

## Fallowfield U Decide Evaluation 2010-11

In October 2010, Fallowfield carried out a U Decide event. The purpose of the event was to increase:

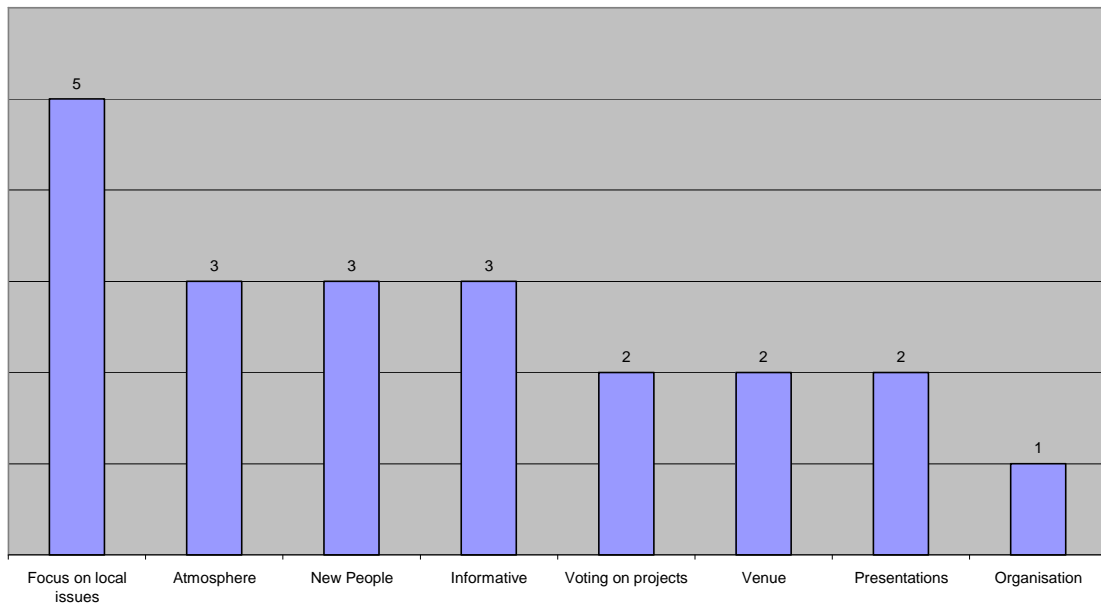
- the number of people who feel that they can influence decisions in the local area
- overall satisfaction with local area
- resident empowerment and local democracy
- enable people to identify improvements to the area and support in delivering those improvements
- identify and engage with different residents and groups and evaluate whether PB can be used to engage a broader spread of people - not just the “usual suspects”.
- Improving community cohesion (% of people who feel that people from different backgrounds get on well together)
- Increasing the number of volunteers within the ward

In Fallowfield, £10,000 was allocated from Fallowfield Wards Cash Grant budget to hold a Participatory Budgeting event for residents. The maximum amount accepted for each bid was £1,500. 10 projects were submitted to the value of £14,150.00. 42 people attended and 37 people voted on spending priorities. The following projects were funded:

Project No:	Project Title:	Funding allocated
1	Fallowfield Credit Union	£1,500.00
2	Fallowfield Youth group	£1,500.00
3	OASIS	£1,500.00
4	Fallowfield Tenants & Residents Association	£1,500.00
5	Fallowfield Brow Neighbourhood Community House	£1,500.00
6	Friends of Platt Fields Park	£1,500.00
7	Kingsbrook Residents Group	£650.00

Participants were asked to complete a feedback form from the event. 17 people completed evaluation forms (40%)

