

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Youth Provision Committee, held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth, on Thursday 14 August 2025 at 12pm

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

Apologies: No Apologies received for absence

The meeting started at 12.00pm and finished at 1:30pm

PART 'A'

13 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Provision Committee held on Friday 10 June 2025 were signed as a true and accurate record, with the exception of agenda item 2. The agenda item made an incorrect reference to the Youth Provision working Group as opposed to Youth Provision Committee.

RESOLVED that this error had been noted and would be rectified in future agendas.

14 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rachel Perram (Chair)	Daughter is employed by Sidmouth International School
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15 Matters of Urgency or Report from the Chair

No matters of urgency reported.

16 Exclusion of the Public

It was agreed that two items on the agenda be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded and discussed in Part 'B'.

17 Mental Health Support

Cllr Davis provided Members with an overview of the recent changes that had been made to mentoring support in the Sid Valley.

The report included updates to Sid Valley Help (SVH), WHAT (The Wellbeing and Health Action Team) and the Council's funded Youth Provision at Sidmouth college.

Cllr Davis reported that she had requested quarterly reports from the Mental Health Youth Workers at Sidmouth College to be made available to the council. Cllr Nelson suggested that parameters of such reports need to be agreed, and case studies were no longer considered appropriate.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The report be noted
- 2) Future reporting parameters and outcome measures be discussed with Council funded Mental Health Workers at Sidmouth College.

PART 'B'

18 Update on the Youth Provision model

The Chair presented an update on Youth Services Provision in the Sid Valley. It was reported that the service would be rebranded and to be made more appealing and accessible to Young People.

The Presentation also provided Members with new plans for Outreach work, Open Access and Skills sessions previously run by Young Devon.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

19 Youth Provision Budget

The Chair provided a Budget v Spend update to the Committee with projected costs associated with new service providers and impact on budget.

RESOLVED that the Committee noted projected spend for Sidmouth Youth Provision by provider for services delivered from September to the end of March 2026 and that the service proposed met the remaining budget constraints.

Further negotiations with service providers would be delegated to the Clerk, Chair of Council and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Youth Provision Committee.

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CHAIR OF THE YOUTH PROVISION COMMITTEE