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
Revd. Paul Wordsworth, Churches Together in York

Date: Wednesday, 14 January 2009

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Clementhorpe Room, Priory Street, York

A G E N D A

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**
   At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Group's remit can do so. Anyone who wishes to register or requires further information is requested to contact the Democracy Officer on the contact details listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is Tuesday 13 January 2009 at 5.00 pm.

3.   Minutes   (Pages 3 - 24)
To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Group held on 19 November 2008. An "easy read" version of these minutes is also attached for members' consideration.

4.   Matters Arising
Taxi Licensing matters: volunteers, needed to help draw-up an accreditation scheme for taxi drivers, will be invited to put their names forward at the meeting.

5.   Chair's Report
The Chair will give an Easy Read PowerPoint Presentation regarding SIWG activity in 2008.

6.   Project Proposals for Funding in 2008/9   (Pages 25 - 32)
This report follows on from a report entitled "Project proposals for SIWG budgets 2008/9" considered at the meeting of 19 November 2008. It asks members to offer their support to the outline project proposals expected to be funded from the SIWG projects support budget 2008/9 for work to be done in 2009/10.

7.   Disability Community Representation on (Pages 33 - 38)
SIWG
This report asks members to consider the representation of the disability strand on the Group, following the resignation of the single co-opted non-voting individual who had been representing disability issues whilst a Disabled People's Forum was being formed.

8.   Equality and Inclusion Strategy and Single (Pages 39 - 44)
Equality Scheme
This report outlines the approach to the Council's Equality and Inclusion Strategy and Single Equality Scheme 2009-12 that follow on and update:
  - Pride In Our Communities, the Equality strategy and schemes 2005-8, and
  - The Single Corporate Equality Scheme for the period July 2008 to July 2009.
The report also outlines past and future consultation to offer the opportunity to people from the equality strands to influence the contents of the strategy and scheme 2009-12.

9. Engaging with the Equality Strands - Small (Pages 45 - 56)
Group Discussion
The Group is asked to form small groups to consider the discussion paper attached as Annex 1- Engaging the equality communities in the Social Inclusion Working Group. The paper describes how people from the equality communities are engaged in SIWG at present, and asks questions about this process. Feedback from the groups will be used to draft an Engagement Strategy 2009-12 for SIWG, which is expected to be finalised at the SIWG Development Day.

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

Please note: There will be no Community Reports for this meeting to allow time to complete the unfinished business from the previous meeting.

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