



Notice of meeting of

Social Inclusion Working Group

To: Councillors Vassie (Chair), Aspden, Brooks, Gunnell and Looker (Vice-Chair)

Non Voting Co-opted Members:

Jack Archer, York Older People's Assembly

Sue Lister, York Older People's Assembly

Peter Blackburn, LGBT Forum

Sarah Fennell, LGBT Forum

Rita Sanderson, The BME Citizens' Open Forum (York Racial Equality Network)

Daryoush Mazloum, The BME Citizens' Open Forum (York Racial Equality Network)

Jan Jauncey, York Interfaith

Lynn Jeffries, Disabled People's Forum

Revd. Paul Wordsworth, Churches Together in York

Date: Wednesday, 17 September 2008

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Burton Stone Community Centre, Evelyn Crescent, York

Please note the new venue for this meeting in Room 1, at the Burton Stone Community Centre, situated on the first floor (lift available). Map of venue attached

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. Public Participation

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3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 22)

To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Group held on 8 July 2008. An “easy read” version of these minutes is also attached for members consideration.

4. Matters Arising

To receive further information in relation to taxi licensing and guide dogs arising from discussions at the last meeting of the Group.

5. Chairs Report

The Chair will give a verbal report on the following matters:

- Changes to the 2008 Social Inclusion Working Group Forward Plan;
- Seek community representatives to help shape the Social Inclusion Working Groups Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA's) Fair Day on 5 November 2008.

6. Community Forum Reports and Feedback

To receive verbal reports from representatives of the community forum's involved in the Group's work.

7. Possible Cross-Strand Projects for Funding (Pages 23 - 28) **from the Social Inclusion Working Groups** **Budget for 2008/09.**

This report discusses possible one year community projects that would start in 2008/09 and would be expected to benefit as many York people from groups protected by equality legislation as possible.

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

**9. Local Development Framework Core Strategy - (Pages 29 - 32)
Equality Issues**

To receive a presentation from Council staff about the Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy.

This will be followed by the formation of small discussion groups to consider whether there are any issues in the Core Strategy that will affect people protected by equality legislation in a negative way and what should be done about these issues.

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**Burton Stone Lane Community Centre,
Evelyn Crescent**



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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP
DATE	8 JULY 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS VASSIE (CHAIR), ASPDEN, BROOKS, GUNNELL AND LOOKER (VICE-CHAIR)
	JACK ARCHER (NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER) SUE LISTER (NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER) PETER BLACKBURN (NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER) RITA SANDERSON (NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER) DARYOUSH MAZLOUM (NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER) JAN JAUNCEY (NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER) AND LYNN JEFFRIES (NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER)
	<u>EXPERT WITNESSES IN ATTENDANCE</u> GEORGE WRIGHT – YORK HUMANIST ASSOCIATION CLAIRE NEWHOUSE – HIGHER YORK STEVE ROUSE – CYC
APOLOGIES	SARAH FENNELL AND PAUL WORDSWORTH (NON- VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

2. **MINUTES**

Rita Sanderson referred to Minute 48 (Community Forum Reports and Feedback) and the reference in the BME Citizen's Open Forum's update that a funding application to the Equality and Human Rights Commission had been unsuccessful as no evidence had been made available that the scheme would incorporate cross-strand working. She confirmed that YREN had been commended for their equality work.

Lynn Jeffries requested further details in connection with the reference in sheet attached to the agenda "About City of York Council Meetings" that "We can provide the agenda or reports in large print, electronically (computer disk or by email), in Braille or on audio tape. Some formats will take longer than others so please give as much notice as possible (at least 48 hours for Braille or audio tape)." Officers confirmed that they would provide this information to members of the group by email. ¹.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group held on 14 May 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record and the "easy read" version be noted.

Action Required

1. Provide details of format of agenda and reports by email. GR

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

4. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Councillor Vassie spoke of his new role as Chair of the Social Inclusion Working Group, as part of his new Executive portfolio, which covered Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion. He stated that he was looking forward to this new area of work. Councillor Looker confirmed that she was the new Vice Chair of the Group and Shadow representative for the Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion portfolio and that she was looking forward to working with the Group.

5. COMMUNITY FORUM REPORTS AND FEEDBACK

Members received verbal updates, including reports about the use of Social Inclusion Working Group grants, from members of the community forum's involved in the Group's work.

