Motion from Cllr Sidaway to establish a Youth Group Working Party.

This Council recognises that young people are an important part of our community and that their views, experiences and ideas should be reflected in the decisions that affect them and the wider community.

This Council believes that young people should have meaningful opportunities to engage with the Town Council, express their views and contribute to shaping the future of the town.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Establish a Youth Group Working Party comprised of no more than 3 members of Broadstone Town Council and no more than 3 representatives from Broadstone Youth club, to develop a meaningful and ongoing approach to youth engagement.

2. Engage directly with the local youth club, meeting with its members to listen to their views, understand the issues that matter to them and identify ways in which they can contribute to the Council's decision-making.

3. Undertake a survey of young people in Broadstone to seek their views on local issues, facilities, activities and priorities, ensuring that the Council hears from as broad a range of young people as possible.

4. Explore the creation of a Youth Council, providing young people with a structured forum through which they can represent their peers, develop ideas and make recommendations to the Town Council.

The Council further resolves that the Working Party should report back with its recommendations, including proposals for the establishment, membership and operation of a Youth Council, within an appropriate timescale.

Membership:
The Council recommends that In the first instance, the members of the working party are:

Broadstone Town Council:
Cllr. Peter Sidaway
Cllr. Colin Elkins

Broadstone Youth Club:
Andrew Kenway
Sarah Kenway
Tony Murphy