

Meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group **11 March 2009**

Report of the Director of People and Improvement

CYC Private Sector Housing Strategy 2008-13: Equality Impact Assessment findings

Summary

1. This report asks members of the Social Inclusion Working Group to consider and comment on the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment of the Private Sector Housing Strategy 2008-13.

Background

2. Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) help council officers to identify any negative effects Council policies and strategies may have on groups of people protected by equality legislation, so as to eliminate or minimise them.
3. The Private Sector Housing Strategy sets out what the council and its partners will do to help improve the standard of private sector homes in the city, including the management and maintenance of such homes so that they meet the Decent Homes Standard and do not present a risk to tenants' health and safety.
4. The Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Strategy is attached as Appendix 1. During the meeting officers will make an accessible presentation that will identify the key findings of the EIA and action they propose to minimise any negative effects. Following the presentation they will invite comments from those present at the meeting. These will be used to finalise the EIA and actions that council will take as a result of the findings of this EIA.

Consultation

5. Equalities legislation requires the Council to engage with equality groups to check the findings of EIAs before they are finalised.

6. The SIWG EIAs Fair day (Help us to Get it Right Day) on 5 November 2008 considered a number of EIAs, but as the Private Sector Housing Strategy was still being refreshed at the time, the relevant EIA is now being brought to the Group for consideration and comment.

Options

7. N/A

Analysis

8. N/A

Corporate Priorities

9. The Strategy contributes to all corporate priorities.

Implications

10. **Financial** – None
11. **Human Resources (HR)** – None
12. **Equalities** - Community contribution to and feedback on the findings of Equality Impact Assessments supports making York an inclusive city and meets Council Equality objectives as well as SIWG objectives.
13. **Legal** - Community engagement in policy and strategy planning is a requirement under equality legislation.
14. **Crime and Disorder** - None
15. **Information Technology (IT)** - None
16. **Property** - None
17. **Other** - None

Risk Management

18. N/A

Recommendations

19. To invite SIWG to comment on the findings of the EIA.

Reason: To ensure that SIWG have the opportunity to comment on the findings of this EIA and suggest any changes needed.

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Wards Affected:

All

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**Appendix 1- CYC Equalities Impact Assessment
High Level Strategies**