

Executive

7 September 2010

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Minutes of Working Groups

Summary

1. This report presents the minutes of meetings of the Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG), the Young People's Working Group (YPWG) and the Mansion House and Mayoralty Advisory Group and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Groups in their capacity as advisory bodies to the Executive.

Background

2. Under the Council's Constitution, the role of Working Groups is to advise the Executive on issues within their particular remits. 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.
3. Members have requested that minutes of Working Groups requiring Executive endorsement be submitted as soon as they become available. In accordance with that request, and the requirements of the Constitution, minutes of the following meetings are presented with this report:
 - Social Inclusion Working Group of 30 June 2010 (Annex A)
 - Mansion House and Mayoralty Advisory Group of 7 July 2010 (Annex B)
 - Young People's Working Group of 21 July 2010 (Annex C)
4. The Local Development Framework Working Group met on 5 July 2010 to consider the Affordable Housing Viability Study. The minutes of the meeting will be included with the report on this issue which is due to be considered by the Executive on 5 October 2010.

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. Members are asked to consider endorsing the following recommendation from the Social Inclusion Working Group contained in the attached draft minutes at Annex A (minute 4 refers):

“That the Executive be requested to approve a change of name for the Group and for it to be known as the Equality Advisory Group”.

8. The request for a change of name for the Group follows discussions that took place at the Group’s development day on 20 March 2010 as to how the Group would operate to May 2011. The proposed change of name is to avoid confusion with the Inclusive York Forum.
9. At the Group’s development day it was also recommended that:

“The York Independent Living Network – YILN (previously referred to as the Centre for Independent Living) be invited to send two representatives to business meetings”.

Diane Roworth and Lynn Jeffries have subsequently been nominated to represent YILN.

10. The reason for the recommendation that the membership of the Group be extended is because YILN has made progress in developing an inclusive organisation for disabled people in the city and representatives from YILN could make a useful contribution to the work of the Group.
11. The Executive has the power to make appointments to its own Working Groups and hence if Members so wish, they may approve the above recommended appointments without reference to Full Council.
12. Members are asked to consider the following recommendations from the Young People’s Working Group contained in the attached draft minutes at Annex C (minute 4 refers):

“(i) That it be recommended that the remit of the Young People’s Working Group be as detailed in minute annex 1.

(ii) That it be recommended that the council’s Constitution be amended to include a requirement for the Executive Member for Children and Young People to present to council on an annual basis a report jointly produced with the Youth Council.

(iii) *That, in view of the recommended changes to the remit of the Children and Young People's Working Group, it be recommended that the position of Children and Young People's Champion remain vacant at this time but that the position should be retained in the Constitution and the situation reviewed once the pilot arrangements had been trialled."*

13. The recommendations follow discussions at meetings of the YPWG as to how the views of children and young people can best be championed, in the light of developments such as the establishment of the Youth Council.

14. Any amendment to the Executive Member's formal responsibilities would require an amendment to the council's Constitution and hence would need to be considered by the Audit and Governance Committee.

15. Members' attention is also drawn to minute 5 of Annex C:

"That the Group's concerns regarding future funding for the Youth Council be brought to the attention of the Executive".

Corporate Priorities

16. The aims in referring these minutes accord with the council's corporate values to provide strong leadership in terms of advising these bodies on their direction and any recommendations they wish to make.

Implications

17. 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:

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

Risk Management

18. In compliance with the council's risk management strategy, there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

19. Members are asked to note the minutes attached at Annexes A to C and to decide whether they wish to:

- a. Approve the specific recommendations made by the Social Inclusion Working Group and the Young People's Working Group, as set out in paragraphs 7 to 15 above, and/or;
- b. Respond to any of the advice offered by the Working Groups.

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 – Draft minutes of the meeting of Social Inclusion Working Group of 30 June 2010.

Annex B – Draft minutes of the meeting of Mansion House and Mayoralty Advisory Group of 7 July 2010.

Annex C – Draft minutes of the meeting of the Young People's Working Group of 21 July 2010.

Background Papers

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