

Cabinet – 7 December 2017

[Written Response to Questioner not present at the meeting]

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Questioner: Rohil Anjay

Asked of: Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration

Question: “The council have often claimed that consultation is "at the heart" of what it does. Why did you therefore decide to reject an amendment at last Thursday's council meeting which would have allowed executive members to hear the views of young people when making decisions?”

Written Response: I believe we should go even further than giving young people a voice on cabinet, we believe all 16 and 17 year olds should get to decide which party gets to run the council.

This will mean everyone can have a say on how services are run locally and on the decisions made by national government. Young people already have many freedoms and responsibilities, and yet they are denied the vote. Only through getting the vote will they get the voice they deserve and be able to decide who makes crucial decisions in this Council.