



**Notice of meeting of
Social Inclusion Working Group**

To: Councillors Aspden (Chair), Alexander, Sue Galloway, Gunnell (Vice-Chair), Healey, Potter, Sunderland, Jack Archer - Older People's Assembly
Sue Lister - Older People's Assembly
Peter Blackburn - LGBT Forum
Karen Roberts - LGBT Forum
Rita Sanderson - BME Citizens' Open Forum (YREN)
Daryoush Mazloum - BME Citizens' Open Forum (YREN)
Lynn Jeffries - Disabled Peoples Forum
Jan Jauncey- York Interfaith
Paul Wordsworth – Churches Together in York

Date: Wednesday, 19 September 2007

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Micklegate Room, Priory Street, York

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes

(Pages 3 - 16)

To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Group held on 21 March 2007. An “easy read” version of these minutes is also attached for Members’ consideration.

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Groups remit can do so. Anyone who wishes to register or requires further information is requested to contact the Democracy Officer on the contact details listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is Tuesday 18 September 2007 at 5.00pm.

4. Community Strategy Refresh

Denise Simms, from the Partnerships Team, Without Walls (Local Strategic Partnership), is attending the meeting to provide members with a brief background on refreshing the Community Strategy. She will also report on an event to be held on 16 October 2007 to which all Social Inclusion Working Group members will be invited to attend.

5. Future York Report (Pages 17 - 20)

Roger Ranson, Assistant Director Economic Development will be attending the meeting to update members on the Future York report. A report identifying areas that are relevant to social inclusion is attached.

A copy of the Executive Summary of The Future York report was circulated to members of the group prior to the meeting.

6. Improvements to the Social Inclusion Working Group - 1 Year On (Pages 21 - 24)

To consider any improvements that can be made to the Social Inclusion Working Group, one year on. The notes of the informal meeting of the Group held on 10 July 2007 are attached to assist with discussion.

7. CYC Equalities Conferences

To receive a verbal report from Heather Johnson, Equalities Officer, on the City of York Council's Equality Conferences.

8. Use of Budget 2007/08

To consider ways of using the Group's budget of £7,240 for 2007/08 to meet the Groups aims (set out below) or support work that improves social inclusion in the council:

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- The community representatives can feedback to the community forums on the work of the SIWG.
- The community forums can communicate effectively with the wider communities of interest that they represent.

9. Forward Plan (Pages 25 - 26)
To consider the Forward Plan for future meetings of the Social Inclusion Working Group.

10. Community Forum Reports and Feedback (Pages 27 - 30)
To receive verbal updates and notes/minutes from meetings of the community forum's involved in the Group's work.

An information update received from the York & District LGBT Forum and a calendar of events for 2007 from York Interfaith are attached.

11. Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP
DATE	21 MARCH 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS CUTHBERTSON (VICE-CHAIR), FAIRCLOUGH, SUE GALLOWAY, KING, POTTER AND SCOTT
	NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS: JACK ARCHER - OLDER PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SUE LISTER - OLDER PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY PETER BLACKBURN - LGBT FORUM AND KAREN ROBERTS - LGBT FORUM
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR JAMIESON-BALL, RITA SANDERSON - BME CITIZENS OPEN FORUM (YREN) AND DARYOUSH MAZLOUM – BME CITIZENS OPEN FORUM (YREN)

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair invited Members to declare at this point any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda, in addition to the standing declarations below:

Cllr King – as a member of the Access Group
Cllr Potter – as Older People's Champion
Cllr Scott – as Young People's Champion

No further interests were declared.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group held on 17 January 2007 be signed as a correct record and the "easy read" version be noted.

29. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no registered speakers at the meeting under the Councils Public Participation Scheme.

30. INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

Members considered a report, which detailed steps that had been taken since the November meeting of the Group to implement the recommendations for developing the effective involvement of young people in the Group.

