

BOROUGH OF PENDLE



SCRUTINY REVIEW OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

DRAFT REVIEW PLAN

Panel Membership	Councillors: G. Adam S. Cockburn-Price N. McCollum K. Turner D. Whalley
	Co-optees: Councillor Lyle Davy (Member Champion for Young People)
Relevant Exec Member(s)	Councillor M. Iqbal (Leader and Executive Member for Economic Development and Communication)
Public Participation	Youth Groups/Youth Workers
Background	At the Scrutiny Management Team's first meeting of the current council year, Members considered a request by Council to appoint a Panel to carry out a review of youth engagement. It is felt that Pendle has a good network of youth groups whose insight would be valuable to Councillors in Pendle to help form their decisions.
Links with Corporate Objectives	Working with partners and the community to sustain services of good value.
Issue	We are told that the number of 18 year olds registered to vote in Pendle was down by 24% in December 2015 compared with the year before. There is concern at the lack of understanding amongst young people in the community about the role of Councillors and about the functions of this Council. It is felt that there is sometimes a lack of communication between the Council and the Youth Groups in terms of how policies and decisions may affect young people. It is therefore felt that it is important to encourage as many young people as possible to engage in the democratic process.
Terms of Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) To obtain information on the number of young people registered to vote in Pendle.(2) To develop an understanding of the reasons for young people's reluctance to engage in the democratic process.(3) To encourage more young people to join the Electoral Register.(4) To establish a mechanism for better consultation with young people on decisions taken.(5) To ensure young people better understand the functions of Pendle Borough Council and what it does for them.(6) To draw conclusions and make recommendations as appropriate.

Information Requirements			Source (e.g. documents, briefing notes witnesses, site visits, case studies, surveys, public view, mystery shopping)		
<u>Current Situation</u> How many people aged 16 - 24 are currently on the Electoral Register? What processes are in place to encourage young people to engage in the democratic process? Why are young people reluctant to engage in the democratic process?			Elections and Registration Manager Elections and Registration Manager/ Schools/Colleges Schools/Colleges/Youth Council/Youth Forums		
<u>Relevant Future Issues</u> Encourage more people to join the Electoral Register. Establish a mechanism for better consultation with young people on decisions taken.					
<u>Resources Issues</u> Financial implications of any recommendations made.					
Training Needs	Briefing notes to be provided by witnesses.				
Publicity	To be considered				
Officer Support	Lead Officer: Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator: Lynne Rowland				
Timetable	<u>ACTION/ MONTH</u>	JUN	AUG		
	Plan		X		
	Documents		X		
	Witnesses	X	X		
	Site visit				
	Consultation				
	Survey				
	Survey Results				
	Findings				
	Draft Report				
Report to	On: to be agreed				
Monitor Progress	After six months				