

## UK Youth Parliament

### Purpose of report

*For discussion.*

### Summary

Members of the UK Youth Parliament will join the Board meeting to discuss their work and the outcomes of the Make Your Mark survey of young people across the UK.

Is this report confidential? Yes  No

### Recommendation

Members are recommended to consider the issues raised by Members of the UK Youth Parliament and use these to inform the Board's priorities for 2022/23.

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1. UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for 11-18 year olds to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning.
2. Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) are elected every two years by other young people in their area. Any 11-18 year old can stand or vote in the election, with elections taking place in March this year. Elections are supported by councils and take place in a range of venues including schools, youth groups and online to ensure as many young people as possible can take part. MYPs are currently elected in 110 council areas in England and Wales.
3. When elected, MYPs work with young people in their area and represent their views to decision-makers on a local, regional and national level. This includes working with their MP and government departments, campaigning and working with other MYPs to develop a UK Youth Parliament Manifesto.

### Make Your Mark

4. Make Your Mark gives all young people aged 11-18 in the UK a chance to have a say on the biggest issues facing young people. It is a survey run every two years alongside elections for MYPs and is supported by hundreds of schools, colleges, youth groups and councils. Almost half a million young people took part this year.
5. The biggest issue identified by young people this year was health and wellbeing, followed by jobs, money, homes and opportunities. The [Make Your Mark report](#) breaks down the priorities of young people in individual upper tier authority areas.

### Discussion with Children and Young People Board

6. Members of the UK Youth Parliament will join the Children and Young People Board meeting today to outline the work of the UKYP and to discuss with councillors what young people have indicated are their priorities for action.
7. Members joining are:
  - Julija Solovjova, former MYP for North Lincolnshire
  - Marjaan Aman, MYP for Hounslow
  - Callum Parr, member of the Steering Group representing the East Midlands

### Implications for Wales

8. The UKYP operates across England and Wales.

**Financial Implications**

9. None.

**Next steps**

10. Members are recommended to use the priorities highlighted by Members of the UK Youth Parliament to inform the Board's priorities for 2022/23.