

Time commenced - 6.00 pm

Time finished - 8.00 pm

MINUTE EXTRACT
SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
12 September 2006

32/06 Consideration of a Petition

The Scrutiny Management Commission formally received a petition concerning the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre. Two of the signatories to the petition attended the Commission meeting and were invited by the Chair to make statement. In their statements, the petitioners stated that:

- The petition collected over 4000 names in just four weeks, demonstrating a significant level of support for the centre
- Due to its city centre location, the Centre is a single bus journey for everyone in the city
- The Centre is well used by all sections of the community
- The Centre is well used by Community groups, schools and provides a valuable service
- The Government is trying to tackle the growing problem of obesity and closing the centre goes against this.

One of the petitioners then went on to talk about her own personal circumstances and about how it would mean taking her children on 2 buses 3 times a week to the next nearest centre.

Resolved to request that Council Cabinet to include these comments and the petition in their consideration of proposals for future of the Lancaster Sports Centre.

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