

## ***Social Inclusion Working Group***

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Report of the Head of Performance Improvement

### ***Developing the Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG)***

#### **Summary**

1. This report introduces the paper: "Social Inclusion Working Group, Questions and Answers". Its purpose is to give an overview of the purpose of the SIWG, its relationship to other bodies and how it can develop to achieve its purpose.

#### **Background**

2. The Social Inclusion Working Group was established as part of the revised Constitution of the council in 2006. This paper is presented to the first meeting of the group to facilitate discussion about the way forward for the group.

#### **Consultation**

3. The Social Inclusion Working Group was established following extensive discussion and consultation by the ad-hoc Scrutiny Panel on Inclusive Decision Making. This discussion paper is based upon the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel's final report..

#### **Corporate Priorities**

4. The Social Inclusion Working Group may decide to focus its discussions on any of the corporate priorities as they all have an equalities and social inclusion aspect to one degree or another. However the emphasis of the SIWG is to improve the effectiveness of the organisation in meeting the diverse needs of its customers. Hence the main corporate priorities that the paper address are:
  - Improve our focus on the needs of customers and residents in designing and providing services
  - Improve leadership at all levels to provide clear, consistent direction to the organisation
  - Improve the way the Council and its partners work together to deliver better services for the people who live in York

## Implications

5. The attached paper makes no recommendations and is for information and discussion purposes only.

## Risk Management

6. The attached paper makes no recommendations and is for information and discussion purposes only.

## Recommendations

7. Members are asked to consider the attached paper and discuss the way forward for the effective development of the SIWG.

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**

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## Background Papers:

Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel Inclusive Decision Making, Final Report.

## Annexes

Social inclusion Working Group, Questions and Answers