Community & Leisure, to mark its signing at an appropriate time to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Youth Council.

## **3. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 3.1 There are no background papers.

Anyone wishing to inspect background papers should, in the first place, be directed to Committee & Electoral Services who will make the necessary arrangements.

IMPLICATIONS	APPENDIX 1
<b>Legal</b>	No Implications.
<b>Finance and Value for Money</b>	No implications.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	No implications.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	<p><i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i></p> <p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of <a href="#">personal data</a> or <a href="#">special category data</a> or <a href="#">criminal offence data</a>? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner’s Office website via the above links.</p> <p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice?</p> <p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at <a href="mailto:gdpr@medway.gov.uk">gdpr@medway.gov.uk</a>.</p>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No</p> <p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. Yes</p> <p><i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i></p>
<b>Corporate Plan</b>	<p>#2 Place</p> <p>Improve resident wellebing</p> <p>Develop a cohesive and resilient community</p>
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	No Implications.
<b>Digital and website implications</b>	No Implications.
<b>Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults</b>	No Implications.