Officers had undertaken discussions with the various forums and it was now hoped to develop a network of young people from each of the relevant communities (i.e. BME young people, disabled young people, and LGBT young people) which could then develop close links with the forum itself, and maybe send a young person's representative along to the SIWG meetings. These networks once established could also feed into events organised for schools councils in autumn ensuring that these had a strong emphasis on social inclusion and equalities. If resources were found the groups could work with a Forum Theatre company to develop a performance on social inclusion for young people at the autumn event.

The Chair confirmed that it was proposed to use the remaining £3280 Equalities Team budget for Social Inclusion for the employment of an outreach worker to provide development support for this work and to fund the cost of engaging with equality and social inclusion issues at the Schools Council events.

Cllr Scott queried the wording of para. 2.3 which stated that it had been agreed that he would, as Children and Young Person's Champion, attend meetings to advocate on behalf of young people. The role would be to articulate the views of young people as had already been expressed through consultation and involvement activity, as recorded on the consultation database.

Members supported the involvement of young people in both primary and secondary schools and the possible involvement of school drama groups to produce a forum theatre production relating to social inclusion to present to their peers.

Members also pointed out that the secondary school event at the Mansion House, hosted by the Lord Mayor, could include a social inclusion item. Concerns were raised that the Group had now been meeting for a year and no input had yet been received from any young people other than from the Young People's Champion.

- RESOLVED:
- i) That the Social Inclusion Working Group support the way forward proposed in the report for the effective involvement of young people in the Social Inclusion Working Group and the use of the remaining funds in the Equalities budget to support this work.
 - ii) That Officers report back to the Group on progress made with this work in September 2007.

REASON: To develop a more comprehensive and inclusive means of involving young people in issues of social inclusion and equality.

31. CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

Members received an update report from Cllr Sue Galloway on progress with the setting up of a Centre for Independent Living in York (CIL).

Cllr Galloway reported that, following production of the report "From Client to Citizen: A CIL for York?" by Lynn Jeffries and Alison Cowen, further discussions had now been undertaken. Arising out of these discussions two differing strands had appeared, the first had been whether to just supply information from a virtual office or secondly whether to provide a true centre with practical equipment which could be tested e.g. stair lift, room chairs etc. It had therefore been decided to set up a forum, similar to the Valuing People Board, with an independent chair, to progress this further. The PCT and CYC would be unable to fund this project individually but it was hoped that funds could be attracted in partnership.

Members questioned linking up with the technologist at York University where a house had been set up on these lines. Reference was also made to the existing equipment store which demonstrated equipment and that it would be more convenient if the wheelchair centre at Clifton was to move to adjoining premises.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted and a further update be made to the Group following the setting up of the forum.

REASON: To update Members on the feasibility of setting up a Centre for Independent Living in York.

32. SEXUAL ORIENTATION MONITORING

Pete Blackburn updated Members that the Council had asked the York and District LGBT Forum on the most appropriate ways of collecting data about sexuality, details of which were circulated at the meeting. He stated that members of the Forum had felt that a 'Strategic Working Group' made up of LGBT forum representatives, council members and senior officers should be set up to examine the provision of better and more relevant services for LGBT people in and around York.

He explained that the key areas that had been identified that would make a real difference to the lives of LGBT people were:

- Education/Training
- Communication
- Awareness Raising
- Access to Services

- Health
- Community Safety
- Support for LGBT people and their families

Members confirmed that the proposal was an excellent idea and that representatives were required at a strategic level in the authority and any information collected should be done in a sympathetic manner. Concerns were raised at what the data would then be used for, any data protection issues and if the information collected could be anonymised. Officers confirmed that some of this information had been included in the Councils staff survey and that the individual had a choice whether or not to complete this section.

Peter Blackburn confirmed that Aberdeenshire Council had recently undertaken a similar survey and that he was sure that the problems raised by Members would also have been encountered by them in their survey work.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted and that the Groups support be given to the setting up of a Strategic Working Group to examine the best way of collecting data about sexuality.

REASON: To enable the Social Inclusion Working Group to analyse trends and influence improvements in equality monitoring and to highlight these issues.

33. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the circulated Forward Plan for future meetings of the Group for 2007/08, this showed items inside a circle, which were key events that may have an effect on the group's agenda. Outside the circle were the proposed meeting agenda and each agenda had been designed as a whole to relate to important events such as the corporate strategy. Issues raised by the forums had not been included as it was considered that additional items should come from the forums direct. Members were asked to give further consideration to the Plan.

The Chair reported that the next meeting of the Group was not scheduled until Tuesday 10 July in the Councils draft diary but as soon as the dates were finalised they would be forwarded to Members.

Members raised the following items for future meetings:

- Review of the Social Inclusion Working Group after a year in operation, including accommodation, room layout, access etc (July meeting if possible)
- Voice recognition service update
- Age Discrimination update
- Forum representatives to report back on any issues they wished to raise.

- Details of representatives from the Disabled Peoples Forum, Faith Group and young peoples group (July meeting if possible)
- Update on young peoples event in the Mansion House.

RESOLVED: That the Forward Plan for 2007/08 as circulated be noted as a working document subject to the addition of the above additional items.

REASON: To focus the future work of the Social Inclusion Working Group.

34. COMMUNITY FORUMS REPORTS AND FEEDBACK

The Chair reported that the community reports and feedback had previously been agreed as a regular agenda item and that its purpose was to receive notes or minutes from meetings of the forums involved in the Groups work. Unfortunately no notes or minutes had been received and a request was made for forums to send copies to Jill Pickering, preferably by email to enable them to become part of future agenda.

i) LGBT Forum

Peter Blackburn circulated a copy of details of the emerging York and District LGBT Forum and updated members on the background to the Forum. He stated that the forum currently had over 70 members and that the first edition of their newsletter, which would be produced on a quarterly basis, was near completion and would be sent to all members. He reported that arrangements were being made for a 'Pride Picnic' on 19 August 2007.

ii) International Women's Day/Festival

Sue Lister referred to problems she had encountered in organising the York Women's Festival, which had unfortunately coincided with the York Literature Festival. She expressed concerns that they had been unable to obtain funding and following an evaluation of the events it appeared that a number of workshops had had no attendees. She asked the Group for support in the arrangement of a future event.

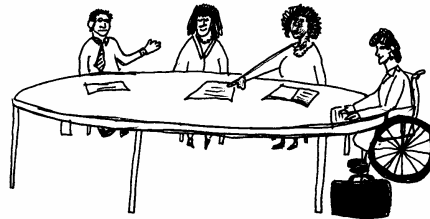
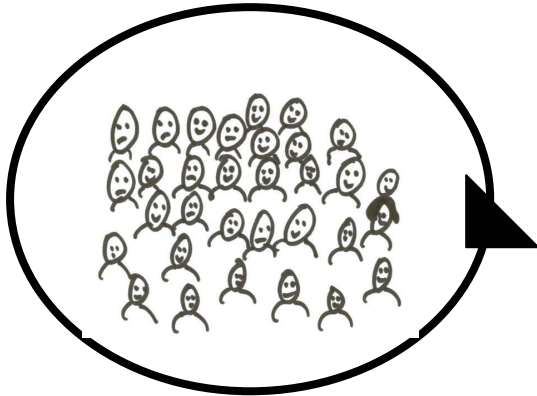
Members referred to the Yortime website which listed details of possible funding avenues. It was pointed out that the broader issue of raising the profile of women and the various groups could be addressed through discussion at the next meeting when consideration was given to the Gender Equality Duty.

iii) Living Islam

Cllr Potter reported that she had recently attended an excellent course run by the Leeds Church Institute on what it was like being a Muslim in Great Britain. If the chance ever arose she recommended attendance at this training course.

Cllr I Cuthbertson
Chair

[The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 8.35 pm].

