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CHAMPION FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE COUNCILLOR GARRY PAIN

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Over the past year it has been my pleasure to represent the Council as the member Champion for younger people.

As I have mentioned in a previous speech in this chamber, I see it as my role to promote and support as many youth based groups and organisations as possible, and as Havering has so many fantastic groups and activities available for our young people I have been very busy indeed.

Since my last report I have continued to visit youth groups like the Hornchurch Sea Cadets based in Elm Park and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who welcomed me on board at the Unit and made me feel so welcome.

As I carry out my duties as the Champion for younger people, I have had the privilege of meeting some of our amazing staff.

I've recently visited many of our Children's centres and it doesn't take long to realise that the reason these facilities and services provided to our residents are so successful is because of our dedicated staff and volunteers who work so hard to provide so much.

Nobody can doubt this administrations commitment to youth provision and support for our young people, in fact recently I have had the pleasure of opening a new Children's centre in South Hornchurch and I'm sure we are all looking forward to the new £4.7 million pound youth centre based in Harold Hill which will be Havering's first zero carbon building, making it the boroughs greenest building and one of the few buildings in the UK with a zero carbon rating.

Another youth group I have visited over the past year is The Havering Youth Council which is the place to be for all young aspiring politicians and the process is underway to elect Havering's first Young Leader who will work closely with the youth Council to ensure that the views and opinions of Havering's Young people are heard at the town hall. I think I can safely say that it is only a matter of time before these young politicians will be sitting in this very chamber as future Councillors and serving their local communities.

I am very happy to report that both the Queens theatre and the Havering Music School,

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which provide so much to Havering's young people, have maintained their grant this year and therefore will continue to deliver the high standard of youth provision this borough deserves.

It has always been the aim of this Conservative administration to engage young people through art, culture and sporting activities and provide the best possible opportunities to as many young people as we can.

Well I can safely say to you now over the last year as Youth Champion that aim has been delivered time and time again.

So finally, whether you are 7 to 19, you may wish to attend one of the Summer Workshops at the Queens Theatre, led by theatre professionals.

Maybe you would prefer to join in the fun at the Robert Beard Youth House, which provides a great venue for youth groups as well as catering for young people with special needs.

Or do something a bit more Challenging like taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's award which gives all young people the chance to develop their skills for work and life and fulfil their potential to have a brighter future.

And I would just like to add that this highly recognised award is Safe in Havering's Hands.

There can be no doubt Mr Mayor of the importance this council continues to give to supporting the needs of our young people and will aspire to invest in their future.



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