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LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – INCLUSIVE YORK FORUM Minutes

DATE	12 December 2007
VENUE	Clementhorpe Room, Priory Street Centre
PRESENT	Colin Stroud (Chair), Chief Executive York CVS John Bettridge, Chair Mental Health Forum Jack Archer, Older Peoples Assembly Chris Hailey-Norris, Citizen's Advice Bureau / York CLASP Jeremy Jones, York Homelessness Forum Paul Wordsworth, York Churches Together Rita Sanderson, YREN James Player, Age Concern York Nigel Burchell, Head of Strategic Partnerships, CYC Cllr Keith Aspden (Executive Member- Youth & Social Inclusion) Cllr Julie Gunnell Sara Hill, York Women's Aid Natasha Almond, Youth Volunteering Evie Chandler, Equalities Officer, CYC Adam Wyatt, Learning Difficulties

In Attendance:

Sue Houghton, Project Manager York North West

1 Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from:

Carers Centre
John Low
Carole Pugh

2 Minutes and matters arising:

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2007 were agreed without amendment.

Matters arising:

- Evie Chandler has taken the lead on equalities issues for CYC for 6 month period ending March 2008
- Replacement for Sue Poole has been advertised
- The proposal for a Smartcard has been well received in the press and by SIWG
- Any positive image stories re BME for the Evening Press can be fed to Matt Beer, Head of Marketing and Communication at CYC

3 York North West Area Action Plan

Sue Houghton from CYC introduced this item with a brief description of the York North West site. This is an enormous development opportunity for the City that needs to be used to enhance York and address any current community deficits e.g. Sheltered Housing.

IYF members discussed the site and posted specific issues and concerns about each of the themes identified for the site. In general discussion the following points were made:

- IYF need to explore their views on the trade-off between making the city more affluent and supporting and developing people and communities.
- This debate needs to be fed into the decision making process – how ?
- The site needs community facilities that will benefit all
- The IYF Action Plan could be used as a reference point for York North West consultation and Area Action Plan
- YNW offers an opportunity to support and develop social enterprise and the city's third sector

4 Feedback from BME conference

A revised write up of the conference was circulated with an additional item added re the need for a BME elders group.

The revised write up was accepted as the key messages from the conference. Overall believed that this was a successful conference with a theme/message emerging that taking things forward required agencies to work smarter rather than necessarily spend more e.g. build the capacity of the existing infrastructure and seek to reduce duplication.

Need to continue work of planning group that delivered conference and suggest that now needs a seminar of key city players/representatives to explore the issues identified and raised in more depth. e.g.:

- Perceived information gap on BME numbers
- View that culturally York is an unwelcoming and unfriendly city and some of this is institutionalized

5 Response to Future York Group

IYF needs to submit a formal response to this. Concerns were expressed that the issues raised by the report and proposed action plan/way forward needed to be fully debated. The social implications and consequences of economic growth needed to be highlighted in same way that the environmental issues have been commented on.

All comments on Future York Group report from IYF members to be sent to Nigel Burchell – Nigel.burchell@york.gov.uk who will draft response that can be fed into the LSP.

NB will also clarify the current status of FYG within CYC.

6 Role of CYC's Social Inclusion Working Group

Cllr Aspen explained that he was the Executive Member for Social Inclusion and Chair of the Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG). Cllr Gunnell is Vice Chair of SIWG and Evie Chandler provides officer input and support.

Overall role of SIWG is threefold:

- Advice the Executive of the Council
- Engage with and involve Community Groups
- Work via Ward Committees

Cllr Aspen invited members of IYF to a workshop of SIWG planned for February that would consider the role, membership and purpose of SIWG to ensure roles of both are complementary.

7 AOB / LAA indicators

As preparation for introducing a new local area agreement in 2008 all of the thematic partnerships of the LSP are being asked to suggest 10 indicators they believe should be considered by 4 January, 2008. Members of IYF were concerned by the timetable being imposed on this in order to meet GOYH deadlines. It was however recognised that it was important to remain engaged with the LAA and it provided an opportunity to reduce the number of indicators in the current LAA.

Agreed to meet early in 2008 to select 10 possible indicators and circulate any ideas between members of group prior to meeting.

Initial comments on indicators were:

- Need to consider if should be focus on those indicators that were either statutory or likely to attract funding
- NI 21 and 24 are very similar therefore should only select one of these
- Concern that current LAA has good indicators for access to advice which are now driving funding bids and work streams but there is a risk of these being excluded from new LAA

8 Next meeting:

7 January, 2008 14:00 Micklegate Room, CVS to discuss LAA

Dates for remainder 2008 to be circulated by CS