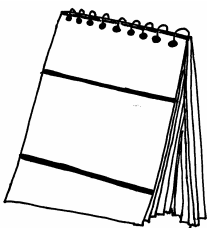


Social Inclusion Working Group

(Social inclusion means including everyone in society. The Social Inclusion Working Group has been set up to look at how all different communities in York can be given the same chances to take part in life and be included)



MINUTES



Date of meeting: 21 March 2007

Members of the Council who were at the meeting (to be known as 'Members' in these minutes):



**Ian Cuthbertson
(Chair)**



Sue Galloway



Bill Fairclough



David Livesley



Ken King



Ruth Potter

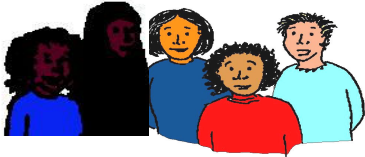


David Scott

Members of the Council who were not able to come to the meeting:



**Ceredig Jamieson-
Ball**



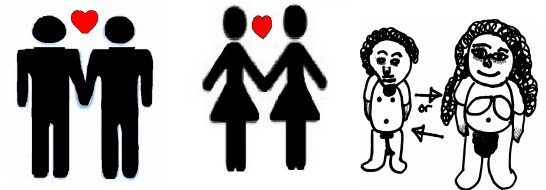
Rita Sanderson and
Daryoush Mazloum
of the BME (BME
stands for Black
Minority Ethnic)
Citizens Forum

People who were at the meeting representing
community groups:

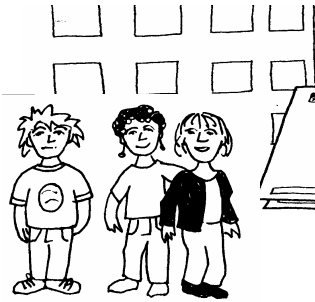
Sue Lister and Jack Archer
from the Older People's
Assembly



Peter Blackburn and
Karen Roberts from the
LGBT Forum (LGBT stands
for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and
Transgender)



1. Involving Young People in the Social Inclusion Working Group



The group considered steps that had been taken to involve young people in their meetings.



Officers hoped to be able to talk to young people in the following areas to make them aware of the work of the Group



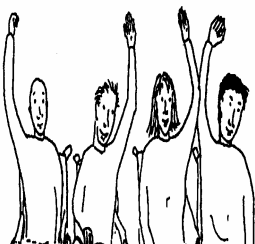
- BME
- Disabled
- LGBT



The money left in the Groups budget was to be used to employ an outreach worker to help with this work.

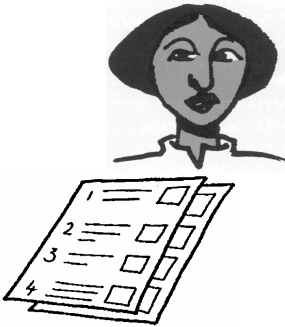


Members wanted young people in primary and secondary schools to be involved.



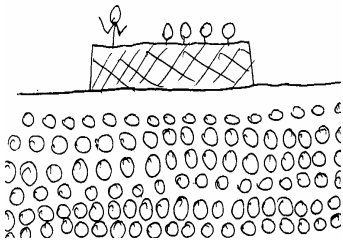
It was agreed that what was left of the Groups budget should be used to help young people get involved in the work of the Group.

2. Centre for Independent Living (CIL)

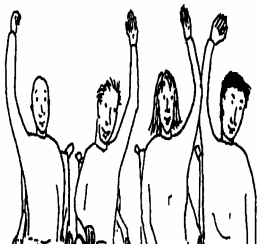


Sue Galloway told the Group about work that had been done to help set up of a Centre for Independent Living in York.

She said that they were not sure whether to just hand out information to people or to have an office where clients could test equipment such as stair lifts.



Another meeting was to be held to look at and agree which option they should take.



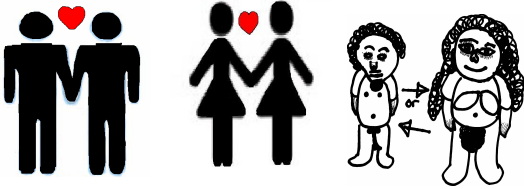
They agreed that when the Forum was set up they would report back on their decision to the Group.

