

Annex 1 - Funding Framework for SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP Budgets in 2008/9

A. SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP Objectives

According to CYC Constitution SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP objectives are to:

- Advise the CYC Executive in Equality issues in general or in relation to specific CYC projects and initiatives
- Extend and build contact with groups and individuals involved in Equality issues in York
- Link with Ward Committees so that Equality issues raised by those attending are taken further.

B. SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP budgets – How much? When for?

The total budget in 2007/8 is £7,740, made up of:

- £5,100 to be used for projects funding. The purpose of the projects budget is to contribute to and help realise SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP objectives as outlined in A above.
- £ 2,640 for SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP development. The development budget is ring-fenced.

In accordance with CYC financial regulations:

- The final decision on how the budget is spent rests with the Executive Member for Youth and Social Inclusion.
- The budget is yearly (April to March) and subject to the CYC budget pressures and processes. This means that it may be increased or decreased from one financial year to the next. Therefore projects can be funded for one financial year only (April to March). Multi-annual projects cannot be funded.
- Projects should take place and be finalised during the financial year for which support has been given.

It is expected that the budget will remain the same but this cannot be guaranteed. Council meets in February 2008 to set budget. Results will be known by April 2008 at the earliest.

C. Proposed funding principles for Project funding 2008/9

In order for the limited funding to make the most impact in improving the situation of people from the six equality strands who

face disadvantage, projects requesting support from SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP will receive priority when:

- Contributing to SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP objectives as mentioned above and contributing to agreed yearly SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP action plans and work programmes
- Supporting the engagement of the **widest** membership of each of the six Equality Communities of Interest (COIs) i.e. Gender, Race, Disability, Sexual Orientation, Religion and Belief and Age,
- Aiming to engage hard to reach groups within each COI
- About new or emerging issues
- Innovative and not previously tried

These factors will also be taken into account to prioritise projects when there are more project proposals than budget available.

D. **Next steps**

The issue of budgets and how to best use them will be discussed in detail at the Development Day on 25 February 2008.