
Social Inclusion Working Group

26th July 2006

Report of the Head of Performance Improvement

Budget

Summary

1. This report informs the Social Inclusion Working Group of the budget allocated for its work and invites the Group to consider how this can be most effectively used.

Consultation

2. The options for budget allocation proposed in this report are based upon the vision for the SIWG outlined in the Scrutiny Panel (Inclusive Decision-Making) final report.

Options

3. The SIWG has a budget allocation of £7,240 to assist it in its work. The Group are encouraged to consider how this can be most effectively used in this financial year.

A. Making meetings accessible and inclusive

The budget could be used to make meetings accessible and inclusive for the community representatives attending. This could be to pay for interpretation or to cover transport or child care expenses.

B. To support engagement with wider community

The budget could be used to help the community forums to inform the members of the community they represent of the work of the SIWG and to seek their views.

C. To facilitate forum meetings

Some forums have few if any resources and holding accessible and inclusive meetings can be difficult. The budget could be used to help pay for venue hire, publicity etc.

D. To support initiatives prioritised by the Group

The SIWG may wish to support wider community involvement initiatives, research the needs of particular groups or to facilitate the development of a new community project.

Corporate Objectives

4. The SIWG, by enabling effective community engagement with the development of council policies and strategies, will support the organisational effectiveness priorities of the Corporate Strategy. In particular:

“Improve our focus on the needs of customers and residents in designing and providing services”

Implications

- **Financial** - None
- **Human Resources (HR)** - None
- **Equalities** - None
- **Legal** - None
- **Crime and Disorder** - None
- **Information Technology (IT)** - None
- **Other** - None

Risk Management

5. If there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

6. The SIWG are recommended to consider the options for the use of the Group's budget allocation and invite proposals for a future meeting.

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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.