3. Sexual Orientation Monitoring



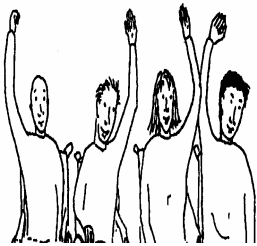
Confidential!

Peter Blackburn told the Group about the best way of collecting information about sexuality.



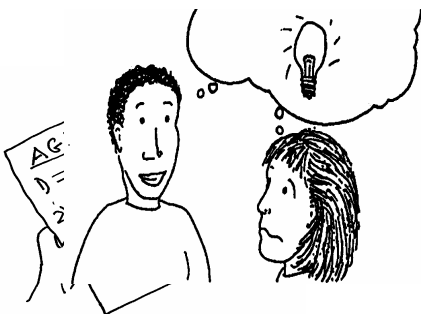
LGBT people had said that the following were areas where differences could be made in their lives:

- Education/Training
- Communication
- Awareness Training
- Access to Services
- Health
- Community Safety
- Support for LGBT people and their families



The Group agreed to arrange a meeting of a Working Group to look at the best way of collecting information on sexuality.

4. Forward Plan

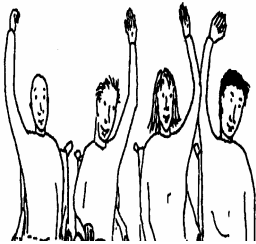


The Group looked at what they would consider at future meetings.

The next meeting of the Group was not until Tuesday 10 July 2007.

Members asked that the following are matters that should be looked at:

- How the Group has worked over the last year
- Voice recognition service update
- Age Discrimination update
- Any matters that representatives want to raise
- The names of representatives from the Disabled People's Forum, Faith Group and Young Peoples Group
- Young Peoples event in the Mansion House



The Group agreed to note the Forward Plan and add the above matters to it.

5. Community Forum Reports and Feedback

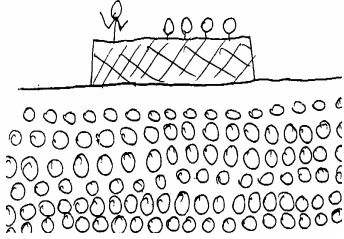
LGBT Forum

Peter Blackburn told the Group that the Forum now had over 70 members and that they were producing a newsletter.



International Women's Day/Festival

Sue Lister asked the Group to support the organisation of the York Women's Festival in future. Members of the Group suggested ways of funding the Festival.



Living Islam

Cllr Ruth Potter told the Group about a training course she had been on which had looked at what it was like to be a Muslim in Great Britain. She told the Group that this was a very interesting course.





Social Inclusion Working Group

19 September 2007

Report of the Assistant Director – Economic Development and Partnerships

REPORT OF THE FUTURE YORK GROUP

Summary

1. The report seeks to brief the Social Inclusion Working Group on the final report of the Future York Group.

Background

2. The Future York Group was commissioned by the City of York Council to undertake an independent strategic review of the local economy, following a series of announcements regarding job losses in the City. The Group has been chaired by Christopher Garnett and has been well attended at its meetings by the group members. They have received a variety of presentations and background information to enable them to make their conclusions and recommendations. This authoritative report will provide the framework for future actions to be undertaken by the City of York Council and partners with regard to promoting the economic well-being of the City. Their final report was launched on 12th June when it was handed over to the City of York Council at a public event at the Mansion House. Copies of the executive summary of the report have been made available to all elected members and the full report has been published on the Council's web-site.

Consultation

3. The report effectively entered the public domain on its handover to the Council on 12th June 2007 and has been made widely available since then. Comments received on the findings of the Future York Group will be collated and reported to a future meeting of the Executive. Formal consultation on the report will take place through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and its thematic groups. The initial views of the Economic Development Partnership Board were sought at its meeting held on 19th June. There is now the opportunity over the summer/autumn period to consult on the findings of the Future York Group report as part of planned consultation for the review of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework core strategy. The consultation will enable the City of York Council to formulate a more detailed response to the findings of the Future York Group.

