

Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee 8/10/26

Title	5 Year Youth Work Strategy
Reason for Scrutiny	Council Plan 2023-28 – Tomorrow’s Gwynedd
Additional Questions	
Have parents, schools and organisations such as the Urdd and Young Farmers been involved, and how?	
As part of developing the Youth Service 5-Year Strategy, an extensive consultation process was undertaken with key stakeholders, including young people, schools and partner organisations. Schools were involved through regular meetings with school contacts and focus groups with pupils. The needs of young people, local priorities and the future direction of youth provision were discussed. Input was also received from over 60 organisations through attendance at six workshops across Gwynedd. Invitations were shared with all organisations and services working with young people aged 11-25 in Gwynedd. Young people themselves were central to the process through the Youth Forum, surveys, participation sessions and local engagement activities. Parents’ views were gathered through consultations linked to service activities, community events and feedback received through schools and partners. All feedback collected was used to inform the priorities within the strategy, ensuring that it reflects the needs, aspirations and experiences of young people and the wider network of adults and organisations that support them.	
Will there be club provision in every area? How will transport to clubs be addressed?	
The strategy does not propose a youth club in every community, but it aims to ensure that young people across Gwynedd have access to appropriate, high-quality youth work opportunities. Provision will vary according to local need and will include a mix of youth clubs, outreach work, targeted projects, school-based activities and community opportunities. Transport is a significant challenge in some rural areas, and the Youth Service recognises that this can limit participation for some young people. However, within current resources, the service is not in a position to provide regular transport for young people to attend clubs or activities. Instead, the service will seek to locate activities as locally as possible and consider accessibility when planning provision. In addition, the strategy outlines a clear intention to strengthen partnerships with third-sector organisations and community groups to help address geographical gaps in provision. By working with local partners, the aim is to expand the range of opportunities available to young people in areas where there is no direct Youth Service provision, ensuring fairer and more consistent access to personal development opportunities across the county.	

• How will you continue to obtain young people's input throughout the lifetime of the strategy?
Young people's input will continue to be a central element of the implementation and evaluation of the strategy throughout its lifetime. The Youth Service will use a variety of participation methods to ensure that young people's voices influence decisions, priorities and service developments. This will include the ongoing work of the Youth Forum, regular surveys, consultation sessions in clubs and schools, focus groups and digital participation activities. Youth workers will also gather feedback regularly during sessions and activities, ensuring that young people's views inform local provision. In addition, young people will be represented within the strategy's review and monitoring processes, ensuring that their experiences and priorities are considered when measuring progress and determining any changes to provision. This will help ensure that the strategy remains relevant, responsive and reflective of the changing needs of young people in Gwynedd over the five-year period.