The update from the Older People's Assembly included details of their 50+ Festival, which was to take place between 27 September and 5 October 2008. This years Festival would include reduced price tickets for Buddy Holly at the Grand Opera House in October, a rag rug display at the Spurriergate Centre, a pre-counselling service, an information fair with 30

stands and the 50+ games. If any member of the Group wished to include an event in the Festival they were requested to contact Sue Lister, the deadline for receipt of information was mid July.

An update was also given of the last Older People's Assembly meeting when details had been received of a motor scooter knocking down a pedestrian on the footpath. The Police had investigated but reported that no offence had been committed. It was pointed out that motor scooters of this type did not have to be registered or insured. It was understood that Don Parlabeau, Chair of the Assembly, was hoping to take this up at national level.

The update from the BME Citizen's Open Forum included the circulation of a CYC Social Working Group background and progress report for July 2008, which included further details of the YREN Senior Citizen's Ethnic Elders Social Group.

The update from the LGBT Forum related to their meeting held on 3 July 2008 and to their Summer Newsletter circulated at the meeting. Details were given of the York Pride Picnic, which would be a family event and to which all members of the Group were invited. The Picnic would include live music, community stalls and a dog show. It was reported that the Scarborough LGBT Forum were looking at the possibility of setting up an Older LGBT Conference either at the end of this year or early next. Leeds would probably be the venue to accommodate visitors from all over the country.

It was reported that the Disabled Peoples Forum was still in the process of development. University of York student volunteers were assisting in developing a voice for disabled people in York following the 'Disabled People Together Day' on 28 March. Project findings would be reported back in late Autumn 2008. Reference was made to the problems of acoustics in some buildings/venues and the need to ensure that hearing loops or microphones were used to make all meetings etc accessible.¹

Reference was also made to various transport experiences mainly related to buses not stopping at the kerb to assist the disabled in boarding. Other problems experienced included taxi's refusing to carry guide dogs and wheelchairs not being adequately secured in vehicles. Officers undertook to look into the matter and report back.² Officers also reported that the

young people involved with PACT were at present examining the issue of accessible transport. This included buses and taxis and it was confirmed that when the information was available it would be circulated to the Group. ³.

The update from York Interfaith referred to the grant made by the SIWG, which was helping finance booking rooms at Priors Street for their meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and improving access. It was confirmed that their meeting at the Mosque had gone well. A copy of their questionnaire requesting details of the current work and concerns of faith and belief groups in York and their equalities and diversity form, were circulated at the meeting and it was reported that there had been a good return.

Action Required

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| 1. Use of hearing loops and or microphones at all future meetings. | GR |
| 2. Report back to be made on transport issues raised at meeting. | GR |
| 3. When available, the information on accessible transport produced by PACT to be circulated to Group members. | GR |

6. DRAFT EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FROM THE MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Consideration was given to a report, which detailed the draft Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) of the work done by the Council's Marketing and Communications team, so that arising issues could be taken on board in the refresh of the Council Communication Strategy.

The group were reminded that the Authority was required by law to carry out EIA's to cover all six equality strands (gender, race, disability, age, religion and belief, and sexual orientation). The purpose was to identify any potential or actual negative effects on each of the six equality strands and establish an action plan to deal with these. The aim of EIA's was to eliminate discrimination and produce positive service and employment outcomes for all.

Matt Beer, Head of Marketing and Communications, stated the report detailed the policies that he was responsible for and he confirmed that it was still in draft form. He welcomed the Group's input. He confirmed that the EIA would be completed and published in October 2008. He also confirmed that actions

from the EIA would be included as part of his department's Service Plans and would be included in the refreshed corporate Communications Strategy.

In relation to the document the Group made the following points:

- Remove jargon;
- Adopt a format that is easier to read – no tables;
- Ensure that consultation is carried out and a consultation strategy for the refreshed Communications Strategy is put in place early;
- The headings should be repeated at the top of each page;
- Comic Sans font would make the document more accessible;
- An easy read version of the document would be helpful;
- Questioned length of time taken to produce documents in other languages (details to be emailed to Group, prior to next meeting);
- Important that the York Blind and Partially Sighted Society has the opportunity to comment.

The Group welcomed the opportunity to review the EIA and expressed their thanks to the Head of Marketing and Communications for presenting the document to the Group first.

In addition the Group were informed that towards the end of October/November, a Community EIA's Fair would take place where community representatives from the Group would go through the findings and action plans arising from the EIA's of key Council strategies and plans. It was confirmed that EIA's to be considered at the Fair would be presented in a simple and accessible format.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted and the views of the Group be taken into account in the finalisation of the refreshed Council Communications Strategy.¹

REASON: To ensure the Council Communications Strategy takes on board and deals with equality issues, and that the work of the Marketing and Communications team is inclusive.

