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**Executive**

**18 December 2007**

**Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services**

## **Minutes of the Economic Development Partnership Board**

### **Summary**

1. This report presents the minutes of the September meeting of the Economic Development Board and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Board 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:
  - 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 Economic Development Partnership Board meeting held on the 25 September 2007 (Annex A). There are currently no minutes available from meetings of the LDF Working Group that have not already been referred to the Executive.

### **Consultation**

5. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Board. It is assumed that any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Board 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 Economic Development Partnership Board, 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 the Board's comments in respect of:
  - a. The Report of the Future York Group (Minute 11)
  - b. The Development of an Anti-Poverty Strategy (Minute 12)
  - c. The Development of a Skills Strategy for York (Minute 13)

### **Corporate Priorities**

8. 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**

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 Economic Development Partnership Board.

### **Reason:**

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

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**Report Approved**



**Date** 3.12.07.

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

### **Annexes**

Annex A – Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Partnership Board held on 25 September 2007.

### **Background Papers**

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