Options

4. The option is to consider responses the group may wish to make to the Future York Group report.

Analysis

5. This Future York Group is an authoritative analysis of the local economy based upon a wealth of data and presentations given to the group. There will be a process of consultation on the findings of the report has highlighted above. A detailed response on all the recommendations set out in the Future York Group will be presented to the Executive following consultation. This will take some time and the report is likely to be presented in the Autumn.

6. Recommendations contained in the report of particular interest to the group are set out in the section on skills and inclusion; these are:

S1 – we recommend that the City of York Council work with business and other key partners, and support the work of Learning City York, in analysing the city's skills needs and the spatial mismatches between labour demand and supply. This will enable amore specific targeted policy responses to be developed.

S2 - it is essential that all of the city's residents are given the opportunity to develop basic employability skills. We encourage schools, colleges, NYBEP, the LSC and Learning City York to work together to develop this guarantee. We recommend that, given the importance of creativity, enterprise and innovation to York's economic success, partners should work together to ensure these skills are also developed among young people. In addition, we recommend that education providers involve local employers in promoting the qualities that employers are seeking to young people. Employers should be encouraged to participate in these activities.

S3 - we recommend that the scale and impact of Further and Higher Education in the city be increased, ensuring that the expansion and diversification of learning opportunities are central to increasing economic activity and broadening cultural life.

S4 - we recommend that City of York Council support the work of Learning City York, and work with partners, including employers at Science City York to increase the proportion of the workforce with technical skills. We also recommend that more opportunities be developed for graduate placements with relevant employers, to facilitate a greater number of opportunities for both employers and graduates to transfer knowledge and skills.

S5 - innovation and entrepreneurship are vital in sustaining competitive city economies. We recommend that City of York Council and key partners develop a more proactive approach to the development of an entrepreneurial workforce.

S6 - we recommend that in addressing each of the above recommendations, City of York Council engage fully with local businesses.

S7 - we recommend that City of York Council work with key partners and relevant stakeholders to ensure that the disparity in incomes within the city does not widen as the economy expands. Positive action is taken to ensure that as many residents and employees as possible can benefit from new economic opportunities.

S8: We recommend that City of York Council consider the application of a local employment provision clause to major developments where appropriate. This would ensure that residents from deprived communities gain access to employment opportunities.

S9: We recommend that City of York Council, in collaboration with relevant partners and other stakeholders, develop a targeted strategic response to economic inclusion in the city's most deprived areas. This should maximise the contribution of learning to social cohesion, local regeneration and economic growth.

S10: We recommend that the local authority work with its partners to respond to the needs of individuals, families, communities and employers in addressing worklessness and social exclusion.

S11: We recommend that City of York Council conduct an analysis of the destinations of employees made redundant from British Sugar, Nestlé and Norwich union in 2006. We urge the employers involved to co-operate in this study in the interests of creating better support mechanisms for local workers.

S12: We recommend that City of York Council make

representations to Central Government for the application of greater freedoms and flexibilities in implementing support programmes to bring people into employment..

Corporate Priorities

14. The Future York Group report relates to the following objectives for the Council, the Economic Development Service Plan and the LSP Without Walls initiatives.
- * The “Thriving City” theme of the WOW Community Plan has the following strategic objective:

“To support the progress and success of York’s existing businesses and to encourage new enterprises in order to maintain a prosperous and flourishing economy that will sustain high employment rates.”
 - * The Economic Development Service Plan sets identifies a number of corporate priorities:
 - DIP 5 Increase people’s skills and knowledge to improve future employment prospects.
 - DIP 6 Improve the contribution that Science City York makes to economic prosperity.
 - DIP 8 Improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city.
 - DIP12 Improve the way the Council and its partners work together to deliver better services for the people who live in York.

Implications

15. Financial: There are no direct financial implications from the initial response to the Future York Group report as set out above. There may be direct financial implications for the City of York Council in responding to the findings of the Future York Group report and these will be considered as part of any future reports to the Executive or EMAP.
16. Human resources: None
17. Equalities: None
18. Legal: None
19. Crime and Disorder: None
20. Information Technology: None
21. Property: None

Risk Management

22. In compliance with the council’s risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendation

23. The input and views of the Social Inclusion Working Group on the Future York Group report are requested.

Reason: To help shape the effectiveness of future action.

