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## Liberal Democrats

### **Bradley Stoke gets a Youthful injection of cash...**

#### **Campaigner welcomes youth funding for Bradley Stoke**

A long-time campaigner for better facilities for young people in Bradley Stoke has welcomed news of extra funding from South Gloucestershire Council. £58,000 has been allocated in the revised budget presented at today's Cabinet meeting thanks to pressure from Liberal Democrat Cllr John Williams, (Bradley Stoke North).

Speaking after the meeting Cllr Jon Williams said, "Last summer I was shocked to learn that over £900,000 intended for a cut price bus travel scheme for young people was sitting in a bank account benefitting no one. Take-up of the scheme was low due to its poor promotion by the Council. I raised my concerns with the Director and the Executive Member and asked repeatedly for the money to be used to benefit young people. Now at long last the Tory administration has come to its senses and allocated some of the unused money towards youth work in Bradley Stoke."

He added, "Bradley Stoke is one of the lowest funded areas of South Gloucestershire for youth work, despite having the highest number of young people, so I am delighted that my persistence has paid off. I hope that the Council will now also get its act together on the Youth Unltd travel card so that in the coming year young people in my area can enjoy both better facilities and cheaper bus travel. Whilst we're waiting for that to happen I will continue to campaign for a better deal for our young people."