



**Notice of meeting of
Social Inclusion Working Group**

To: Councillors Vassie (Chair), Aspden, Brooks, Gunnell and Looker (Vice-Chair)

Non Voting Co-opted Members:

Sue Lister, York Older People's Assembly

Larry Hotchkiss, York Older People's Assembly

Peter Blackburn, LGBT Forum

Sarah Fennell, LGBT Forum

Rita Sanderson, The BME Citizens' Open Forum (York Racial Equality Network)

Daryoush Mazloun, The BME Citizens' Open Forum (York Racial Equality Network)

Corry Hewitt, York Interfaith Representative

Revd. Paul Wordsworth, Churches Together in York

John Bettridge, Mental Health Forum

David Brown, Access Group

Becca Cooper, York People First

Fiona Walker, Valuing People Partnership

Date: Wednesday, 13 May 2009

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Clementhorpe Room, Priory Street, York

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Group's remit can do so. Anyone who wishes to register or requires further information is requested to contact the Democracy Officer on the contact details listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is Tuesday 12 May 2009 at 5.00 pm.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising (Pages 3 - 22)

To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Group held on 11 March 2009. An "easy read" version of these minutes is also attached for consideration.

4. Chair's Report (Pages 23 - 58)

Consideration will be given to the "Help us to Get it Right" day Final Report.

5. Key Issues in the Community

Community representatives and expert witnesses will have the opportunity to raise issues about equality in Council services as well as to report on recent activity.

6. Gender Issues and Engagement in the Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) (Pages 59 - 68)

This report details the findings of the project carried out to explore key gender equality issues in the city, including trans issues. It also considers how the Social Inclusion Working Group can engage with groups that deal with and promote gender issues.

7. Collecting Information about the Needs and Views of People from the Equality Strands (Pages 69 - 76)

This report explains why, when and how the Council proposes to collect information about the gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, age and religion and belief of communities and individuals the Council services and employs. The views of SIWG members are sought about the proposed questions.

8. Council Equality Strategy and Schemes 2009/12

Officers will make a presentation outlining the plans and actions that the Council proposes to undertake in the period July 2009 to July 2012, to make sure that it is a fair and inclusive service provider and employer. Small group discussion will follow during which SIWG members will be asked to provide feedback on what is being proposed. This will ensure that the SIWG helps to shape the Council Equality Strategy and Schemes 2009/12.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

This is to inform SIWG members of the dates of future meetings of the Group. Members are requested to note the following dates:

- Thursday 2 July 2009
- Thursday 24 September 2009
- Wednesday 2 December 2009
- Thursday 28 January 2010
- Wednesday 17 February 2010
- Tuesday 20 April 2010

Meetings will be held at the Priory Street Centre and will start at 6.30 pm.

10. Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972

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For more information about any of the following please contact the Democracy Officer responsible for servicing this meeting:

- Registering to speak
- Business of the meeting
- Any special arrangements
- Copies of reports

Contact details set out above.