

Meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group      **30 June 2010**

Report of the Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods

## **Budget 2010-11: Allocation of £1000 budget**

### **Summary**

1. The report asks the group to discuss how to use £1000 available in 2010-11 for its community organisations to work collaboratively to promote awareness about poverty and social exclusion.
2. Community organisations that are members of the group, are invited to work together to put one common proposal forward.
3. The group is asked to appoint one of the community organisations to project manage this fund.

### **Background**

4. At its Development Day on 29 March 2010, the group decided that £1,000 of its annual budget will be made available in 2010-11 for its community organisations to work collaboratively to promote awareness about poverty and social exclusion, as it affects people from the equality strands.
5. The community groups are expected to stage one event or a series of events, aiming to raise awareness about poverty and exclusion faced by people who have multiple equality identities.
6. At its development day in March 2010, the group recognised that it needed to respond to the findings of the Place Survey 2008, various studies recently published in the city as well as to support of the developing community cohesion plan for the city. Therefore, the group decided that events funded by this budget should focus on raising awareness about poverty and exclusion faced by people from black and minority ethnic groups, younger and older people and lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people.

7. Events organised will be taking place in the context of 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion<sup>1</sup>. The objectives of the Year are:
- Recognition of the right of people in poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society;
  - An increase in the public ownership of social inclusion policies, emphasising everyone's responsibility in tackling poverty and marginalisation;
  - A more cohesive society, where no one doubts that society as a whole benefits from the eradication of poverty;
  - Commitment of all actors, because real progress requires a long-term effort that involves all levels of governance.
8. In line with previous decisions about how group budgets should be spent, only new or innovative events will be funded.

### **Consultation**

9. The group set this fund up at its Development Day in March 2010.

### **Corporate Priorities**

10. Events funded by this budget contribute to Inclusive City priorities.

### **Implications**

11. None

### **Risk Management**

12. None

### **Recommendations**

13. The group is requested to:-
- a. discuss ideas for the use of £1000 available in 2010-11 for its community groups to work collaboratively to promote awareness about poverty and social exclusion

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<sup>1</sup> Details about the European Year can be found at <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/1905&format=HTML&aged=0&language>

b. appoint one of the community groups to act as fund and project manager for this fund

Reason: To allocate the relevant budget.

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**Report  
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**Wards Affected:**

**All**

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