

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
2012+ BUDGET CONSULTATION  
With Young People**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Quaker Hall, Northfield**

16 people attended the meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.  
The attendees were from 8 different postcodes across the city.

1.0	<b>Concerns about specific savings proposals.</b>	For the attention of Department/s
1.1	<p><b>Fostering and Children's Homes</b> .It would be expensive to set up. Will they get enough foster parents? With the economic cuts, people won't volunteer to foster in case they loose their jobs.</p> <p><b>Careers Advice/Connexions</b> A number of young people thought it was 'ridiculous' to cut Connexions given the situation of the country. 'Long term Young People have to look to the future and get better jobs, and you want us to save the economy'. The view of Connexions was mixed. Four remembered seeing a Connexions officer. Two said the advice they received was 'terrible' and 'they didn't tell us anything'. It was felt that it all depended on the individual Connexions officer concerned. Others said they had a good experience of Connexions. They received 'lots of information' but they need more provision in schools, not Colleges. People did not think the internet was good enough. 'you need more personal advice'.</p>	Children, Young People & Families
1.2	<p><b>Sports</b> Young People want to take part in sport. It is anti-stress. What will young people do?</p> <p><b>Lottery</b> Has it been tried elsewhere? It is likely to work to the size needed to make it worthwhile?</p> <p><b>Golf Courses</b> In favour of the proposal.</p> <p><b>Waste Collection</b> Taxes are paid for these services. Charges would target families and people on low income.</p>	Environment & Culture
1.3	Young people need buses.	Development

