

The Third Hull Young People's Parliament

23rd February 2007

Report to Children and Young People



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Summary Report

Resolutions in the Council Chamber

6 resolutions were passed:

- Write to Hull City Council to ask that funding continues for wheelchair accessible transport for young people with disabilities
- Ask Hull City Council for more financial support for children and families facing domestic violence
- Arrange for more police officers to visit schools more often to talk about what happens to criminals when they are arrested. This would reassure young people that crime is being dealt with
- Send a letter to Tony Blair asking for more Government funding for extra police officers in Hull
- Ask for more working CCTV cameras in Hull
- Ask for more 'Cop Shops,' one in each of the seven areas of City

3 resolutions were voted against:

- I.D cards for children and young people aged 5+
- Young people to form a group to decide on age certificates for films and games (due to it being a national issue)
- Review of Road Safety and to support a crossing on Hessle Road in the West of the City (Young people to contact their local Youth Forum)

The Next Two Parliaments

During the day many of you used your chance to vote on what you thought the main topic for the Fourth Young People's Parliament should be. So the Fourth Parliament will focus on **HEALTH** and the Fifth Parliament will focus on **RACISM**.

**The Fourth Young People's Parliament will be on
Wednesday 4th July at the Guildhall, 9.30 – 2.30pm**

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Full Report



On Friday 23rd February, 137 children and young people, between the ages of 10 to 25, crammed into one of the Guildhall's largest rooms for the third meeting of the Hull Young People's Parliament (HYPP).

Welcomes and introductions were given by Councillor Christine Randall (Lead Councillor for Children and Young People) and Nigel Richardson (Director of Children and Young People's Services).

Nigel also talked about the Children and Young People's Plan and repeated his promise to you that the Council would

listen seriously to your ideas and be answerable to you on what the Council was doing.

Diana Johnson MP also came to listen to what children and young people had to say about crime and personal safety and said:

"It is always a pleasure to attend Hull's Young People's Parliament and listen to their debates. This Parliament plays a very constructive role in engaging our young citizens in the democratic process and in discussing the issues that concern them."

The Youth Opportunity and Capital Funds

Gary McManus (Youth Services) and Dean Davis (Youth Development Services) told the Parliament how the Youth Opportunity and Capital Funds have been spent by young people so far. For more information contact Dean Davis on 224337 or email youth.service@hullcc.gov.uk



Issues and Conversations



You all got stuck into the Key Question

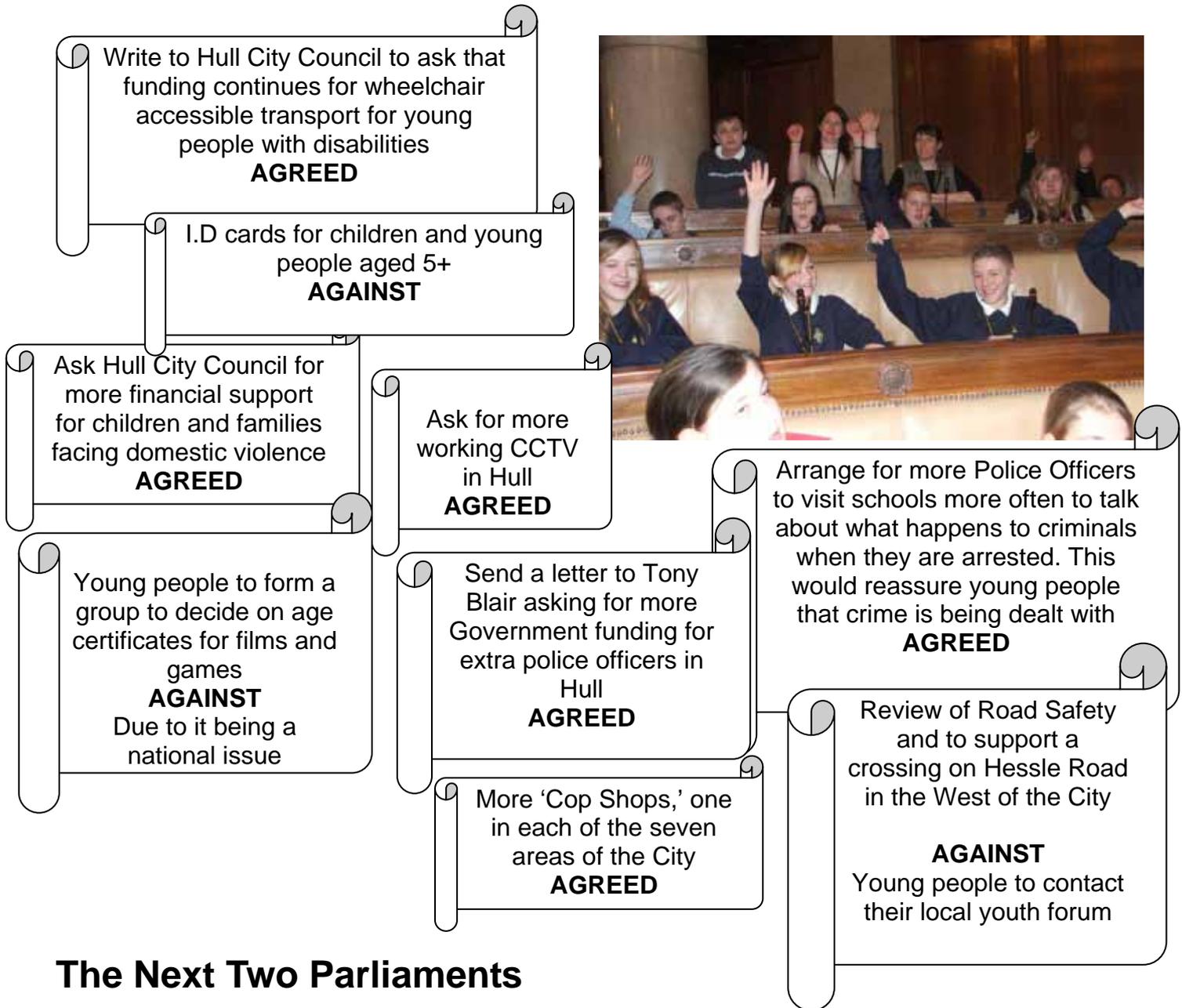
“What can we do about crime and safety in Hull?”

