



CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION 31 MARCH 2009

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services

Climate Change Commission – Schools Competition

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 For members to note the update on the schools competition.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 In October 2008, the Chair had attended a State of the City Forum to talk about Climate Change. At the event, a young person had suggested that a competition for schools be introduced to address climate change issues.
- 2.2 At the Climate Change commission meeting on 11 November 2008, the commission considered the idea of a schools competition. It was agreed that this would be a positive way to engage local schools with climate change action.
- 2.3 A competition outline has been developed in liaison with the Chair and Vice-chair, the Climate Change Unit, Derby Cityscape and the Children and Young People's department. The competition is designed to get young people thinking about what they can do to improve their local environment. Full details of the competition have been attached at appendix 2.
- 2.4 The commission has been given £500 prize money from John Cadwallader at Derby Cityscape for the competition. This will be used to fund two prizes – one for primary schools and one for secondary schools. This funding has also been matched by the commission, using unallocated funding from the research budget. This makes the total prize £500 for each category.
- 2.5 The competition was launched to schools on Friday 28 February 2009, and the closing date for entries is 24 April 2009. All schools in Derby city have been invited to enter.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - Competition details

Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. Costs for the competition can be maintained within existing budgets.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. All schools in Derby have been invited to enter the competition. Entries are allowed to be in any format, to allow the widest range of ideas and creativity.

Corporate Objectives

5. This report has the potential to link with all of the Council's Corporate Objectives.



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Create today, Save tomorrow!



Think you've got a great idea to help improve your local environment and tackle climate change?

If so, we want to hear it!

Derby City Council is running a competition to find the best ideas in the city for improving our local environment and making a real impact on tackling climate change in the city.



? Maybe there's a recycling project that you want to start, or you just want to raise awareness in your school about things people can do to help the environment?



? Maybe you've got a great energy saving idea for your school, or want to create a nature reserve in your local area?



Whatever your idea - we want to hear it!
If you have one of the best ideas you may be invited to present your idea at the Council House, and could win at least £250 towards your project!

Entries must be received by 24 April 2009 - so get creating!
Full details and entry forms are available from:



For further information please contact Laura Follows at laura.follows@derby.gov.uk or by calling 01332 255599



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Climate change competiton

This competition aims to get young people thinking about what they can do to make a difference to their local environment and tackle climate change.

We are inviting pupils to submit their ideas for a project to improve their local environment. These could be:

- a wildlife reserve at their school
- a recycling project
- an energy saving initiative (like a commitment to turning off lights)
- an awareness campaign (like walking or cycling to school).

There are two categories – primary and secondary. Entries can be submitted by groups or by individuals. The top three ideas from each category will be invited to come to the Council to present their ideas to a panel of judges. The winning team in each category will be awarded at least £500 towards carrying out their project. There will also be individual prizes for the winners.

Entries can be in any format – a poster, a video, an article, a play, a presentation, a proposal. There is no preferred format for entries.

Entries should be sent to:

Climate Change Competition
Room 137
Council House
Derby
DE1 2FS

The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 24 April 2009.



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The Rules

1. Teams of up to five young people can enter the competition. We also welcome individual entries.
2. We will also consider entries from other organisations, for example guide or scout groups.
3. Each team or individual needs to submit an idea of how to improve their local environment. Entries can be in any format (poster, leaflet, report, proposal, video, PowerPoint presentation, story board).
4. Each idea must cover the following areas:
 - a. What the proposal is
 - b. How it will help their local environment
 - c. How it would be carried out
 - d. What will be needed to carry it out
 - e. How it would continue in future years.
5. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form which must be signed off by a teacher from the school. Forms can be photocopied.
6. We allow multiple entries from schools, but each young person can only be a member of one team.
7. Teachers may support more than one entry.
8. The closing date for entries is 5pm on **Friday 24 April 2009.**
9. Entries should be sent to:
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10. Short listing will take place in the week beginning 27 April 2009 and the short listed entries will be told in that week.
11. Shortlisted teams will be invited to the Council House on 13 May 2009 to present their ideas to a panel of judges. They must be accompanied by a teacher or responsible adult, and have parent or guardian permission.
12. Schools must be able to make their own way to the Council House.
13. The judging Panel will be made up of:
 - Councillor Evonne Williams (Chair of Climate Change commission)
 - Bridget Bradley (Schools co-ordinator for the Climate Change Unit)
 - John Cadwallader (Chief Executive, Derby Cityscape)
 - Professor Aradhana Mehra (University of Derby)
14. Each entry will be given up to 10 minutes to present their idea to the panel and answer any questions the panel has. There is no minimum time limit for presentations.
15. The presentations should cover the following:
 - What the idea is
 - How they came up with the idea
 - Why they came up with the idea
 - How it would work in their chosen area
 - What would need to be done to get the idea going in practice
16. After each entry has presented, the panel will consider the entries and the winning team will receive a prize of at least £500 towards carrying out their project. Teams will be required to be in the Council house for half a day.

17. Small, individual prizes will also be available for the winning teams.
18. Entries cannot be returned. Short listed entries will be available to teams on the day of the presentations.
19. Derby City Council cannot accept any responsibility for lost entries. Proof of postage is not accepted as proof of receipt.
20. The judges' decision is final.



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Criteria for assessment

At the **short listing stage** the Panel will assess entries on the following criteria:

1. Originality of idea
 - Is it an idea that has been done already in that area or is it something new?
2. Presentation of idea
 - How has the idea been presented?
 - Is it an appropriate way of presenting that idea?
 - The judging panel have no preferred format for entries
3. Effectiveness
 - How well does it meet the brief?
 - Is it realistic?
 - What impact would the project have on the local area?
4. Sustainability
 - Would this project be something that could be carried on in the future?

At the **presentation stage** the Panel will assess entries on the following criteria:

- Presentation
- How sustainable and realistic the ideas are.



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ENTRY FORM

Category

Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ (Please tick)

School Details

School name _____

Contact teacher's name _____

Contact teacher's email _____

School address

Entry information

Individual Entry ☐ Group Entry ☐ (Please tick)

Format of entry (poster, video) _____

Team Name (If applicable) _____

Details of entrants (Individual or Team):

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Once completed please send this form and the entry to:

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Derby
DE1 2FS

Entries must be received no later than **5pm on 24 April 2009.**

The data submitted on these forms will be used for administrative purposes only and will not be held on file or used for any other purposes.