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CPA Board Cycle	March 2026	Improvement Aim 100% of decisions which impact on children and young people are informed by them by 2026		Project Manager Name/Org	Margaret Stewart, ACC			
No. of community ideas being tested		#	Progress Scale	8	Participation Scale	7	RAG	

What we are testing and where	What impact are we having?
Changes being tested: - Use community conference to test consultation and engagement approaches with children and young people - We are building a toolkit of tested ideas and resources and also a dialogue on good and accessible practice in engaging and consultation with young people. Through Aberdeen Youth movement, and Scottish Youth Parliament rep with ACC staff support have - Community idea from Aberdeen Youth Movement group- Recruitment drive to involve children and young people in new and existing opportunities to participate - Community idea from AYM -Child, young person friendly project charter - Aberdeen Youth Movement, Secondary school takeover roadshows - Co-design with children & young people, a wider range of opportunities for children and young people across the city to have their say - Young ambassadors groups and via city master planning. Engagement of young people through community gathering. - An overview of approaches tested or to be tested is as follows: - A variety of consultation and engagement approaches tested and recorded from community gathering, city wide LOIP and library consultation, City Centre and Beach master planning, youth voice animations created as part of Young Ambassador sessions during Oct. Easter and Summer of play sessions at Beach Ballroom, in school - Include young people as part of the Improvement Project team - Aberdeen Youth movement, and Scottish Youth Parliament rep with ACC staff support have delivered sessions on youth democracy in Secondary school take over information and engagement sessions - Data collected by young people with young people - Aberdeen Youth Movement (AYM) engagement with the ACC budget consultation and feedback the Partnership. - Child/Young Person lead animation and film premiere for ACC elected members and officers.	Aim Achieved. All reports to the Community Planning Board that impact children and young people included their voices. We successfully tested a range of engagement modules with children and young people, and these will now be embedded as Business as Usual and aligned with the Children's Services Plan 2026–31 and the LOIP 2026–36. A Children's Services Youth Shadow Board is currently being developed. In addition, Aberdeen Youth Movement will support the delivery of the LOIP 2026–36. Impacts from school road shows: Successful models of delivery with young people who are passionate about youth voice, designing approaches to engage school pupils during their lunchtime, impacts have been: Engagement sessions in 5 secondary schools capturing comments to inform the ACC phase2 Budget Consultation, the majority of the young people were not aware of the citywide campaign. 380 young people engaged, views captured and shared to wider ACC Budget consultation. Budget options that are important to them, this physical presence was complemented by a AYM social media campaign on the ACC Budget, working closely with the ACC Media team on social media takeovers. Total views: 10,156. Impacts from Young Ambassadors: 'Fish and Ships' youth led Oct holiday workshops for children and young people marked the first in a programme of event focused on and involving C&YP in environmental issues that affect them, in

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- Library Champions sessions have taken place across city library spaces to inform how spaces can better meet the needs of young people - The Young Ambassador group will dovetail with AYM providing involvement and progression for city youth participation groups for 10-16 years through Young Ambassadors and 16-25 years for AYM membership. -Good progress has been made on test of change with the following tests complete: • Testing school road shows • Modern Studies Take overs • Testing approaches to children and young people engagement -Children and Young Person information added to the CPA Toolkit, with more content in development, there will be Toolkit training sessions delivered in the summer with a C&YP focus, date TBC. -The Young Ambassadors (YA) and Aberdeen Youth Movement(AYM) have been involved in designing and delivering engagement approaches for children and young people to have their say in Your Place, Your Plans, Your Future. -YA - activities focused at under 12s through locality events and AYM running lunchtime roadshows at 5 of our secondary schools.	the lead up to and including the Tall Ships events in 2025. Data showing signs of improvement with 100% of CPA Board decisions which impact on children and young people informed by them. Data from school takeovers suggest that they did not know about groups or when council was making decisions, never heard of mechanisms to get voice heard, don't feel the council care about young people – there are google forms and surveys – these surveys are not frequent, they never see the results of the survey, they don't make a difference, the council are only asking to say they've asked. Following initial youth lens feedback on the ACC budget consultation AYM now meet regularly with the deputy co leaders and other elected members to discuss their work and explore projects to provide a youth lens on for example the voter ID project, budget consultation 2024, positive youth participation stories and planning to attend relevant committee sessions. Work carried out on youth voice by Aberdeen Youth Movement recognised nationally at TPAS Scotland: AYM won the award on 21st June at the TPAS National Good Practice Awards 2024 in the category of Best Practice in Involving Young People. Elections and ID: AYM created 3 youth friendly videos to promote registration and the photo ID campaign amongst a younger demographic within the city in partnership with ACC elections Team. After 7 days of being posted: collective views of 14,158 views over the 3 platforms (Instagram, twitter and YouTube). This increased to 15,254 views the next time data was collected (3 weeks after being posted). Views by platform: ➤ Instagram: 41% ➤ Twitter: 53.9% ➤ YouTube: 4.8%
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	92.3% of people who viewed the videos on Instagram didn't follow AYM prior to seeing the video - showing they are reaching new people..22.5% of people who viewed the clips on Instagram, rewatched the video - showing AYM are catching attention. AYM's Linktree CTR rose from 63.6% to 115.09% within the first week after the videos were posted. The 3 videos were commented on and shared by Scottish Youth Parliament , Youth Scotland, Young Scot and several local authorities. Aspects of the tool kit for partners shared with CEG to test, applied to the children and young person draft of the Children Services Board report. Of the 98 Projects identified in the LOIP 60 (60.2%) have identified that they should an are involving children and young people 26 (26.5%) have identified that involvement of Children and Young People is not applicable to their project, with 13 (13.3%) are still to confirm if CYP should be involved. The LOIP Staff Survey indicates that 31.1% of Staff feel confident in engaging Children and Young People with 48.2 identifying a neutral view and 10.3% who don't feel confident in engaging CYP The Staff Survey also identified that only 24.1% of staff agreed that Input from Children and Young People had influenced the development of the LOIP with 62% identifying a neutral view and 13.8% who felt CYP had not influenced the development of the LOIP
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How our communities are participating and progress of community ideas in the Locality Plans	
• A young person/people friendly version of this project charter is being used as a call to action for children and young people to get involved with this project or to be directed to other groups or opportunities based on their interests. This is managed through the youth work team. • The Young Ambassadors group have formed a constitution and 2 representees of the group have joined this improvement project.	

