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REPORT TO:	JOINT MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE & THE HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE 22 SEPTEMBER 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	6
SUBJECT:	CO-OPTION OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR THE 17 NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Democratic & Legal Services
PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:	Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	At the beginning of the 2015-2016 municipal year, the chairs of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee agreed to give a group of young people the opportunity to lead questioning at one of its meetings in order to gain a greater understanding and experience of local democracy and encourage other young people in Croydon to get involved in local democracy
RECOMMENDATIONS:	To co-opt the young people in attendance to the sub-committee to lead questioning at its 17 November meeting

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee is invited to co-opt the young people in attendance to the sub-committee to lead questioning at its 17 November meeting.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Further to the instruction by Scrutiny chairs to explore the possibility of engaging young people in Croydon more deeply in local democracy, contact was made with Croydon College, and, following a presentation at the college regarding this proposed initiative, a group of seven young people undertook to

take part in the project. Additional students joined this project after Croydon College's Enrichment Fayre of 9 September.

2.2 At meetings of the group, young people agreed that the topic for this meeting should be *housing for the young*. Areas to be focused on are as follows:

- Availability of low cost housing for young people
- The regulatory framework re housing for young people
- Systems for vetting young people including a possible interview process
- Dealing with youth homelessness and its impact
- The provision of advice to young people regarding their rights re housing
- The provision of advice to young people on how to manage a property and a tenancy

2.3 The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee is invited to co-opt the young people in this group ahead of the 17 November meeting.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None