

## BMC National Council, 28 June 2006

### Item 7.5

### Equity Survey 2006 Report

#### Status of Paper

*For information. This report presents the results of the BMC Equity Survey that was circulated in Summit 41 and went to 10% of the membership randomly selected. The return rate was 17% and that is fairly high for such a survey. The BMC was required to conduct the survey as part of the requirement to meet the Equality Standard.*

#### Commentary

In many ways the survey confirmed what we probably all suspect. For instance, almost half of those who replied were aged between 25 and 44 with less than one percent under 18 years of age. In terms of religion, again, almost half consider themselves to be Christian. While 44% consider themselves to have no religion. Others represented were the Hindu, Buddhist and Jewish religions; but none from Muslim or Sikh religions.

In terms of the male/female split, this is now 72% male, 25% female (3% did not answer). Interestingly, this shows a 10% difference from the previous survey in 2000 that recorded 82% male, 16% female.

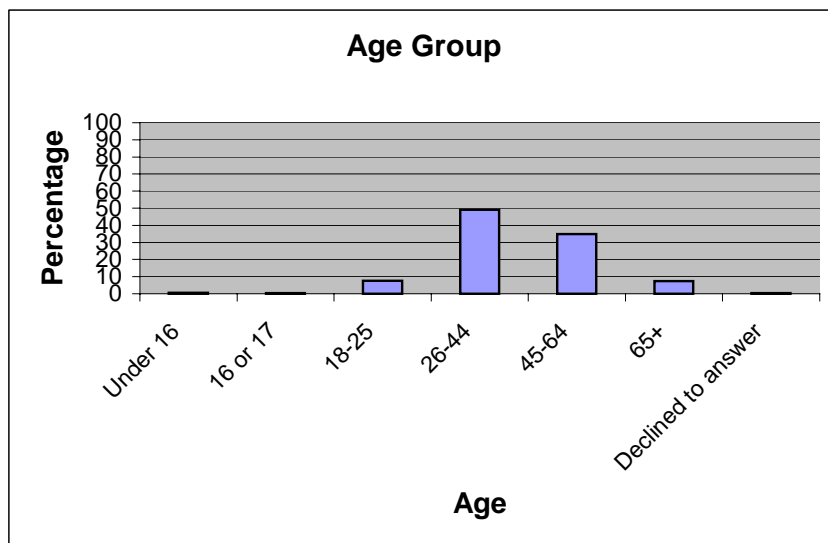
6% of people stated they have a disability of some kind. The largest percent recorded being a physical impairment of some kind. Again this has changed from the 2000 survey that shows this figure at 1.4%.

Perhaps the most revealing figure relates to ethnic background. 98% of those surveyed being white with only 2% coming from all the other categories combined. And while all the other figures show change these figures are actually unchanged since the last survey.

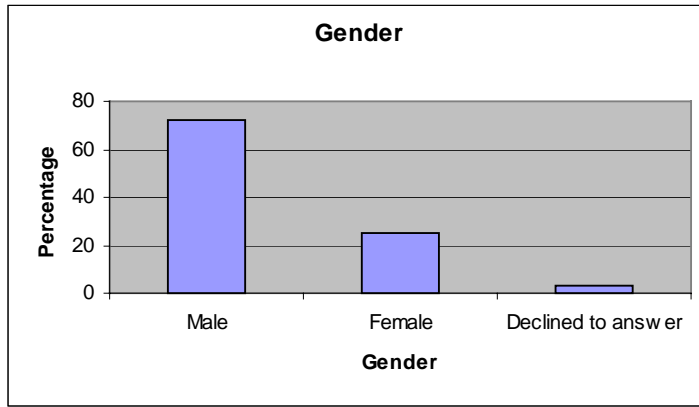
The next step is to consider whether there are any barriers to participation that we can work towards removing. We will be seeking guidance on these matters in line with the Equity Standard that we are currently working towards achieving.

