



# Youth Parliament

MAKING OUR MARK

Cambridgeshire UKYP is split into the three geographical areas: South Cambs and City, East Cambs and Fenland, North Cambs and Huntingdon.

Through the participating schools, a Member of Youth Parliament and a Deputy Member of Youth Parliament is elected - which makes 2 young representatives in each area.

After piloting a two year term in East Cambs and Fenland in 2006, at the request of the members involved, a vote for a county-wide two year term was cast. The vote was successful and all MYPs and DMYPs began a 2 year term in 2008. This means that the current MYPs and their Deputies are currently coming to the end of their first year, and have another year in post. The next election will be in 2011.

Independent schools in Cambs have been invited to take part in the UKYP elections but over the last three years, have declined to participate.

Breakdown of requested data:

## **Election 2006**

### **Fraction of Schools participating in the UKYP elections**

East Cambs and Fenland – 75%  
South Cambs and City – 60%  
North Cambs and Hunts - 0

### **Number of votes cast in each constituency.**

East Cambs and Fenland – 3657  
South Cambs and City – 3705  
North Cambs and Hunts - One Candidate – UNOPPOSED

### **Total Ballot papers sent to schools.**

30,000

## **Election 2007**

### **Fraction of Schools participating in the UKYP elections.**

East Cambs and Fenland – 68%  
South Cambs and City – 40%  
North Cambs and Hunts – 28%

### **Number of votes cast in each constituency.**

S.Cambs & City: 2905  
North Cambs & Hunts: 1396  
East Cambs & Fenland: 3512

**Total Ballot papers sent to schools.**  
32,750.

## **Election 2008**

### **Fraction of Schools participating in the UKYP elections.**

East Cambs and Fenland – 73%  
South Cambs and City – 47%  
North Cambs and Hunts – 33%

### **Number of votes cast in each constituency**

S.Cambs & City: 3483  
North Cambs & Hunts: 1467  
East Cambs & Fenland: 2999

**Total Ballot papers sent to schools.**  
32,700

### **Item 4.**

In 2007/08 Cambs UKYP MYPs were attendees on the BDA Board. This board is no longer running. An action plan is currently being put together to enable the UKYP and other interested young people (through the non elected Youth Assembly) to promote local democracy for young people. A snapshot of proposals are listed below:

- CYP Scrutiny are planning on inviting young people to attend Scrutiny meetings to enable young people to inform the committee's programme of work.
- Joint annual Seminar for Members and young people planned - informed by generic issues arising from the Youth Assembly and UK Youth Parliament.