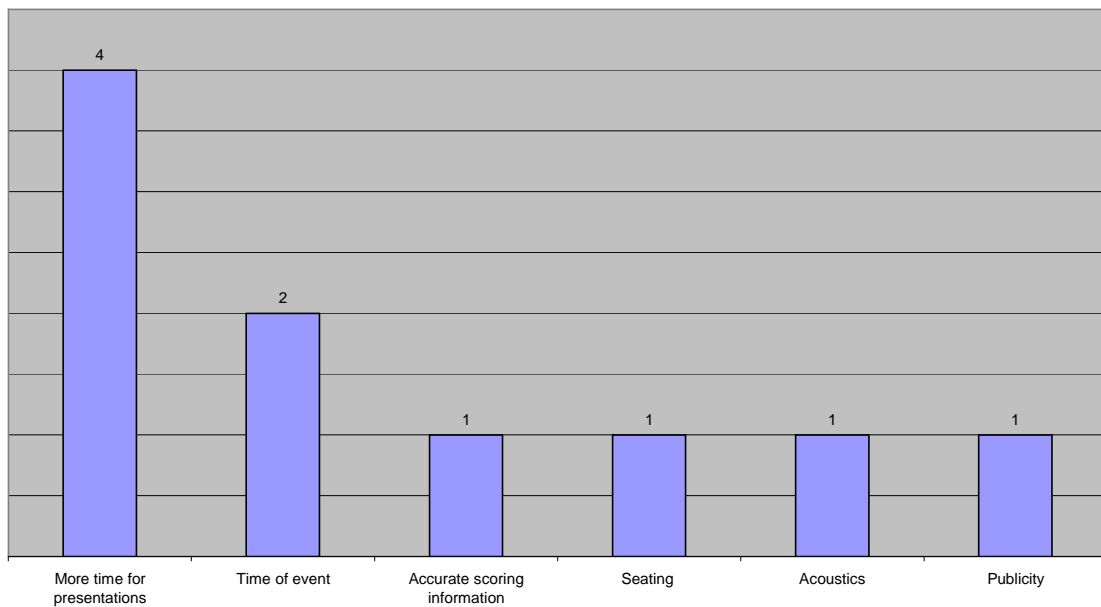
### What did you like about the event?



People said that they enjoyed the following:

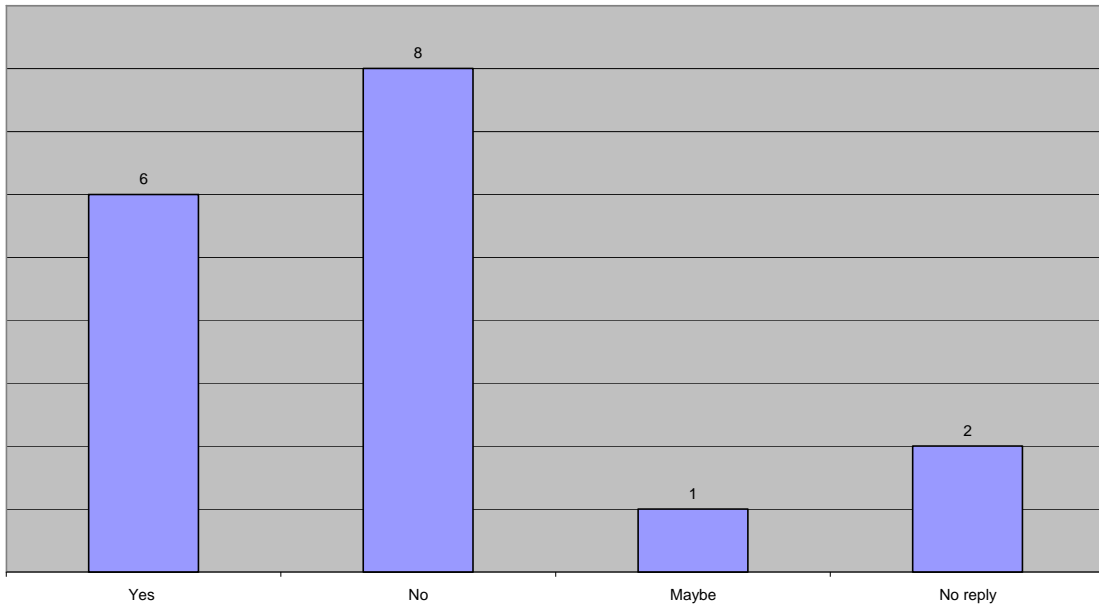
- Meeting new people, refreshments, atmosphere
- Showed what goes on in Fallowfield
- Local, voting, variety of projects

