



Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, EDUCATION AND SKILLS
Date	7 SEPTEMBER 2023
Topic	YOUTH PROVISION ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

BACKGROUND

Following from Full Council on 19 July 2023 where the following public question was asked from the Youth Council: *'Does the Isle of Wight Council plan to support youth provisions by providing subsidised or more accessible transport, such as minibuses, to and from activities especially considering the financial strains placed upon families alongside the need to reduce isolation and loneliness in young people.'*

Alongside this Cllr Lilley submitted a motion that:

'IW Council resolves:

That every child and young person on the Isle of Wight should have accessible out of school youth service/provision that is of a consistent quality wherever they live on the Island. That the Council as the Unitary Authority works with every parish, community and town council, youth organisations, and voluntary sector to ensure every child and young person has equality in access to a youth (out of school) service across the Island.'

It was determined that to delve into the topic further it should go to the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills, with representation from the Youth Council, to hear the voice of the Islands youth and understand the issues and challenges in accessing provision.

FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

- What provision do young people want to be able to access and are unable to?
- What do the Youth Council see as the problems with accessing provision?
- What solutions can be put in place to aid in young people accessing provision?

APPROACH

Verbal representation to be received from members of the Youth Council.

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