

Meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group **2 December 2009**

Report of the Director of People and Improvement

Chair's Report

Summary

1. The report offers information about recent activity in the context of Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG).
2. The group are requested to note the report.

SIWG "More for York" Equality Impact Assessments meeting, 12 October 2009

3. A report from the meeting is attached as Annex A
4. The Council Executive met on 20 October to consider the next steps with the More for York project. During the meeting Cllr Nigel Ayre (Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Social Inclusion and Chair of SIWG) asked the Executive to approve officers' recommendations, "subject to changes which may be necessary as soon as the relevant Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) have been completed". As a result, the Executive resolved amongst others, that decisions about More for York projects are subject to "a full Equality Impact Assessment being undertaken" where they affect people from the equality strands.
5. In addition, almost all of the suggestions made by the SIWG at the meeting on 12 October have been taken on board in the corporate debt policy which was approved by the Executive on 17 November 2009. Please see Annex B.

SIWG Equality Impact Assessments Fair (Help us to get it Right Day), 5 November 2009

6. A detailed report about the day is currently being drafted. The day was attended by a good number of representatives from groups

involved in the SIWG. All attendees (but one) who filled in feedback forms, gave positive feedback and wanted more fairs in the future. Suggestions were made about opening future fairs to other umbrella equality and inclusion community groups in the city that do not currently engage with SIWG. This will be taken on board for the next Fair scheduled for 1 February 2010.

Chair and Vice Chair activity

7. Both the SIWG Chair and Vice Chair have been instrumental in the successful delivery of the EIA Fair and the More for York EIAs meeting, where they have actively participated in workshops and supported community representatives in putting forward their views and experiences to officers.
8. The Chair is a member of the Inclusive York Forum of the local strategic partnership and the Valuing People partnership. Issues recently discussed at Inclusive York Forum include dealing with health inequality in York, progress with partnership working to deliver with social inclusion in localities, and the development of the Local Development Plan. In addition the Chair attended the “Bridging the (generation) Gap” day on Saturday 26 September sponsored by SIWG as part of the Over 50s Festival. He has also set up meetings or has already met with various SIWG community groups including York Racial Equality Network, the York ACCESS group, and Valuing People partnership.

Recommendations

9. SIWG is requested to note the report and Annex 1

Reason: To inform the group about recent activity.

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All

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Annexes

Annex A - Notes from “More for York” Equality Impact Assessments meeting, 12 October 2009

Annex B – Section from the City of York Council Corporate Debt Policy approved by the Executive on 17.11.2009