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Dear Lynne

Youth Parliament

I wanted to provide you with an update on the Youth Parliament project following the Commission's meeting in September where we considered the results of the youth parliament consultation.

You will be aware that 5,000 young people took part in the consultation over the summer. Some of the key areas that young people agreed on include;

- elections should be held to choose members of a youth parliament,
- members should be aged between 11-18,
- members should be elected for two years,
- the youth parliament should be independent from all political parties.

A full table of findings can be seen below.

The Commission considered the results of the Youth Parliament consultation and agreed to establish a Youth Parliament for Wales, with elections taking place in November 2018.

We will now continue to work in partnership with young people and youth organisations from across Wales to create a body led by young people to ensure their voice is heard as part of the democratic process.

Yours sincerely

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<p>89% of children and young people who responded to the consultation agreed that the organisation should be called <i>‘Welsh Youth Parliament’/ ‘Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru’</i>.</p>
<p>96% agreed that the aim of the youth parliament should be <i>‘The youth parliament will give Wales’s young people a democratic voice at a national level and empower them to bring about change’</i>.</p>
<p>88% believed elections should be held to choose members of the youth parliament.</p>
<p>85% agreed that the youth parliament should have 60 members, 40 to represent Wales’s electoral constituencies and 20 to represent specific groups.</p>
<p>There was a mixed response to the proposed age range of youth parliament members, but almost two thirds agreed that members should be aged between 11 and 18 (65%).</p>
<p>Almost three quarters of the young people surveyed (74%) believed that members should be elected for two years, and 81% agreed that members should be able to stand multiple times.</p>
<p>82% believed the youth parliament should be independent from all political parties.</p>
<p>More than nine in ten young people (94%) believed the proposed responsibilities of the future youth parliament should be :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Investigate, debate and campaign on issues chosen by young people;- Listen to young people and represent their views;- Engage with Assembly Members;- Help children and young people understand how the National Assembly for Wales and the Wales Youth Parliament works;- Meet together at least twice every calendar year;- Report back to the young people it represents about its work and achievements on a regular basis.

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