
Executive

12 June 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Minutes of the Social Inclusion Working Group

Summary

1. This report presents the minutes of a recent meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Working Group in its capacity as an advisory body 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:
 - 12 June – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group
 - 26 June - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board
 - 11 September – Social Inclusion Working Group and Young People's Working Group

- 25 September - LDF Working Group & Economic Development Partnership Board
- 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 on 21 March 2007 (Annex A). The Young People's Working Group (YPWG) has not met since 25 October 2006. The minutes from that meeting were presented to the Executive on 5 December 2006. Therefore, there are no minutes from the YPWG attached to this report.

Consultation

5. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Working Group. The minutes are still in draft form, pending approval at the Group's next meeting, on 10 July 2007. It is assumed that any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Group was carried out in advance of their meeting.

Options

6. Options open to the Executive are either to accept or to reject any advice that may be offered by the Working Group, 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 Group's decision to support proposals for the effective involvement of young people in their work (minute 30), and
 - b. the Group's decision to support the setting up of a Strategic Working Group to examine the best way of collecting data about sexuality (minute 32).

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.

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 21 March 2007

Background Papers

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