
Executive

5 December 2006

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Minutes of the Social Inclusion Working Group and the Young People's Working Group

Summary

1. This report presents the minutes of recent meetings of the Social Inclusion Working Group and the Young People's Working Group and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Working Groups in their capacity as advisory bodies to the Executive.

Background

2. The revised Constitution agreed by Council on 27 April 2006 created a number of Working Groups whose role is to advise the Executive on issues within their particular remits. The Groups are:
 - Social Inclusion Working Group (equalities issues)
 - Young People's Working Group (young people's issues)
 - Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Group (matters relating to the review of the Local Development Framework)

The Constitution also includes a Protocol on Councillor Working Groups, which sets out rules and guidelines for the establishment and operation of Working Groups.

3. To ensure that the Executive is able to consider the advice of the Working Groups, it has been agreed that minutes of the Groups' meetings will be brought to the Executive on a regular basis. The Executive has also agreed to receive minutes of the meetings of the Economic Development Partnership Board, which acts as an advisory body to the Council and to the Local Strategic Partnership.
4. Consideration of the minutes of the above bodies has been scheduled on the Forward Plan for the Executive, as follows:
 - 5 December – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
 - 19 December – LDF Working Group and Economic Development Partnership Board

- 13 March - Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
- 27 March - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board

In accordance with the Forward Plan, this report presents the minutes of the Social Inclusion Working Group meeting on 20 September 2006 (Annex A) and the Young People's Working Group meeting on 25 October 2006 (Annex B).

Consultation

5. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Working Groups. The minutes attached as Annex A have been approved by the Working Group; those at Annex B are still in draft form, pending approval at the next meeting of the Group on 18 January 2007. It is assumed that any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Groups was carried out in advance of their meetings.

Options

6. Options open to the Executive are either to accept or to reject any advice that may be offered by the Working Groups, and / or to comment on the advice.

Analysis

7. Members' attention is drawn in particular to the following resolutions in the attached minutes, which they may wish to endorse and / or comment upon:

Social Inclusion Working Group – Minute 10

That:

- i) Social Inclusion Working Group is presented with the equality monitoring data received as a routine agenda item with analysis of trends.
- ii) The feedback from the group work be fed into Equality Impact Plans.
- (iii) The Equality Impact Plans be brought to a future meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group and then on a yearly cycle.

Young People's Working Group – Minute 11

- (v) That a report be produced on setting up a young people's website and on the issues surrounding young people's participation in setting this up. The report to be included on the Forward Plan.

Corporate Priorities

8. The aims in referring these minutes accord with the key principles of improving the Council's organisational efficiency.

Implications

9. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to consider the minutes and determine their response to the advice offered by the Working Groups:

- **Finance**
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities**
- **Legal**
- **Crime and Disorder**
- **Property**
- **Other**

Risk Management

10. There are no risk management implications associated with the referral of these minutes.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to consider the minutes attached at Annex A and Annex B and to decide whether they wish to respond to any of the advice offered by the Social Inclusion Working Group and the Young People's Working Group.

Reason:

To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All



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Annexes

Annex A – Minutes of the meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group held on 20 September 2006.

Annex B – Minutes of the meeting of the Young People's Working Group held on 25 October 2006.

Background Papers

Agendas and associated reports of the above meetings (available on the Council's website).