

Annex A

ISSUES FROM YOUTH PARLIAMENT ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Each table was asked to identify 3 issues. Not all tables identified 3, below are the issues from each table .

TABLE 1

Community Safety Officers – need more powers and more police officers on streets.

Places to go/meet – no where to go staffed appropriately. Should open up schools, churches, etc. The Education Maintenance Allowance is unjust.

Environment – should be more interesting, we need to do more in schools.

TABLE 2

Extend school facilities across Wirral for weekend and evening use. Cost to be reduced or even free regardless of address of young person.

Free or greatly reduced travel costs to enable young people to get to places where activities are held.

Safer Play spaces with lighting – consultation at all levels regarding where and what will be done.

TABLE 3

Youth facilities – need the right type of activities for weekend. Need to advertise opportunities available.

Transport – need student savers, free bus passes, bus card for discounts on public transport.

Environment – need a choice of bins for different types of rubbish and style of households. Leaflets should be less confusing.

TABLE 4

Leisure facilities – cost too high and lack of information for young people to know what is available.

Section 30 Orders – young people feel unsafe and are being moved on and separated from friends. Better lighting and alley gating would help. Partnership between all parties would help.

Youth shelters, dog muck and parks – young people would like youth shelters and they should be managed by young people. There should be dog free areas as there is too much dog muck in parks.

TABLE 5

Focussed policing and a more structured approach.

Bring people and forums together.

Appropriate places to go for like minded people designated graffiti art area.

TABLE 6

More recycling – need more bins as there is a lack of these. There is a need for more education on re-cycling.

Need places to go that meet the needs of 15-18 yrs. Purpose built youth shelters would help.

PSHE classes – There is a lack of resource of this subject eg textbooks. Young people want more information than just careers information. Staff should bring up discussions regarding all the issues including sexuality, culture and gender.

TABLE 7

Education in schools on drugs alcohol and smoking is felt to be too late and teacher not always appropriate person.

School crossings and safety, young people are unsafe leaving school there are no lights, signs or lollipop people. It is dangerous leaving school buses.

Lack of lighting in certain areas. The police move young people on and there is a lack of respect for young people. There are big groups of young people hanging around. The young people who are misbehaving should be targeted, not all the young people.

TABLE 8

Political correctness has gone too far. It is important that racial acceptance is taught at a young age. We should look at terminology.

Under age drinking. Need safe places for young people to drink. Age limit to be lowered for supervised drinking.

Transport and vandalism – need more conductors, cameras and young people as bus monitors.

TABLE 9

Safe and secure youth house/drop in centre for Port Sunlight/Bromborough area.

Bromborough Pool School – not to be boarded up. Can it be developed as a community/youth resource.

Energy conservation – some schools are lit up all night. Arrowse and Victoria Parks are dark and dangerous. Is it possible to use solar powered lighting activated by motion sensors.

TABLE 10

Places to go - youth club style which are warm open areas – open Friday – Sunday.

Transport costs for 16+ young people to be equal. Free bus passes until 18yrs.

Recycling and environment – need more information in schools, etc. Recycling bins for schools should be included as part of official collection system.

TABLE 11

Transport – need more buses and more trains. More cycle roads and areas where buses cannot go. Need disability access stations. Need special rates for students.

School Resources – week end, after school and holiday activities. Youth Forums to be advertised in schools. Youth facilities – need places to go and chill. A social barn, a facility where rooms could be booked for young people. Need well placed youth shelters.