



Ringwood in the News

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Students join council to share their views

Students will get to have their say on the future of Ringwood as part of a pioneering initiative by the Town Council to allow young people to sit as advisors on its committees.

Two Sixth Form students will be joining each of four committees: Harriet King and Amy Lowry Carter will be sitting on the Planning, Town and Environment Committee, Rachel Giles and James Fullick will be sitting on the Policy and Finance Committee, Corrina Groves and Ryan Montgomery will be sitting on the Town Plan Coordinating Committee, and Charlotte Fleming and Beth Scrivens will be sitting on the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee.

Town Clerk, Terry Simpson, said: "This is all new ground. But it is vital to have the youth of Ringwood have their say on matters and policies which could ultimately shape the future.

"I believe that the Town Council is probably one of the first, if not the first, Town Council to involve students in its affairs in such a detailed manner and in particular at committee meetings which make decisions. The Town Council believes that this is good for the community and it will help Councillors to understand the needs and aspirations of young people and lead to better decision-making."

As advisors to the council, the students will be expected to attend committee



meetings and represent the views of all young people in Ringwood, including those who have not reached school age and those who have left. Ryan Montgomery said: "I believe it is a fantastic opportunity to put both my views as well as those of my peers to the Town Council. I feel that often the views of young people are overlooked and wish to prove that young people can, in fact, make a positive contribution to the development of the community as well as a positive contribution to society as a whole." ■