#### Tables

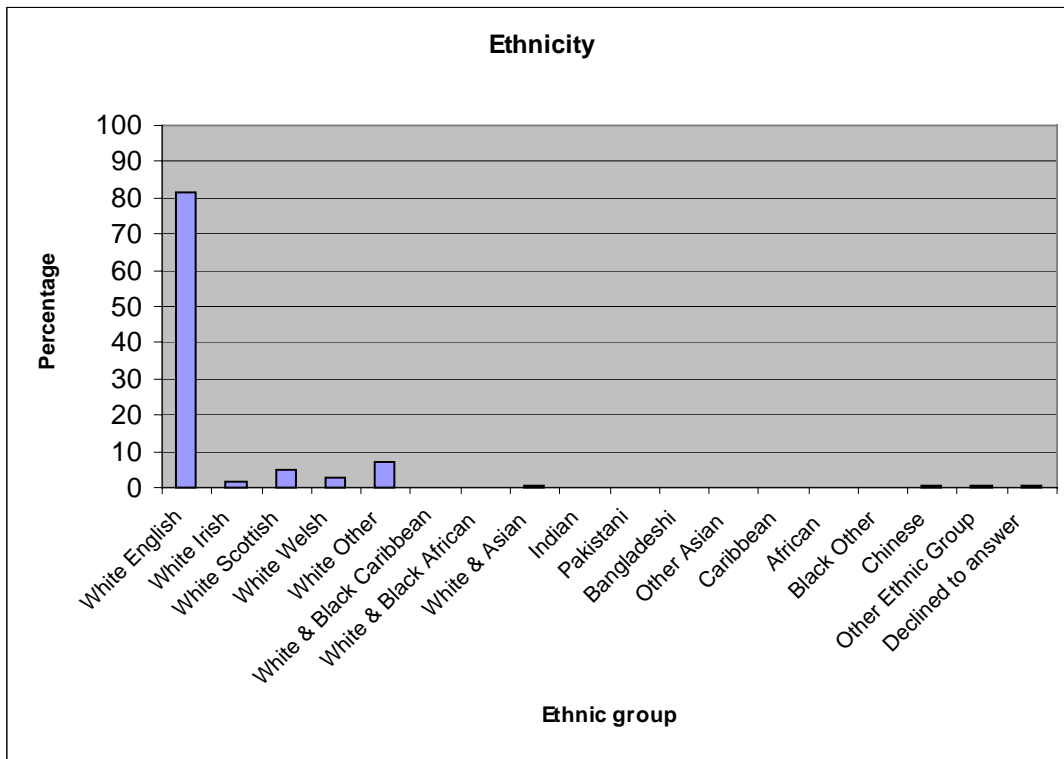
These tables graphically represent the results of the 2006 BMC Equity Survey in terms of percentages.



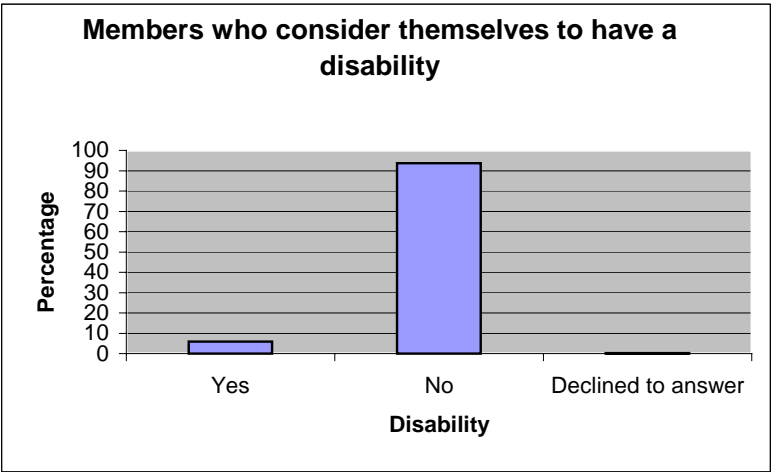
	Under 16	16 or 17	18-25	26-44	45-64	65+	Declined to answer
Number	6	3	77	499	354	75	3
Percentage	0.6	0.3	7.5	49.1	34.8	7.4	0.3



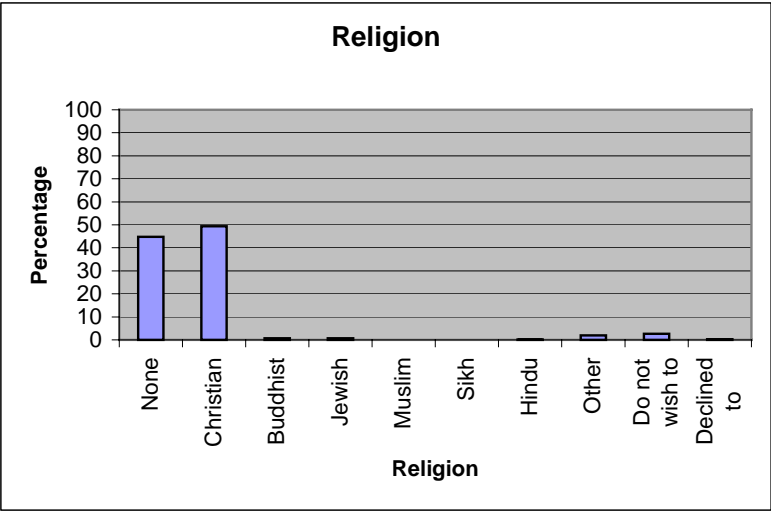
	Male	Female	Declined to answer
Number	733	252	32
Percentage	72.1	24.8	3.1



	White					Mixed	Mixed
	English	Irish	Scottish	Welsh	Other	White & Black Caribbean	White & Black African
Number	827	18	51	30	71	1	2
Percentage	81.3	1.8	5	2.9	7	0.1	0.2



Members who consider themselves to have a disability			
	Yes	No	Declined to answer
Number	60	954	3
Percentage	5.9	93.8	0.3



	None	Christian	Buddhist	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Hindu
Number	455	501	7	6	0	0	1
Percentage	44.7	49.3	0.7	0.6	0	0	0.1