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- Including young people in the improvement project team has shifted the lens on testing ideas, there is honesty, challenge, and constructive feedback on current and developing engagement and consultation with children and young people.
- AYM idea for key documents to be child/young people/people friendly – Child Rights 16.2 project Charter as a starting point and feedback given on library consultation results to help inform continued practice in developing more accessible information.
- AYM are progressing school-based roadshow to build AYM membership and engagement young people on matter that are important for them to help shape the AYM priority campaigns.
- City Centre and Beach Master planning Young Ambassadors child/youth lead animation premier event at the Beach Ballroom
- Young people’s ideas are shaping the change ideas, including modelling engagement and consultation in schools visiting Grammar, Bridge of Don and Bucksburn to date, suggestions for friendlier documents. (upload CF project charter to CPA website) Space created by AYM for peer discussion in secondary schools related to issues for young people and capturing 3 key questions were asked at the end of the lesson (1) Do you feel you have a voice in Council Decisions? (2) Do you feel trusted by the police? (3) Would you hesitate in phoning the emergency services in an emergency? Providing data on the extent that young people are involved in the decision that affect them.
- AYM promoted for YP over 18 the need to bring ID for voting in the General Election and promoting engagement in the election process.
- Young ambassadors' group developing and delivering peer to peer co-design sessions with SHMU youth media group, Touch of Love youth conference and ACC youth work, Northfield Music Group.

Data/Evidence

OIG	N/A	TBC	Yes
Aberdeen Prospers (AP)	2	3	3
ADP	3	0	4
Anti-Poverty Group	5	0	3
CEG	0	0	6
Children's Services...	6	0	26
CIG	5	0	5
HCA	1	0	9
RIS	0	0	4
SCG	1	6	5

Locality Data/Evidence

In school AYM Budget sessions Nov 24:

	Oldmachar	BOD	Dyce	Lochside	Grammar	Total
School hours reduction	20	42	14	4	34	114
School meals review	2	19	13	48	1	83
Reduction of the music service	7	8	3	2	12	32
Close all public toilets in park	0	5	5	1	8	19
Reduction in funding to Sports Aberdeen and Sports Village	9	39	7	6	15	76
others	11	8	2	13	8	42
Dim streetlights in certain areas	7	8	0	6	3	24
total	56	129	44	80	81	390

Do you feel you have a voice in Council Decisions

- Grammer (Central) = 100% said no
- Bridge Of Don (North) = Yes: 8 (16.3%) – No: 41 (83.7%)
- Bucksburn (North) = 14 out of 48 (29.2%) said their opinions matter in decision making in their community

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% Reports to CPA Board Impacting Children and Young People
That Included Them

Date	% Reports
Feb-22	35%
Apr-22	70%
Jul-22	25%
Sep-22	40%
Nov-22	80%
Feb-23	45%
Apr-23	60%
Jun-23	60%
Sep-23	75%
Nov-23	65%
Feb-24	100%
Apr-24	100%
Sep-24	100%
Nov-24	100%
Mar-25	100%
Jun-25	100%

% of Staff Confident in Engaging CYP/%
Who Feel CYP Influence LOIP

Category	Strongly Agree/Agree	Neutral	Strongly Disagree/Disagree
Project teams are confident in engaging with children and young people	31.1%	48.2%	10.3%
Input from children and young people influences the development of the LOIP	24.1%	63.1%	13.8%