



Youth Forum

DRAFT Terms of Reference

1 Name

The group will be known as the Youth Forum.

2 Constitution

The Forum is open to young people aged 13 - 18 who are related to tenants, leaseholders or residents who live within the Borough of St Edmundsbury.

3 Purpose

The Forum exists to:-

- Provide activities for Youth to be involved with in their area
- Speak on behalf of the Young People in areas where Havebury has homes
- To organise and co-ordinate projects that take forward actions and priorities that are important to young people
- To actively promote the participation and interest of other young people in getting involved in the Havebury Youth Forum and promoting the contribution young people make to the community
- To suggest ideas and help work up grant applications for external funding
- To allocate the budget assigned to the Youth Forum
- Help improve Havebury's estates and communities
- Give input into Havebury's decision making
- Use young people as part of a sounding board
- To provide a forum for debate on issues that concern young people in St Edmundsbury

4 Diversity

The Youth Forum will not tolerate discrimination on any grounds. As an umbrella of the Tenants' Forum the Youth Forum will follow the guidelines set out in the code of conduct.

5 Structure

The Forum as a whole could consist of many smaller youth groups and projects whose members will be part of the Youth Forum.

The Youth Forum will meet quarterly at various locations for social events.

They will be invited to Youth Events, receive the youth newsletter and occasionally asked for their input on issues that are of interest to them.

Members can nominate themselves to attend a Tenants' Forum meeting to give feedback from the Youth Forum.

Havebury Housing Partnership will provide administration, advice and guidance, monitor the budget and provide updates on behalf of the Youth Forum.

6 Behaviour as a Youth Forum Member

Youth Forum Members will be expected to:

- Have a commitment to community cohesion
- Be able to listen to and respect others
- Provide a representative voice
- Link with groups, schools, youth centres, clubs and other youth councils

7 Youth Forum Monitoring Panel

The Youth Forum Monitoring Panel shall consist of:

4 Members of the Tenants' Forum
Communities & Tenants Advisor
Business & Communication Manager
Havebury Officers (to be invited when required)
2 young people from Haverhill
2 young people from Bury St Edmunds

The responsibility of this group is to set-up, over see and facilitate the running of the Youth Forum.

The full terms of reference for this group is set out in the Monitoring Panel Terms of Reference.