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**Executive**

**4 December 2007**

**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 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:
  - 4 December – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
  - 18 December - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board

- 11 March – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
- 25 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 held on 19 September 2007 (Annex A) and the minutes of the Young People's Working Group meeting held on 9 October 2007 (Annex B).

### **Consultation**

5. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Working Groups. 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. There are no resolutions within the attached minutes which require the specific endorsement or approval of the Executive. However, Members may wish to note in particular:
  - a. The comments of the Social Inclusion Working Group on the report of the Future York Group (Minute 5 in Annex A refers)
  - b. The advice of the Young People's Working Group in respect of the Young People's Champion selection process (Minute 11 in Annex C refers). This advice was reported to the meeting of the Executive Member for Children's Services and Advisory Panel on 15 October 2007, where the selection process was agreed.

### **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:
  - **Financial**

- **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 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 19 September 2007

Annex B – Draft minutes of the meeting of the Young People's Working Group held on 9 October 2007

## **Background Papers**

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