Action Required

1. Views of the Group to be taken into account in the finalisation of the Strategy.

GR

7. **CITY OF YORK COUNCIL DRAFT SINGLE CORPORATE EQUALITY SCHEME: JULY 2008 TO JULY 2009.**

The Group considered a report, which outlined actions at corporate level that the Council would take between July 2008 and July 2009, to make sure that it continued to be a fair and inclusive service provider and employer.

The Group was requested to note the approach outlined in the 12 month Single Corporate Equality Scheme and to make the draft available for consultation before the approach to the scheme was finalised in the Autumn of 2008. It was confirmed that the Authority was required by law to have a Scheme in place.

It was reported that the purpose of the consultation was to seek feedback about the Council's approach to the scheme and in particular whether this corporate scheme should be supplemented by directorate schemes for the period 2009-2012.

Officers confirmed that the consultation period ended on 22 August 2008. Co-optees and expert witnesses on the Group were requested to report back to their groups on the draft of this scheme and feed back their comments to the Equalities Team, regarding the approach to the scheme.

Group members referred to the short consultation period during the month of August when many members and stakeholders were on holiday. Officers confirmed that individual Group members' comments were sufficient at this stage. A 3 year scheme would follow this interim scheme and additional consultation would be undertaken with community groups for the 3 year scheme.

Officers noted that clear and recent data about service users and staff from each of the equality strands was needed for the 3 year scheme, which would follow this interim scheme. To this effect they noted that funding had been made available for a temporary post to support this work and that it was hoped that an appointment would soon be made.

- RECOMMENDED: (i) That the Group note the approach in the draft Scheme outlined in Appendix 1 and that the draft be made available for consultation within the community representatives and expert witnesses group;¹.
- (ii) That the summary of the Equality Scheme be emailed to Group members.²

REASON: To ensure continued and focused progress with equality and inclusion in the council.

Action Required

1. Draft Scheme to be made available for consultation. GR
2. Summary of the Scheme to be emailed to Group members. GR

8. WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING CROSS STRAND WORKING AND PROJECTS

Members formed into 3 discussion groups to examine and identify areas for cross-strand working and to discuss which cross-strand joint projects could be developed for funding from the Group's budgets in 2008/09.

The discussion groups examined what each community group did at present and how they could interact with other strands to produce joint projects. The Group's three objectives were displayed to help focus members minds.

The discussion groups made the following suggestions for cross-strand working:

Group 1

- Celebrate Yorkshire Day together with representatives from all the strands
- Database of photographs, to obtain a better awareness of who we are and to show others (with permission this database of images to be shared with other authorities)
- Inclusive Lord Mayor's Day: representatives from each of the equality strands and groups in York to be invited to attend the occasion and accompany the Lord Mayor's parade to the Merchant Adventurers Hall

Group 2

- Schools extended services to provide and support family learning or intergenerational events (all schools are required to provide extended school services by 2010)
- Expansion of work with BME elders' group e.g. Befriending Schemes
- Community development capacity – support for interstrand networking required
- Raise awareness of equality issues of people in care

Group 3

- Higher York Students' Forum offering to undertake voluntary activities with groups inc. older people (social activities, bingo, visiting etc)
- Celebration Day to cover all the strands

Officers confirmed that there were a number of excellent ideas suggested by the discussion groups. They undertook to examine these ideas in detail, and bring a report back to the Group suggesting possible cross-strand projects, including costs where possible. ¹

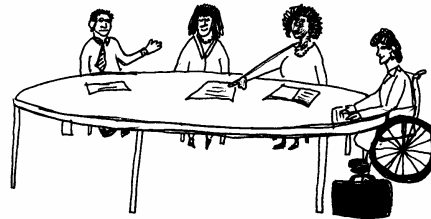
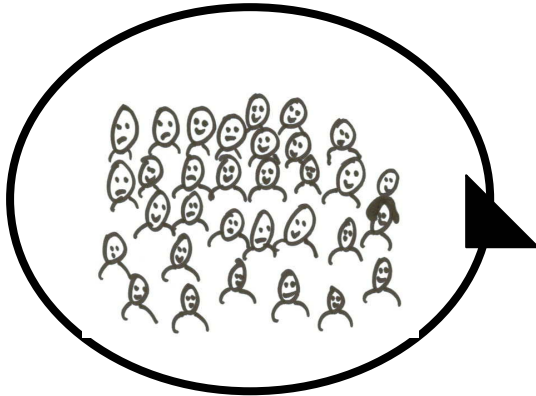
Heather Rice, Director of People and Improvement, also confirmed that she would pursue the suggestions made by the Group regarding Lord Mayor's Day separately. ² The Higher York representative also confirmed that the Students Forum would undertake the suggested voluntary activities without requesting any funding from the Groups budget.

