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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,

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Youth Provision Committee
Thursday 14 August 2025 at 12 p.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

A G E N D A

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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 Friday 10 June 2025

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3 **Declarations of Interest**

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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 **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."

7 **Mental Health Support - Vice Chair to provide verbal update on mentoring support provided by Action East Devon.**

PART 'B'

8 **Update on the Youth Provision model - Chair to present.**

9 **Youth Provision Budget - Committee to consider projected spend for Sidmouth Youth Provision by provider Sept 2025 - end March 2026 with negotiations further delegated on to the Clerk, the Chair & Vice Chair Youth Provision and Chair of Council.**

10 **To agree the date of the next Youth Provision Meeting as Tuesday 7 October 2025.**

Forthcoming Council and Working Group meetings:

Mon 1 September: Council

Wed 3 September: Planning Committee

Wed 10 September: Tourism and Economy

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

Present: Councillors:
Hilary Nelson
Francetta Bridle
Bernie Davis (Vice Chair)
Paul Dodds
Chris Lockyear
Rachel Perram (Chair)

Apologies Councillors:
Ian Barlow
Stuart Hughes
John Nicholson

Also Present: Lucy Whittaker, Sidmouth Town Council
Di Byrne, Sidmouth Town Council
Duncan Cherrett, Young Devon
Charlotte Westlake, Young Devon
Christopher Holland, Town Clerk

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.15 am.

6 Notes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on Tuesday 20 May 2025 were accepted as a true record.

7 Declarations of interest

Cllr Rachel Perram (Chair)	Daughter works for Young Devon and Sidmouth International School.
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8 Matters of Urgency and Report

Duncan and Charlotte from Young Devon presented the Q1 and Q4 reports, giving a synopsis of events.

The Juniors had moved from the Scout Hut to Primley Church Hall which enabled easier access to the MUGA, skate park and outdoor space.

The collaboration with the River Sid Catchment Group and their Skills group sessions was a great success and their work has been displayed on the billboard at the Ham Car Park. Young Devon was set to take over the mentoring at Sidmouth College from Action East Devon working for WHAT. With Charlotte targeting females, whilst Jonny continues to support mainly the boys.

Mental Health Youth Worker Update

Jonny was delivering 1:1 support 1 day a week in Sidmouth College, focusing on early intervention and support of emotional wellbeing and resilience. The College gave great feedback saying those students have increased confidence and decreased incidents of dysregulation.

9 Long Park

Discussions on social media raised concerns from residents that the football ground had become less accessible, due to it being unavailable during football matches. Members noted that there had been no actual change in periods of availability, since the public had always had access other than on match days. As public perception was that the area was less accessible, an alternative and already available recreation space was Long Park. However, it was no longer used for football training and the grass was not currently mowed as regularly in the past. Members noted that Sidmouth Junior Vikings and Raiders were short of space. Long Park could be mowed shorter and facilitate football practise and be a useful space for the public to use once more.

RESOLVED:

Town Clerk to liaise with the football club and the Town Maintenance Contractor to investigate shorter cutting and marking out of a multi-use pitch at Long Park.

10 Skate Park

Members discussed the ongoing issues of vandalism and littering at the skate park. There were also reports of broken glass and ongoing evidence of drugs, smoking and other anti-social behaviour. Police had increased their visits, but Members wanted to trial CCTV as a further deterrent. This may also help to reduce vandalism at the Long Park WC facilities.

RESOLVED:

Members proposed purchasing CCTV for the skate park and for this to go to full Council. Cllr Nelson would contact the Police and ask for a referral to gain an Assertive Outreach Project to send street-based youth volunteers to the area.

11 PART 'B'

Youth Services Provision 2025/6

Members discussed Young Devon's withdrawal from their tender to offer Youth Services Provision for 2025/26 period. The Chair presented a model for future service provision to the Committee for discussion.

Negotiations with future providers were proposed and it was agreed that the Council should request that the organisations develop a package of activities with costings for the Council to review in a similar way to a tender document.

A specification of what is required as a Youth service would be formulated and governed by Sidmouth Town Council alongside consideration of branding, website domain, risk assessment and budgets.

The Committee noted that liaisons with Sidmouth International School was underway, trialling an open access session for all ages on Wednesday 25 June 2025.

Next Meetings

- 25 June Planning Committee
- 07 July Council
- 14 July Environment Committee

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CHAIR OF THE YOUTH PROVISION COMMITTEE