

ITEM 11



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 5 DECEMBER 2006

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Local Democracy Week Event – 14 November 2006

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Commission note the report and consider the future format of this event.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Your City – Your Voice 2, the Council's 2006 Local Democracy Week event took place on 14 November in the Council Chamber.
- 2.2 This year eleven teams of young people took part in the event. The teams were:
 - Derby Moor
 - KICK
 - Littleover Legends (LCS)
 - Littleover Youth Club
 - Murray's Marvels
 - Noel-Baker CSLC
 - Saint Benedict
 - Spondon (Derwent Youth)
 - The Brave and Faithful (Merrill)
 - The Vikings (Iceni Explorer Scout)
 - Youth Forum

The Panel comprised Councillors Graves, Bolton, Wynn, Carr, West, Latham and Smalley.

- 2.3 The questions asked of the panel were:
 1. Now that school menus have changed how would you further promote healthy eating and why?
 2. Do you think it is important for councillors to visit Children's homes and why?

3. What are your views on lowering the voting age to 16?
 4. Buses are expensive. How would you address this issue in order to attract more people onto public transport?
 5. How will the new shopping centre in town benefit teenagers?
 6. The government is emphasising fitness and health, why is the council shutting down facilities such as Lancaster Sports Centre? Are other sports and fitness facilities in jeopardy?
- 2.4 The final round contestants were Councillors Bolton and Smalley. Councillor Smalley was the outright winner.
- 2.5 Feedback from the teams and the Panel members was very positive and there was strong support for further events of this type.
- 2.6 The opportunity was taken to ask the young people if any of them would be prepared to take part in the Scrutiny Management Commission's review of electoral registration. There were several volunteers and they met with the Commission on 5 December.
- 2.7 The event was webcast and recorded. It can be viewed via the following link
<http://dcc.westminster-digital.co.uk/player.aspx?EventID=218>

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Events of this nature are of benefit to all Derby people.

Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities

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



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