Action Required

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| 1. Report back to Group on cross strand projects. | GR |
| 2. Pursue future inclusive Lord Mayor's Days to include representatives from each of the equality strands and groups in York. | GR |

Cllr C Vassie, Chair

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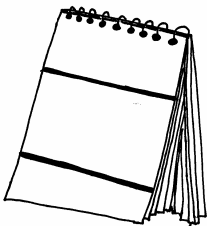


Social Inclusion Working Group

(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: 8 July 2008

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



**Christian
Vassie
(Chair)**



Julie Gunnell



Keith Aspden



Janet Looker



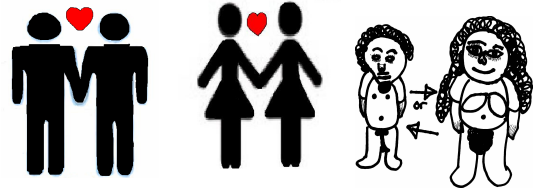
Jenny Brooks

People who were at the meeting representing community groups:

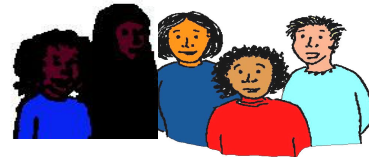
Sue Lister and Jack Archer
from the Older People's
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Peter Blackburn from the LGBT Forum (LGBT stands for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender)



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



Jan Jauncey from York Interfaith



Lynn Jeffries from the Disabled People's Forum



1. Introductions and Welcome



The new Chair and Vice Chair said that they were looking forward to working with the Group.

2. Community Forum Reports and Feedback

YORK 50+ FESTIVAL 2008

The Older Peoples Assembly representative told the Group about their 50+ Festival which was to take place between 27 September and 5 October 2008.

The Festival would include:

- Buddy Holly at the Grand Opera House - reduced price tickets;
- Rag rug display at the Spurriergate Centre;
- Information Fair;
- 50+ Games.



The York Racial Equality Network circulated their Social Working Group background and progress report for July 2008



**York Pride in the Park
Picnic
Tower Gardens
York
Sunday 17 August 2008
12.00 – 4.00pm**

The LGBT Forum reported on their Summer Newsletter. The York Pride Picnic on 17 August 2008 would have live music, community stalls and a dog show.

The Scarborough branch were looking to arrange an Older LGBT Conference.



University of York students were helping the Disabled People's Forum develop and find a voice. Work carried out by them would be reported back later in the year.



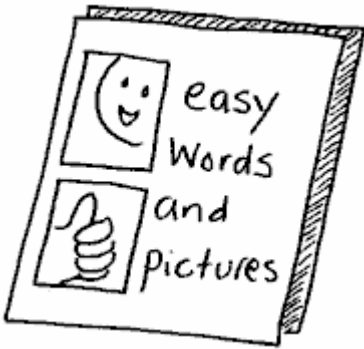
York Interfaith met at Priory Street on the first Wednesday of each month. They were asking faith and belief groups in York questions about their work and concerns.

3. Draft Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) from the Marketing and Communications Team



The Council's Head of Marketing and Communications told the Group about his draft Equalities Impact Assessment. This document looked at the affect that a Council policy would have on different groups of people to try and ensure that everyone was treated equally.





The Group said that he should look at:

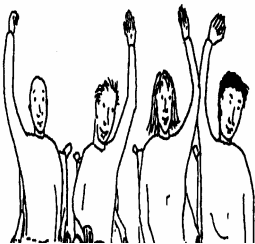
- making the document easier to read;
- carrying out consultation with the York Blind and Partially Sighted Society.

It was decided to note the report as long as the Groups points were taken into account.

4. City of York Council Draft Single Corporate Equality Scheme - July 2008 to July 2009



The Equality Officer presented this report, which had been prepared to make sure that the Council continued to be fair and inclusive as an employer and the way it provided services.



Officers wanted Members comments on the scheme.

It was agreed that the draft scheme should be made available for consultation.

