

DEPUTATION 1 – TENFOLD, the Leeds Learning Disability Forum

THE LORD MAYOR: Good afternoon and welcome to today's Council meeting. I am going to ask you to make your speech to Council and it should not be longer than five minutes and if you could, please, begin by introducing the people in your deputation that would be good.

SUSAN: Hello, my name is Susan. I am the Co-Chair of the Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board.

In January 50 people with learning disabilities took over this Council Chamber. Lots of Councillors gave a small donation so that this was a possibility. We learned about what Councillors do and then we voted on lots of things that matter to us, like transport, housing and employment.

Could Councillor Yeadon, Councillor Davy, Councillor Latty and Councillor Ewans please stand up or hold your hands up? We want to thank you for taking part in our meeting in this great Chamber.

ALAN: Hello, my name is Alan. I am a member of the Fulfilling Lives Customer Council. Like you, we have been elected to speak up for people.

After the Take Over Day we wanted to learn more about making our voices heard and be involved in democracy.

Twelve of us visited the Houses of Parliament in Learning Disability Week. We met six Leeds' MPS. I asked Hilary Benn lots of question. He is my local MP. I asked him about using my bus pass before 9.30 am.

JONATHAN BUTLER: Hello. My name is Jonathan Butler. I am a governor at Leeds Partnership NHS Trust. When we were in London we asked the MPs if they would support us coming to another event in the autumn. They all said they would come.

We are hoping that lots more people with a learning disability will join in. We are going to run it a bit like Question Time on the telly and it would be great if we could do it here in the Civic Hall.

We have come here today to ask you for your support in making it happen.
(Applause)

ANN: Hello, my name is Ann. Thank you for helping us. Thank you for the Take Over Day and the trip to London where it is really good. I really enjoyed it.

We need a voice. We can do more. We need your help. Can we do this again?
(Standing ovation)

THE LORD MAYOR: Can I call upon Councillor James Lewis, please.

COUNCILLOR J LEWIS: Thank you. I move that the deputation is referred to the Executive Board. Thank you for coming.

COUNCILLOR LOBLEY: I am delighted to second, Lord Mayor. Thank you.

THE LORD MAYOR: *(A vote was taken)* CARRIED. Susan and your friends, thank you for attending and for what you have said. You will be kept informed of the consideration which your comments will receive. Good afternoon and a safe journey home. Thank you. *(Applause)*