



## **Election of Youth Mayor**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The authority's youth council, Voices in Action, undertook a two-stage election process in late January and early February to put forward a new Youth Mayor-elect and Deputy Youth Mayor-elect.
- 1.2 Twelve candidates took part in the process. Those elected were Khanya Simbani, a student at Littleover Community School, as Youth Mayor and Jawaria Nadeem, of Bemrose School, as Deputy Youth Mayor.
- 1.3 It is proposed that their elections be endorsed by Council, as well as the efforts of the previous incumbents and all 12 candidates be recognised.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To thank Philip Hutchinson and Kirsty Glover for the time they have given representing young people in Derby as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor since 2015.
- 2.2 To commend the efforts of all the candidates who participated in the Youth Mayor elections in 2017 and invite them to be presented with a certificate by the Mayor.
- 2.3 To endorse the election of Khanya Simbani and Jawaria Nadeem as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor for Derby for the 2017/8 municipal year.
- 2.4 To invite Khanya Simbani to make a declaration of office before Council.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The council introduced a Youth Mayor in 2014. The role has developed in that time and this formal recognition by Council of both those elected and other participants is proposed to firmly acknowledge their role representing young people in Derby.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Background and process

- 4.1 Council agreed to establish the post of Youth Mayor in June 2014 as part of the authority's strategy to improve engagement with children and young people.
- 4.2 The current Youth Mayor, Philip Hutchinson, was elected in 2015. His role was extended beyond the usual one year in order for a new process to be worked up between the Engagement, Civic Services and Elections sections. The process established for the most recent election was designed to minimise interference with busy periods in the academic year while enabling the Youth Mayor term to coincide with a council municipal year.
- 4.3 Twelve candidates were invited to deliver speeches to the youth council, Voices in Action, on Monday 30 January 2017. An election was then conducted to select four candidates who would move on to a second stage.
- 4.4 The four selected took part in the second stage on Monday 6 February 2017, which involved candidates participating in a question and answer session led by their peers. A further election process then followed, with Khanya Simbani (better know as Tiny Simbani) and Jawaria Nadeem elected as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor respectively.
- 4.5 Since that election, Tiny and Jawaria have been shadowing Philip Hutchinson to gain a better understanding of the role.

### Role of the Youth Mayor

- 4.6 Since the election of Philip Hutchinson, the Youth Mayor has played a more active role in decision making. The Youth Mayor has been invited to attend meetings of Council Cabinet and, at the discretion of the Chair, speak on matters under the consideration of members.
- 4.7 The Youth Mayor also attends selected ceremonial events alongside the Mayor. The current incumbent has been present at a number of ceremonies held in the Market Place, including Remembrance Day.
- 4.8 The Youth Mayor is expected to champion the objectives of Voices in Action, decided by the young people annually. They do this through attendance at school assemblies across the city.
- 4.9 The Youth Mayor is also the chair of Voices in Action.