

Meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group 15 September 2008

Report of the Director of People and Improvement

Possible cross-strand projects for funding from Social Inclusion Working Group budgets 2008/9

Summary

1. This report discusses possible one year community projects that will start in 2008/9 and will be expected to benefit as many York people from groups protected by Equality legislation, as possible.
2. The Group is asked to consider the projects and decide which to take forward and who will lead their development. Project proposal forms will then be filled in and brought back to the Group for final approval to the meeting in November.

Background

3. When the Group met in July 2008, a number of project ideas were suggested. These are outlined in **Annex 1**, along with recommendations of which to take forward and why.
4. Those present at the meeting will be asked to suggest and decide which groups members of SIWG will lead which projects.
5. During the meeting in January 2008, the Group decided that project ideas for funding from SIWG budgets, will be prioritised according to the following criteria:
 - √ Contributing to SIWG's three objectives and to agreed yearly SIWG 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

6. The projects budget for 2008/9 remains unchanged from previous years and is £5,100

Consultation

7. This report is part of the budget consultation process for SIWG grants 2008/9.

Options

8. N/A

Analysis

9. N/A.

Corporate Priorities

10. The SIWG budget available for small one-year projects contributes to the promotion of inclusive and cohesive communities and also contributes to Council Equalities aims and objectives.

Implications

11. These are as follows:

- **Financial** – None.
- **Human Resources (HR)** – None
- **Equalities** - Projects funded will contribute to Equality and inclusion in the City.
- **Legal** - None
- **Crime and Disorder** - None
- **Information Technology (IT)** - None
- **Property** - None

- **Other - None**

Risk Management

12. N/A

Recommendations

13. To consider possible projects, decide which to take forward and who will lead their development..

Reason: To ensure that the inclusion and equality activity is supported in the City.

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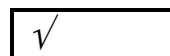


Date

8 September 2008

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background papers – None

Annexes

Annex 1 – Possible multi-strand projects to be funded by SIWG budgets 2008/9