### What could have been improved?



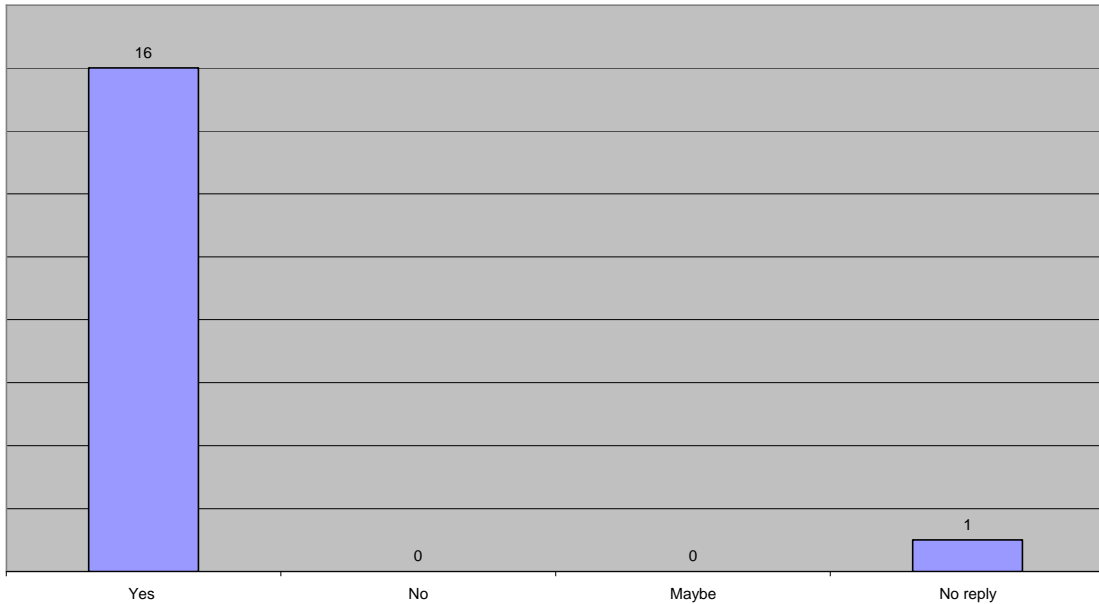
The main areas for improvement were more time for presentation, and time of the event.

**Prior to the event, did you feel you could influence local decisions?**



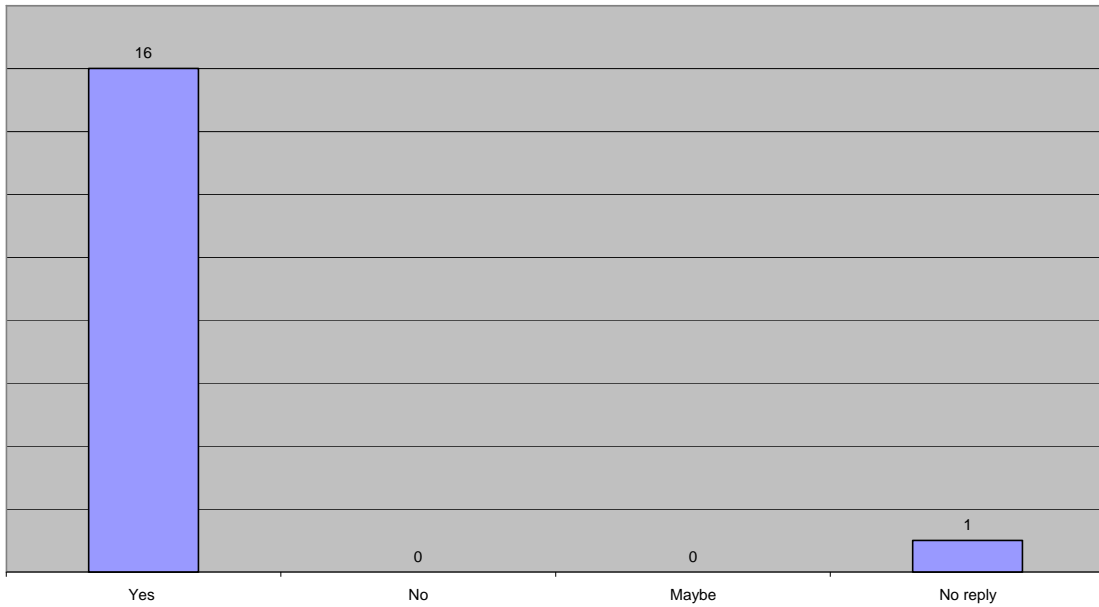
Prior to the event 35% people thought that they could influence decisions in their local area. 47% disagreed.