5. Workshop on Developing Cross Strand Working and Projects

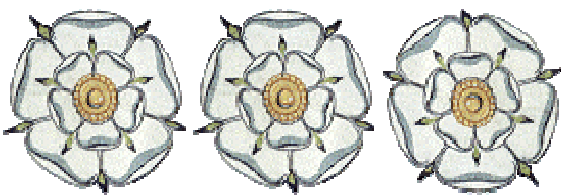


Members formed into 3 discussion groups to look at joint projects, which could be developed to receive money from the Groups budgets in 2008/09.

The Groups made the following suggestions to try and cover all the 6 equality strands of gender, race, disability, age, religion and belief an sexual orientation:

Group 1

- Celebrate Yorkshire Day together with representatives from all the strands
- Database of photographs, to obtain a better awareness of who we are and to show others (with permission this database of images to be shared with other authorities)
- Inclusive Lord Mayor's Day: representatives from each of the equality strands and groups in York



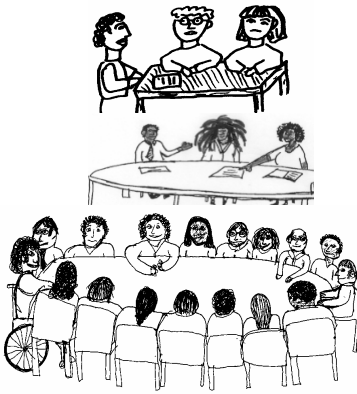
to be invited to attend the occasion and accompany the Lord Mayor's parade to the Merchant Adventurers Hall

Group 2

- Schools extended services to provide and support family learning or intergenerational events (all schools are required to provide extended school services by 2010)
- Expansion of work with BME elders' group e.g. Befriending Schemes
- Community development capacity - support for interstrand networking required
- Raise awareness of equality issues of people in care

Group 3

- Higher York Students' Forum offering to undertake voluntary activities with groups inc. older people (social activities, bingo, visiting etc)
- Celebration Day to cover all the strands



Officers agreed to examine the suggested projects that covered the most strands and report back to the Group.

Heather Rice, Director of People and Improvement, also agreed to examine the suggestions made by the Group regarding Lord Mayor's Day.

The Higher York representative also said that the Students Forum would carry out voluntary activities suggested and without needing any of the Groups Budget.

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Meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group 15 September 2008
Report of the Director of People and Improvement

Possible cross-strand projects for funding from Social Inclusion Working Group budgets 2008/9

Summary

1. This report discusses possible one year community projects that will start in 2008/9 and will be expected to benefit as many York people from groups protected by Equality legislation, as possible.
2. The Group is asked to consider the projects and decide which to take forward and who will lead their development. Project proposal forms will then be filled in and brought back to the Group for final approval to the meeting in November.

Background

3. When the Group met in July 2008, a number of project ideas were suggested. These are outlined in **Annex 1**, along with recommendations of which to take forward and why.
4. Those present at the meeting will be asked to suggest and decide which groups members of SIWG will lead which projects.
5. During the meeting in January 2008, the Group decided that project ideas for funding from SIWG budgets, will be prioritised according to the following criteria:
 - √ Contributing to SIWG's three objectives and to agreed yearly SIWG action plans and work programmes
 - √ Supporting the engagement of the **widest** membership of each of the six Equality Communities of Interest (COIs)

i.e. Gender, Race, Disability, Sexual Orientation, Religion and Belief and Age

- √ Aiming to engage hard to reach groups within each COI
- √ About new or emerging issues
- √ Innovative and not previously tried

6. The projects budget for 2008/9 remains unchanged from previous years and is £5,100

Consultation

7. This report is part of the budget consultation process for SIWG grants 2008/9.

Options

8. N/A

Analysis

9. N/A.

Corporate Priorities

10. The SIWG budget available for small one-year projects contributes to the promotion of inclusive and cohesive communities and also contributes to Council Equalities aims and objectives.

Implications

11. These are as follows:
 - **Financial** – None.
 - **Human Resources (HR)** – None
 - **Equalities** - Projects funded will contribute to Equality and inclusion in the City.
 - **Legal** - None
 - **Crime and Disorder** - None
 - **Information Technology (IT)** - None
 - **Property** - None

- **Other - None**

Risk Management

12. N/A

Recommendations

13. To consider possible projects, decide which to take forward and who will lead their development..

Reason: To ensure that the inclusion and equality activity is supported in the City.