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Report Approved

Date

10-09-07

Wards Affected:

All

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Background Papers: The Future York Group report – an independent strategic review of the York economy, June 2007

Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) Tues 10th July 2007

What's gone well with SIWG?

- Informal setting, away from the Guildhall
- Working in small break-out groups
- People are still attending meetings
- Representatives from different groups attend meeting
- Good transition from the Disabled People's Forum to SIWG
- Sharing and learning from community forums
- Having a budget
- Broad range of groups involved
- SIWG helps the council meet it's duties
- Increased awareness of issues and different groups
- Helps identify what needs to happen citywide
- Community groups have an opportunity to talk, not just councillors.

What can improve?

- Involvement in topics needs to be early enough to influence decisions
- A bullet point-type summary of reports/subjects, with reference to the full report/more info, would be useful for community group members to feedback to their groups
- A balance is needed between council agenda items and community groups agenda items
- Timings of meetings – agreed as 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- Agenda needs to be realistic – not too many items and keep discussions focused and relevant to the topic and SIWG's recommendations
- How does SIWG link to other groups (e.g. Inclusive York Forum and the Local Strategic Partnership)
- How community group representatives link to and communicate with their groups so that their comments aren't just based on their own opinions
- Draw out what's in common between different communities
- Minutes – make clear what the actions are, the timescale, and who's leading.
- Minutes in Easy Read

- Glossary of Terms
- Broaden membership or invite guest speakers eg. Tesco's are good at employing disabled people.
- Practical examples of good practice from else where (links to external guest speakers)
- More workshop-type events/meetings with community groups leading on their area of expertise e.g. Social model of disability.

What is the work plan for the next year? In particular the Sept and Nov meetings.

Agenda item	Meeting	Lead
Improvements to SIWG (1 year on)	Sept	SIWG / Chair
Use of budget (£7,240)	Sept	SIWG / Chair
Future York Report (NB. Pre-information about this report needs to be sent to community groups in August)	Sept	Roger Ranson – AD Economic Development
Community Strategy refresh – Event in October 07 which SIWG members are invited to.	Sept	Denise Simms, Partnerships Team, Without Walls (LSP) (HJ has invited)
Ideas from community groups on future agenda topics and feedback from groups	Standing item	Community groups
Centre for Independent Living update	Nov	Cllr Sue Galloway
Young people's involvement (update)	Nov	Steve Rouse, Equalities Team Leader, Youth Service
BME stakeholders conference in Sept/Oct looking at York's response to the changing BME population	Nov	Heather Rice, Director of People and Improvement
Ideas from community groups on future agenda topics and feedback from groups	Standing item	Community groups
Easy@york update on how previously identified barriers are being addressed	Jan	James Drury, AD Public Services
DisabledGo – annual update – feedback from community groups, suggested venues to add to the site, Disabled People interested in training as an access	Jan	Heather Johnson and Disabled Go

auditor.		
Ideas from community groups on future agenda topics and feedback from groups	Standing item	Community groups
Review of the Equality Strategy (2 nd year update) and equalities legislation (new legislation, current and future changes)	Workshop in Nov/Dec	Leo Devlin, Heather Johnson, Equalities Team

Heather Johnson
SIWG 10th July 2007

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SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP
2007/08 FORWARD PLAN

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DisabledGo – annual update – feedback from community groups, suggested venues to add to the site, Disabled People interested in training as an access auditor.	16 Jan 2008	Heather Johnson and Disabled Go
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York & Districts LGBT Forum Information Update:**York LGBT Pride in the Park Event:**

York LGBT Forum remains actively involved within York. We recently held our second 'Pride Picnic in the Park' on Sunday August 19th in Rowntree Park. Although the weather was rather dull and overcast with rain forecast, the event was well attended with live music, DJ, community stalls and dog show. Customers and staff from The Little John Pub in York (this is York's 100% straight friendly pub) marched from Castlegate to Rowntree Park adorning 'rainbow flags' and whistles. This was a sight to be remembered. The event was officially opened by The Lord Mayor of York Councillor Irene Waudby who gave a resounding opening speech. The 'Pride' steering group will begin organising next year's event in the next month or so.

