

Y CAT Meeting – Friday 29 June 2017

XPerience Youth Centre, Fareham

7 - 8:30pm

Attendance: 17 young people

A Y CAT meeting took place at XPerience Youth Centre, with a focus on staying safe. Young people attending came from Genesis, XPerience, Fareham North West, Park Gate and Odyssey.

PCs Coleman and Bowen gave a presentation on the work the Police are doing to keep young people safe from terrorism. They then played a film advising of what action to take to keep safe in a terrorist attack.

Actions that have taken place since the last Y CAT meeting

- **Issue:** Young people requested more adventurous play equipment in parks.
Action: A new play park had been created at Holly Hill that included more challenging climbing and a zip wire.
- **Issue:** Young people had requested a computer gaming session.
Action: This has been arranged as a trial session at Access All Areas on 14th August.
- **Issue:** Young people had requested that information on the youth clubs available was posted on social media.
Action: The Council posted the details of all the projects it is aware of.

After a review of the last meeting, Cllr Woodward answered questions posted by the young people in the ballot box provided.

- **From a young person attending Odyssey:-**
Why don't we have more activities during the day or after school?
Cllr Woodward explained that there were lots of activities available. These could be found by going to your local Community Centre or looking online.
- **From a young person attending Genesis:-**
What is going in replacement of BHS?
Cllr Woodward responded that the Shopping Centre Management were speaking to a number of different stores with a view to attracting a popular, low cost clothing chain to Fareham.
- **From a young person attending Fareham North West:-**
Why can't we have lighting around the Henry Cort area, and a shelter that is accessible to everyone?
Cllr Woodward explained that the cost of lighting the area around the teen shelter at Fareham North West had been explored and would cost over £30,000. Unfortunately, there weren't currently the funds to spend on this request.
- **From a young person attending Fareham North West:-**
Is there the possibility of a skate park at Henry Cort?

Cllr Woodward explained that skate parks cost a large amount of money. Only a few years ago the skate park at Park Lane was improved and added to following consultation with local young people. There is not currently the funding to install another skate park nearby.

- **From a young person from XPerience:-**

- **Why is so much money being spent on Welborne?**

- Cllr Woodward explained that for Welborne to be beneficial to Fareham, much work must be done to make sure the transport links, local services like GP surgeries, and opportunities for employment are all included. This means that money does not just get allocated to providing housing.

- **From a young person from Brookfield:-**

- **Why are so many houses being built on fields, and will any more be built in the Western Wards?**

- Cllr Woodward explained that Fareham was not currently able to provide the housing needed, particularly for young people looking to get their first house, or less wealthy members of the community. The Council had taken the decision that, rather than squeeze lots of houses into suburban areas, it would be more beneficial to allow houses to be built on unused fields, creating new estates. In this way, the plans could be drawn up to allow for green spaces and wild areas. More development is anticipated in the Western Wards, including the area behind the Strawberry Fields development.

- **From a young person from X-Perience:-**

- **How would you improve the safety of young people in Fareham Town?**

- Cllr Woodward explained that the Council has recently approved a Public Spaces Protection Order which gives the Police extra powers to tackle street drinking and begging in the Town Centre. He reminded the meeting that many of the beggars travelled from their homes to Fareham to get money from shoppers as Fareham was seen as an affluent area.