Contact Details

**Author: Evie Chandler
Equalities Team
Tel: 551704**

**Chief Officer Responsible for the report:
Heather Rice
Director of People and Improvement**

**Report
Approved**



Date

8 September 2008

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background papers – None

Annexes

Annex 1 – Possible multi-strand projects to be funded by SIWG budgets 2008/9

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Annex 1 – Possible multi-strand projects to be funded by SIWG budgets 2008/9

Project 1 – Celebrate Yorkshire Day Together

A day-long celebration inclusion and outreach event in the context of Yorkshire Day, hosted by SIWG.

Yorkshire Day is celebrated on August 1st and is the anniversary of the Battle of Minden which was in 1759. It is also a celebration of *Lammis* a harvest festival when the first bread was made from the new corn. Yorkshire Day was revived in 1975 by the Yorkshire Ridings Society.

Invite people from all strands. Focus on hard to reach groups. Celebrate SIWG work/publicise SIWG . Community lunch. SIWG members, community reps and expert witnesses hold “surgeries” about equality issues in the City as well about Equality issues in Council services

Will promote SIWG and engage people from all strands in its work.

Meets SIWG Objective 2.

Costs:

- √ Venue, food, transport : £ 1,000 for 70 people
- √ Community reps, expert witnesses, elected members, CYC officers time

Lead group: To discuss

Project 2 – Diverse York photo data-base

A data-base of York photographs celebrating its diversity. Share with other authorities. Opportunity for intergenerational and BME inclusion work.

SIWG community rep and expert witnesses groups can do outreach work when collecting the photographs. Organise sub-group events to collect the photos?

Meets Objective 2, if outreach work leads to the engagement of hard to reach groups in SIWG.

Can also meet Objective 3 if Ward Committees are involved in collecting and exhibiting photographs.

Costs: To discuss

Lead group: To discuss

Project 3 – Community development resources to support multi-strand working

SIWG commissions work from one of the groups which make it up, to help all other groups involved in SIWG work together to engage hard to reach groups with multiple equality issues, in SIWG work.

Meets objective 2.

Cost: Likely to take up all available budget. Will finance limited numbers of community development work.

Lead group : To be appointed by SIWG, using open competitive processes.

Project 4 – BME elders befriending project

Younger people befriend older BME people and support them to participate in life in the city as well as to feed into SIWG.

Collaborate with Duke of Edinburgh scheme to resource?

SIWG selects young “befrienders” . “Thank you” event at end of year.

Meets objective 2.

Cost: Steve Rouse/YREN to advise

Lead group: YREN



Meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group 17 September 2008

Report of the Director of People and Improvement

Local Development Framework Core Strategy - Equality Issues

Summary

1. Council staff will make a presentation about the Local Development Framework Core Strategy.
2. Council staff will ask the Group to tell them
 - a. whether there are any issues that will affect people protected by Equality legislation in a negative way, and
 - b. what should be done about these issues.
3. People protected by Equality legislation are :- men women and trans-gendered people; disabled people; people from different ethnic groups; older and younger people; people from different religions and beliefs; people who like to be in a relationship with people from the same sex.

Background

4. The **Local Development Framework** (also called “the LDF”) is a folder of documents that describe what the Council thinks York will be like to live in and look like, in 20 years’ time.
5. The **Core Strategy** is one of these documents. In it, there will be details about how the Council hopes to develop York in the next 20 years.
6. There are other documents in the LDF folder, including documents that will tell us what the Council and its partners can do to help the city develop in the next 20 years. These will be discussed with

people living in York including the Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) as they get written.

Consultation

7. One of the documents in the LDF is called **Statement of Community Involvement**. This explains how the Council will involve the community in the production of the LDF documents and in deciding planning applications about different sites. This document will also be discussed at the SIWG in the future.
8. Today's presentation is one of the ways in which the community will be involved to make sure that LDF is what people in York expect.

Options

9. N/A

Analysis

10. N/A.

Corporate Priorities

11. Using the LDF to develop an inclusive city enjoyed by all is one of the Council priorities

Implications

12. These are as follows:
 - **Financial** – None.
 - **Human Resources (HR)** – None
 - **Equalities** - To be discussed at the meeting
 - **Legal** - None
 - **Crime and Disorder** - None
 - **Information Technology (IT)** - None
 - **Property** - None
 - **Other** - None

Risk Management

13. N/A

Recommendations

14. To discuss if there are any issues that will affect people protected by Equality legislation in a negative way and what should be done about them.

Reason: To ensure that the City is inclusive and accessible as it develops in the future.

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Report
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Date *8 September 2008*

Wards Affected:

All



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Background papers – None

Annexes - None

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