SIWG Funding Grant:

The forum has recently produced its first newsletter, a copy of which every member of City of York Council should have received in their pigeonholes. Copies of the newsletter will be distributed throughout York and North Yorkshire. The forum believes in keeping LGBT people informed of current events and issues. To achieve this the forum has purchased a new laptop computer and printer along with memory sticks. This equipment will assist the forum's secretary, committee members and general members produce meeting minutes and the compilation of future newsletters and other promotional materials. The forum would like to thank City of York Council SIWG for their generosity in allocating a funding grant to enable us to purchase equipment.

LGBT Forum Meetings:

The officers and committee members of the forum agreed to invite guest speakers to attend future forum meetings and talk about their roles and policies involving LGBT issues. The forum will in due course be inviting an array of guest speakers including those from all the political parties in York to discuss LGBT policies and their involvement. We are also hoping to arrange quiz nights and other nights of interest to raise funds and maintain active interest amongst forum membership.

Yorkshire Forward Funding Grant:

York & Districts LGBT forum were successful in obtaining a grant from Yorkshire Forward Community Intervention Chest. The funding will be used to employ a part-time sessional youth worker who will engage with LGBT youth in York. We hope that the workers role will be to develop exciting new initiatives for our LGBT youth to raise and encourage greater awareness around LGBT youth specific issues. Funding received will only initially fund a twelve month contract. If successful and the forum feel the need to develop the post further, we shall seek to obtain future funding from other sources.

Meeting Dates for your Diary:

York & Districts LGBT Forum - Tuesday September 4th at 7.30pm.

York & Districts LGBT Forum Committee Meeting - Tuesday September 11th at 7.30pm.

York & Districts LGBT Forum AGM - Tuesday October 9th at 7.30pm.

All meetings are held at Yorkshire MESMAC offices, Marygate Lane, York. Tel: 01904- 620400

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York Interfaith Calendar of Events

2007

Meetings are held as near as possible to the first Wednesday in each month in the schoolroom at the Unitarian Chapel in [St Saviourgate](#), 7.30pm unless published otherwise. Members, friends and visitors are most welcome.

Jan 14th Interfaith Gathering - 'Working towards a peaceful Community and a peaceful World' - Readings, thoughts and discussion on local developments DENHAM Room - Priory Street Centre 2.30pm

Feb: 7th Sacred Texts - an 'Ebor Lecture' at York St Johns University - tickets must be booked : eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk or ring Kathryn Dunn on : 01904 876 517

Feb 14th Feedback on Interfaith gathering and the Ebor Lectures at Unitarian chapel room

March 7th Sport & Spirituality - a talk by Nick Watson of York St John University at Unitarian Chapel

April 4th Paul Wordsworth, Chaplain to the Homeless, on Social Inclusion & a faith dimension

May 5th Joining with Leeds Concord for a Peace Walk - details later

SATURDAY

June 6th Sharon Lusty from York St John University Chaplaincy on the work of 'Faith Advisers'

July 4th Inderjit Bhogal - Director of Yorkshire & Humberside Faiths Forum - joint meeting with Scarborough Interfaith - venue Friends Meeting House - Malton

Aug 1st Interfaith Group Social - bring a friend!

Sept 5th A talk, discussion and questions by Marcus Naylor (Pagan). There is also an Ebor lecture arranged by York St John University 19th Sept

Oct 3rd Pauline Kollontai on Local interfaith initiatives from a Jewish Perspective &

update on 'York City of Faith' initiative. There is also an Ebor lecture arranged by York St John University on 17th Oct.

Oct 27th The International Meal

Nov 7th (TBA) There is also an Ebor lecture arranged by York St John University on 21st Nov.

Dec 5th End of year social and planning meeting.