



## **Worcestershire Youth Cabinet Manifesto 2025/26**

This document outlines the manifesto of Worcestershire youth cabinet for the year 2025/26

### **Foreword from the Chair**

Since becoming Chair in June 2025, I have been so proud of the huge progress we have made collectively as a Cabinet. Every single member has, and continues to, play their part in helping act as a voice for all young people across Worcestershire.

We continue to build closer relationships with key decision makers and are strengthening the network we can call on for support and advice to help us achieve our manifesto pledges. This includes engagement with local MPs and elected council members. Those relations have moved to another level throughout this year.

Through a variety of projects, we continue to engage with schools and youth organisations to hear their thoughts and concerns – covering key topics where we know we can make a difference - such as education, crime, mental health and special education needs.

Our ambition is simple. We want to ensure we make a lasting impact on the lives of young people across the county, guaranteeing that their voices are not only heard, but taken seriously and acted upon.

All members of the Cabinet understand the privileged position we are in, and the role we play. More than anything, I am excited to see where the next year will take us.

I am confident that we can continue to build a brighter future for young people across Worcestershire.

Cameron Henry

Chair, Worcestershire Youth Cabinet



## OUR MANIFESTO

### Health and wellbeing

- **Hospital Experience:** Start discussions with NHS support staff to reduce waiting times and improve support to children in A&E - ensuring a more pleasant hospital experience.
- Hospital and GP service.
- Feedback from service users- and information gathered.
- **Mental health:** Design and distribute a pamphlet for schools and young people detailing available mental health support in Worcestershire, including explanations of CAMHS.
- Collaborate with schools to promote open discussions and adequate provisions around mental health.
- **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND):** Work with organisations, NHS leads and students to destigmatise SEND and promote inclusive language and practise, and connect to children and young people with SEND, to co-produce improvements in SEND services via the Worcestershire SEND and Alternative Provision Local Area Partnership.

### Crime and safety

- **Knife crime:** Collaborating with officials to identify causes and motivations behind knife crime amongst young people and develop strategies to address the issues by collaborating with community safety officers and other qualified individuals.
- **Online safety:** Staying safe online can be incredibly difficult and mitigating the impact of what can be seen as a harmless joke can be hard. We aim to raise awareness about how to stay safe online and what can be constituted as a threat or concern in the online sphere.

### Culture, media and sport

- **Equal access:** Foster increased discourse on equal access to arts and sports opportunities by working with organisations, newspapers, community groups and MPs who specialise in these areas.

### Education and learning

- **Transition support:** Enhance support for students transitioning from year 6-7 and year 11-12.



- **Holistic education:** Advocate for a more comprehensive educational approach in Worcestershire that equips students with essential life skills such as financial awareness, communication and critical thinking.

### **Who are we planning on working with to achieve our Manifesto aims?**

- **Local MPs** - A letter to all MPs in Worcestershire has been sent to a prominent level of success by the Cabinet Chair to start a productive dialogue with them and our Cabinet's youth. Many MPs have been keen to support the Cabinet on achieving its aims within Worcester and more broadly.
- **Worcestershire county councillors** - We aim to collaborate with all councillors with specified responsibilities in the area of our manifesto to provide the most constructive pathway for our manifesto aims to be actualised.
- **Develop a working relationship with the SEND Co-Production Coordinator** – Once appointed maintain links with the SEND and Alternative Provision Partnership Committee as part of the SEND improvement plan.
- Work with the newly appointed Children and Young People's Mental Health and Well-being Communication and Engagement officer.
- Worcestershire County Council's Get Safe Team
- Collaborating with external stakeholders with expertise in areas of our manifesto, such as Mind, The Career and Enterprise Company

### **Cabinet members 2024 - 2025**

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