
Executive

22 April 2008

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Minutes of the Local Development Framework Working Group and the Social Inclusion Working Group

Summary

1. This report presents the draft minutes of recent meetings of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Group and the Social Inclusion Working Group and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Groups in their capacity as advisory bodies to the Executive.

Background

2. The revised Constitution agreed by Council on 27 April 2006 created a number of Working Groups whose role is to advise the Executive on issues within their particular remits. To ensure that the Executive is able to consider the advice of the Working Groups, it has been agreed that minutes of the Groups' meetings will be brought to the Executive on a regular basis. The Executive has also agreed to receive minutes of the meetings of the Economic Development Partnership Board, which acts as an advisory body to the Council and to the Local Strategic Partnership.
3. Members have requested that draft minutes of Working Groups requiring Executive endorsement be submitted as soon as they become available. In accordance with that request, and the requirements of the Constitution, minutes of the following meetings are presented with this report:
 - LDF Working Group – draft minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2008 (Annex A)
 - Social Inclusion Working Group – draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2008 (Annex B)

Consultation

4. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Working Groups. It is assumed that

any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Groups was carried out in advance of their meetings.

Options

5. Options open to the Executive are either to accept or to reject any advice that may be offered by the Working Groups, and / or to comment on the advice.

Analysis

6. There are no recommendations in the attached minutes that require the specific approval of the Executive at this stage. However, Members may wish to note in particular, and endorse where appropriate:
 - a) The advice of the LDF Working Group in respect of the proposed approach to the natural environment and Green Infrastructure in the Local Development Framework (Minute 41, Annex A);
 - b) The comments of the LDF Working Group on the headline results arising from the Festival of Ideas 2 consultation (Minute 42, Annex A);
 - c) The suggestions of the Social Inclusion Working Group in respect of the principles that should guide the distribution of Social Inclusion project budgets for the current and future financial years (Minute 36, Annex B);
 - d) Discussions in respect of the future membership of the Social Inclusion Working Group (Minute 37, Annex B), and in particular the Group's request for a report on a possible reduction in the number of elected Members on the Group (Resolution iv)). Members are asked to note that the membership of and appointment to the Working Group will be resolved at the Annual Meeting of Council in May.

Corporate Priorities

7. The aims in referring these minutes accord with the Council's corporate values to provide strong leadership in terms of advising these bodies on their direction and any recommendations they wish to make.

Implications

8. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to consider the minutes and determine their response to the advice offered by the Board:
 - **Financial**
 - **Human Resources (HR)**

- Equalities
- Legal
- Crime and Disorder
- Property
- Other

Risk Management

8. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy, there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to consider the minutes attached at Annexes A and B and to decide whether they wish to respond to any of the advice offered by the LDF Working Group and the Social Inclusion Working Group.

Reason:

To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



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Annexes

Annex A – Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Working Group held on 4 March 2008.

Annex B – Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group held on 12 March 2008.

Annex C – Social Inclusion Working Group – Membership Revisions

Background Papers

Agenda and associated reports for the above meetings (available on the Council's website).