There were 15 group conversations in total and we asked you to make three key points, or recommendations, of what needs to happen to change things. You can find a summary of these at the back of this report.

15 conversations took place altogether about the following:

- **Concerns about alcohol**
- **More CCTV and Mosquito Alarms**
- **More Community Wardens**
- **Crime on the streets including knife crime and gangs**
- **Racism**
- **Issues about drugs**
- **Graffiti**
- **Ideas about how to prevent crime**
- **Safer places to go**
- **Road safety**
- **Concerns about violent films and video games**
- **More police (2 workshops)**
- **More support for young people brought up with crime**
- **Violent crime and rape**

Resolutions in the Council Chamber



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So...

The Fourth Parliament will focus on **HEALTH**

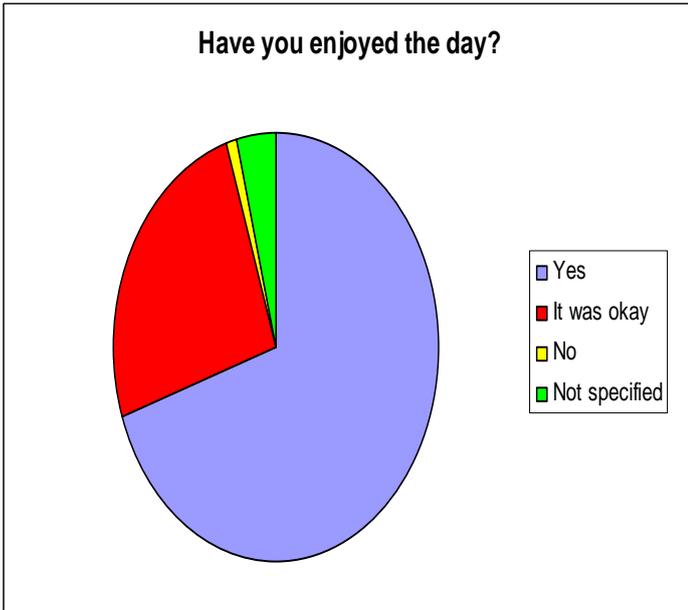
And

The Fifth Parliament will focus on **RACISM**

What you thought to the day

The majority of what everyone said about the day was really positive, there's a full list at the end of the report. Again there are some things we need to get better at for the next one, such as fewer resolutions in the Council Chamber.

Some of your comments on what you liked, learnt and want to change can be seen on pages 11 - 13



Parliament Follow Up



This is our regular meeting with Councillor Christine Randall and Nigel Richardson after each Parliament. In this meeting young people discuss actions and resolutions that came from the Parliament.



For any more information about these meetings please contact Hull Youth Council on 585297.