**Do you feel you have influenced local decision making by attending this event?**



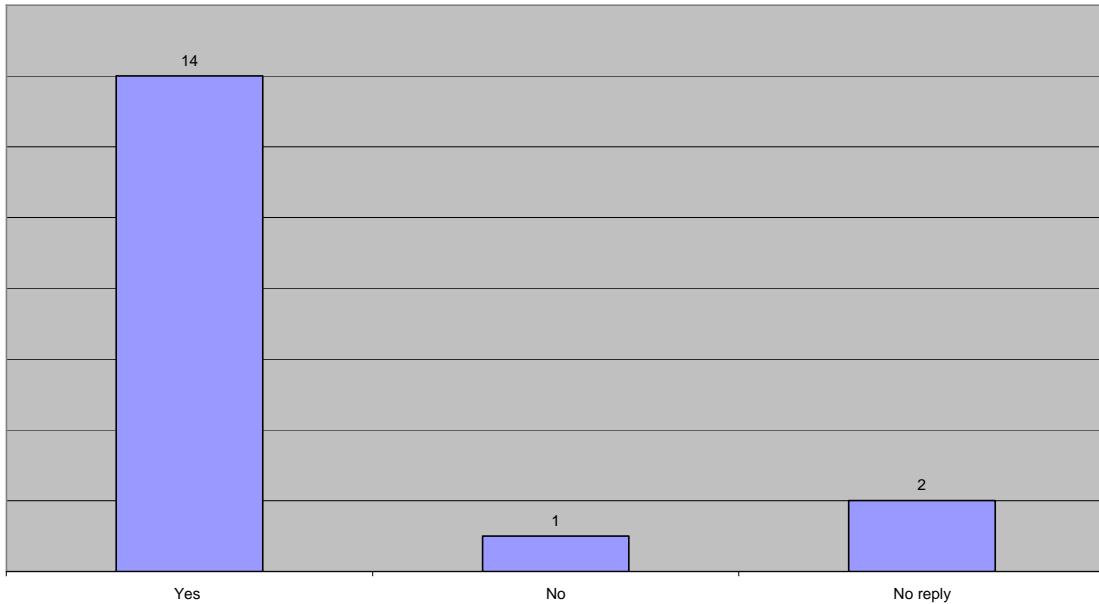
By attending the event, 94% of people felt that they had influenced decisions making in their local area. This increased to 100% if considering the number of people who responded.

Do you think the projects funded will help improve the local area?



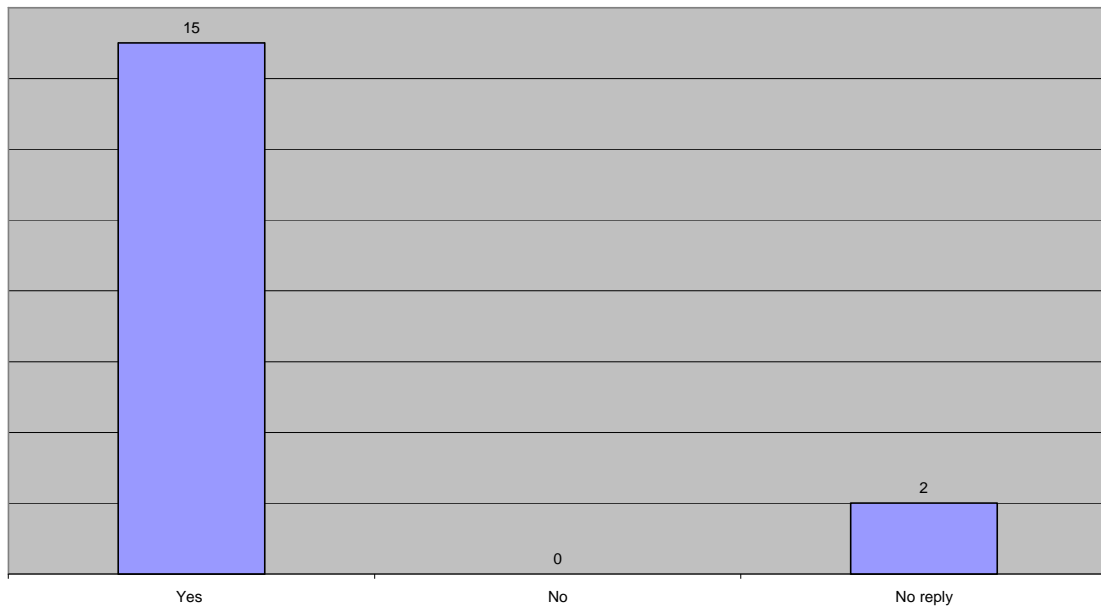
94% of people said that the projects funded would help to improve the local area. This increased to 100% if considering the number of people who responded.

Do you think the process was fair?



Out of the 17 respondents 82% of people said the process was fair. This increased to 93% when calculating the % of people who answered this question. Only 6% disagreed which increased to 7% when calculating the number of people who answered this question.

Would you attend a similar event in the future?



Out of the 17 respondents 88% of people said they would attend a future event. This increased to 100% when calculating the % of people who answered this question.