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## **LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – INCLUSIVE YORK FORUM Minutes**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>17 September 2007</b>
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Clementhorpe Room, Priory Street Centre</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>	Colin Stroud (Chair), Chief Executive York CVS John Bettridge, Chair Mental Health Forum Jack Archer, Older Peoples Assembly Chris Hailey-Norris, Citizen's Advice Bureau / York CLASP Jeremy Jones, York Homelessness Forum Paul Wordsworth, York Churches Together Rita Sanderson, YREN James Player, Age Concern York Nigel Burchell, Head of Strategic Partnerships, CYC Cllr Keith Aspden (Executive Member- Youth & Social Inclusion) Cllr Julie Gunnell Peter Blackburn, Yorkshire MESMAC Simon Hornsby, CYC

### **1 Welcome and apologies**

Apologies received from:

Adam Myers, Chair, Learning Difficulties Forum  
Simon Wiles, Acting Chief Executive, CYC

### **2 Minutes and matters arising:**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2007 were agreed without amendment.

Matters arising:

- Leo Devlin has left CYC, a replacement will be appointed
- John Betteridge will draft a paper re measuring leisure facilities and share it with James Player
- Disabled Go will continue despite reservations from IYF
- The school curriculum issue needs to be progressed
- It is possible changes will need to be made to the LAA to comply with government requirements
- Sue Poole's post will be replaced, in the short term responsibilities will be shared.

### **3 Anti-poverty strategy progress report**

Colin Stroud reported that the WOW partnership had formally adopted the APS. Partners and Partnerships are now asked to 'poverty proof'

their strategies, plans and actions. Colin is waiting for the other strategic partnerships to put forward their proposed action points to support delivery of the APS. This will be monitored via the IYF.

A response is still outstanding from CYC on funding the York Smartcard.

#### **4 Tackling prejudice and harassment progress report**

Colin Stroud updated the IYF on the proposed BME Conference on 22 October 2007. All Members of IYF are invited to attend.

Promoting positive images – Members of IYF to draft articles that could then be used to promote positive images within the YEP. This to contribute to the overall need to counteract negative images/stereotypes. It was suggested that Steve Lewis would be a journalist at YEP who would be receptive to these stories.

#### **5 Feedback from WOW partnership**

Main issue covered at agenda item 3 above. WOW papers are available on the website [www.yorkwow.org.uk](http://www.yorkwow.org.uk) or from Denise Simms on 01904 552027.

#### **6 IYF at City Summit**

The City Summit to be held 16 October is part of wider public consultation to update the Community Strategy. Colin Stroud will be speaking at the summit and it is intended to use an interactive voting system to elicit the views of the audience. There is an opportunity to have a static display of the work of the Forum at the Summit

It was agreed that IYF would want to have a presence at the City Summit and would send material to Denise Simms.

#### **7 Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA)**

Simon Hornsby, Improvement Officer at City of York Council, introduced the paper on CPA. It is possible that members of the IYF will be invited by inspectors to give views on the council. Plan to invite members of IYF to a focus group on 5 October to assist in the preparation of a self-assessment document that will be shared with partners across the city.

Colin Stroud emphasised the importance of the CPA and welcomed the opportunity for IYF to influence it.

#### **7 Information Exchange/AOB**

CHN reported that the Pride event had been a success with good support from CYC and YEP.

JA reported on the 50+ Festival and its promotion

CS reported he had invited Bill McCarthy the new Chief Executive of CYC to the CVS AGM on 7 November as well as Julia Unwin of JRF

RS reported that Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) had now been running for a year and YRENs experience of this was positive.

KA explained distinction between SIWG and IYF (i.e. SIWG is a CYC working group that provide advice to the Council Executive) and suggested that work of group is an agenda item at next meeting of IYF. SIWG is holding a workshop in December on Equalities Legislation which will involve as wide a representation as possible.

Agreed for there to be an exchange of minutes between IYF and SIWG to support clear communication and coordination.

**8 Next meeting:**

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10-12, Clementhorpe Room, PSC