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Wednesday 4th July

9.30 - 2.30

The Guildhall

As Parliament voted for the next topic to be health, the Key Question will be:

**What can we do to make Hull
a healthier place?**



Please try to have a talk with your group about what you think about health before you come. We'll be inviting some advisers who work in health to help you with your talks on the day.

A BIG Thank You!

Finally, thank you for getting involved in the Hull Young People's Parliament. You will receive your certificate shortly. If you don't, please let us know.

Thank you also to the adults who supported you on the day and who will be helping you stay involved and active in your own groups.

Thanks also to all the facilitators, helpers, funders, guests, advisers and Guildhall staff for making sure things went ok.



Your Conversations

Here is a summary of points from your conversations

- Increase the age range to buy and drink alcohol to 21 years
- Don't let shops sell alcohol, only pubs
- Ban drinking on the streets completely
- More CCTV around shops and shopping centres and where gangs gather
- More safe places/clubs
- Wardens should wear different coloured arm bands to determine what issue they deal with e.g. green for environmental
- Wardens going into schools to educate young people on street crime and criminal activity
- Wardens working later shifts and possibly night shifts when the streets are most dangerous
- Agencies and Youth Workers to let young people plan activities and take ownership of projects – including weekend activities (there aren't any at the moment)
- Getting different ages and communities together to discuss fears and get to understand each other
- Campaign for people to stop carrying knives. Agencies to go into schools and put on workshops and make people aware of what they do. Also to do shock tactic campaigns to stop them doing things and show the consequences of their actions – court and prison.
- Raise more awareness of different cultures so we get a better understanding of them

- Education directed at adults as well as children
- Educate about history of backgrounds (how they have had an impact on us!)
- Police should take more time and effort to look into racial attacks
- People who take drugs should be offered help and rehabilitation (relocation, college courses, activities) only prison as a last resort
- Provide opportunities for people involved in drugs to give their opinions and views on how to stop
- Drug workers to be based in schools to provide better education and publicity on the dangers and facts of drug taking
- More designated areas (only a few) for graffiti artists to display their work
- Big events annually like the 'Vapour Event' – should be advertised well for young people (not just artists)
- Drama about crime i.e. police coming into school and doing plays and actors pretending to commit crime and getting arrested
- Schools visiting police stations, jails and watching a criminal procedure
- Police dogs i.e. watch them being trained
- Safe houses for children and young people to get advice and be safe from immediate danger or problems at home
- Youth clubs – which young people run and can help break down barriers between young people and police if police go down and help. The police to find out more about young people (particularly those with disabilities) and young people learn that police are real people
- Courses - that can be accredited, including first aid, personal safety, anti bullying, Prison Me No Way, self defence courses, safety awareness – best if run by young people for young people
- Need 'Cop Shops' in each area (write to Chief Constable to ask)
- Police need to allow young people to visit the station to see how the service is run and for police to visit schools, colleges, youth groups etc. Also to speak about each area, hotspots and what young people want the police to do.

If you would like to take any of these points forward – please call Hull Youth Council on 585297 as your local Youth Forum can help!

Getting More Active!

Youth Forums

There are 7 Youth Forums, run by Hull Youth Council, for young people aged 11-25 across the City. Forums meet fortnightly at various places. You can join your local forum at anytime. Forums focus on young people's issues in their local area like litter, personal safety, things to do, etc. Forums campaign on their issues to change things for the better.



CHYP (Coalition of Hull's Young People)

The Coalition of Hull's Young People is a city-wide action group for young people aged 11-25 facilitated by Hull Youth Council and the Warren. Young people run their own monthly meetings on a Saturday to focus on city-wide issues and campaigns.



The Hull Coalition and Youth Networks

The Coalition is for people working with children and young people in Hull. It has 7 Youth Networks and a central group which meets monthly. The main aim of the Coalition is to help children and young people get involved, raise and act on their issues. The Coalition also looks at how workers from different organisations can work better together for the benefit of children and young people and what needs to change to make this happen.

Find out more by contacting any of the following projects:

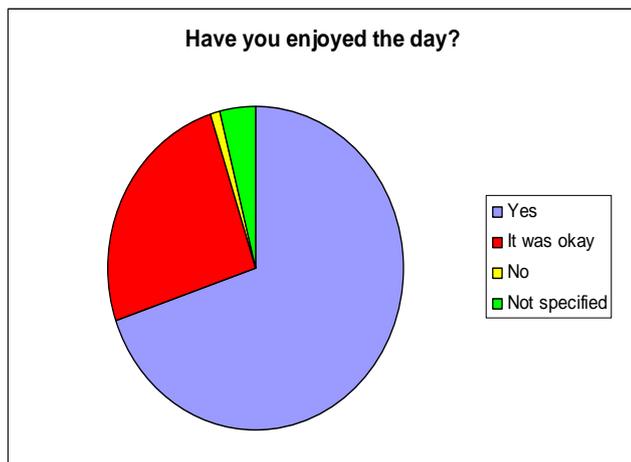
Contact Details

- Hull Youth Council, Tel: 585297, or email hullyouthcouncil@hullcc.gov.uk
- The Warren, Tel: 218115 or email empower@empower.karoo.co.uk
- Hull Children's Fund, Tel: 615250, or email hullchildrensfund@hullcc.gov.uk
- RAPP, Tel: 225855 or email rapp@hullcc.gov.uk
- The Hull Coalition, contact Di Allen on 308158 or email: dallen@connexionshumber.co.uk

What you thought about the 3rd Hull Young People's Parliament

79 evaluation forms from a possible 137 were returned by children and young people.

Question 1. Have you enjoyed the day?



Yes = 55

It was OK = 20

No = 1

Didn't say = 3

Some of what you said:

"It was a good way for us to express our views. The council chamber was brilliant"

"I enjoyed the lunch, talking to different people, supporting crime and safety and supporting my city."

"I have enjoyed the food"

"Got a bit boring but was better than last time. Great."

"All of it, talking, listening"

"I enjoyed this morning discussing crime in small groups. I also enjoyed the discussions in the chamber"

"A great day, really good positive outcomes"

"Being part of a group"

"I liked talking about things"

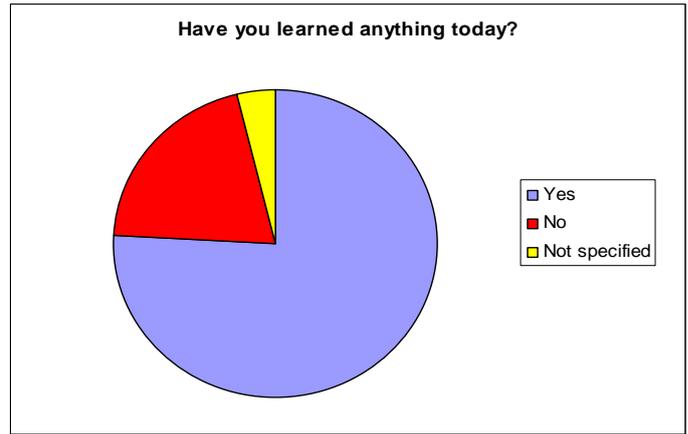
"I have enjoyed meeting with other people and making important decisions."

Question 2. Have you learned anything today?

Yes = 60

No = 16

Didn't say = 3



60 children/young people (76%) said they had learned something today; here are some of the things they said they had learned:

"I have learnt that not every resolution is good "be mean to be nice"

"That you shouldn't be afraid to speak"

"About how to deal with crime and safety"

"I have learned a lot about violence and racism."

"What I have learnt is that crime can go down and safety can go up."

"There are two sides to every point."

"It's easier to get your voice heard in Youth Parliament."

"Don't be afraid to put your hand up."

"I have learned more about our community and the support around us."

"I am more confident than I was at first."

"That sometimes when you say something lots more can happen."

"That if people work together you will agree on something."

Question 3. Is there anything you would like to see changed at the next Young People's Parliament?

24 said there was nothing they would like to see changed at the next Young People's Parliament, with some saying "No, everything fine", "No, it's great", "Nothing, it was excellent" and "No, it's ace!!" A further 2 children/young people said they 'didn't know' what they would like to see changed and one said "I would have to think about it".

Some more of what you said:

"I think there should have been more tables with the same topic, most tables were too full in the discussions"	"More time to discuss things and more time for questions"
"More games and meet new friends"	"At the moment things are going well keep up the good work"
"More time in the Council Chamber"	"The food, keep the same as today"
"At the introduction the seating could be placed with a little bit more space"	"Less adult involvement"
"A bit more organised in time"	"That some people have to control their behaviour with balloons"
"More choice on drinks at lunch time as I can't have fizzy pops"	"Less noise while talking"
"Better organisation"	"The behaviour in the Chamber"
"I will introduce a rule: when one is speaking others are listening. More culture"	"More structure"
"It is a really good thing to do"	"Everyone should have a right to say something in the council room"
"Yeah, I would like all of the young people to be involved instead of just a few"	"About bullying"
"I would like to just have plain sandwiches like ham"	"Use buttons during voting to increase accuracy rather than a show of hands"

Thanks again and hope to see you at the Fourth Parliament

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