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To: All Members of the Youth Provision Committee
(Cllrs: Ian Barlow, Francetta Bridle, Bernie Davis, Paul Dodds, Stuart Hughes, Chris Lockyear, Hilary Nelson, John Nicholson, Rachel Perram)

For Information:
Other Members of the Council
Town Clerk

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Meeting of the Youth Provision Committee
Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 10 a.m.**

You are called upon to attend the above meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered and resolution or resolutions passed as the Town Council considers appropriate.

The Chair of the Committee has the right and discretion to control questions to avoid disruption, repetition and to make best use of the meeting time. Individual contributions will be limited to a maximum period of three minutes.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher E Holland
Town Clerk

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1 Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the final Youth Provision Working Group held on Tuesday 20 May 2025.

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3 Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.
Note: You must also declare the nature of any personal or prejudicial interests in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered.

4 Matters of Urgency and Report

To consider any items that in the opinion of the Chair should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances. (Note: such circumstances need to be recorded in the minutes)

5 Exclusion of the Public

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There is one item which the Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way.

6 Youth Services Provision 2025/6

To receive and consider an update regarding ongoing negotiations between Sidmouth Town Council and Young Devon towards a Youth Provision contract for 2025/26.

7 Long Park

Maximising use and possibilities for the future.

8 Skate Park

Discussion about ongoing vandalism and littering.

9 Exclusion of the Public and Press

The Vice-Chair to move the following:

"that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of its contents."

10 Member discussion on Future Youth Provision

Members to consider possible provision for September 2025 onwards.

Forthcoming Council and Working Group meetings:

11 June: Tourism and Economy

25 June: Planning Committee

7 July: Council

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee
held in the Council Chamber,
Woolcombe House, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth
on Tuesday 20 May 2025 at 10am

Present:	Councillors: Hilary Nelson (Chair) Ian Barlow Bernie Davis Paul Dodds Chris Lockyear John Nicholson Rachel Perram
Apologies	Councillors: Francetta Bridle Stuart Hughes
Also Present:	Lucy Whittaker, Sidmouth Town Council Di Byrne, Sidmouth Town Council Christopher Holland, Town Clerk

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.00 pm.

2 Notes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Working Group held on Friday 4 April 2025 were accepted as a true record.

3 PART 'B'

Youth Services Provision 2025/6

Members considered an update from the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee about the ongoing negotiations with the Town Council's Youth Services provider, following receipt of their response to tender and recent updated submissions. The Committee considered the revised proposals carefully and at length. Members reiterated concerns that the service currently being delivered by the provider, proposed for 2025/6, while valued by the very small number of young people who currently attend sessions, does not meet the Town Council's aim of offering a universal, strengths-based service model which will engage with a wide range of young people in the Sid Valley.

The Committee reiterated its wish to ensure that the Town Council's commissioned youth services are robust, fun and engaging. It is a central tenet of the Town Council's youth strategy that it should be led by, and responsive to the voice of young people, as provided through consultation exercises including the extensive Sidmouth CYP Consultation of May 2023 and conversations with service users and non-service users since that time. The Committee was concerned that the current proposal from the provider does not sufficiently take into account the feedback from these consultations with young people.

The Council had committed to commissioning a good quality service that delivered demonstrable value for money to the Council Tax payer. Any revised offering should aim to significantly increase engagement with and be shaped by the aspirations of a wider group of Young People.

Members resolved that the Chair and Vice Chair should reiterate to the provider the Committee's concerns and requirements for any renewed contract with them, and to continue negotiations with the provider to this end.

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Next Meetings

- 2 June: Council
- 4 June: Planning Committee
- 11 June: Tourism & Economy Committee