
Executive

11 September 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Minutes of the Young People's Working Group

Summary

1. This report presents the minutes of a recent meeting of the Young People's Working Group and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Working Group in its capacity as an advisory body 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. The Groups are:
 - Social Inclusion Working Group (equalities issues)
 - Young People's Working Group (young people's issues)
 - Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Group (matters relating to the Local Development Framework)

The Constitution also includes a Protocol on Councillor Working Groups, which sets out rules and guidelines for the establishment and operation of Working Groups.

3. 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.
4. Consideration of the minutes of the above bodies has been scheduled on the Forward Plan for the Executive, as follows:
 - 11 September – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
 - 25 September - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board
 - 4 December – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group

- 18 December - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board
- 11 March – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
- 25 March - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board

In accordance with the Forward Plan, this report presents the minutes of the Young People's Working Group (YPWG) meeting on 12 July 2007 (Annex A). The Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) has not met formally since 21 March 2007. The minutes from that meeting were presented to the Executive on 12 June 2007. Therefore, there are no minutes from the SIWG attached to this report.

Consultation

5. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Working Group. The minutes are still in draft form, pending approval at the Group's next meeting, on 24 October 2007. It is assumed that any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Group was carried out in advance of their meeting.

Options

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

Analysis

7. There are no resolutions within the attached minutes which require the specific endorsement or approval of the Executive. However, Members may wish to note in particular:
 - a. the Group's comments on the options for the selection of the Children's and Young People's Champion (minute 4), which have subsequently been considered by the Children's Services EMAP (Executive Members & Advisory Panel) on 19 July 2007, when a decision on the matter was taken, and
 - b. the Group's comments regarding the transfer of the Connexions Service responsibilities to the Local Authority from April 2008 (minute 5), which will be considered by the Council when proposals for the management structure for the new service are received.

Corporate Priorities

8. The aims in referring these minutes accord with the key principles of improving the Council's organisational efficiency.

Implications

9. 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 Working Groups:

- **Financial**
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities**
- **Legal**
- **Crime and Disorder**
- **Property**
- **Other**

Risk Management

10. There are no risk management implications associated with the referral of these minutes.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to consider the minutes attached at Annex A and to decide whether they wish to respond to any of the advice offered by the Young People's 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 – Minutes of the meeting of the Young People's Working Group held on 12 July 2007

Background Papers

Agendas and associated reports of the above meeting (available on the Council's website).