

## **BME Stakeholders' Seminar October 2007 - Final findings**

### **Summary**

1. This report outlines the key findings from the BME Stakeholders' Seminar in October 2007, and requests members to allocate time at a future meeting to fully consider the final findings alongside responses from key stakeholder organisations.

### **Background**

2. The BME Stakeholders' seminar 'The Changing Population of York' took place in October 2007 under the auspices of York Inclusive City Forum.
3. Draft key messages were circulated at the Group meeting of 21 November 2007, followed by a verbal report from Colin Stroud, Chief Executive of York CVS.
4. The meeting on 21 November 2007 decided to bring the finalised key messages back for discussion at the January 2008 meeting. However, the key messages are currently being considered by a number of stakeholder organisations in the city and responses to the messages from key stakeholders are still being gathered.
5. The key messages are outlined in Annex 4.

### **Consultation**

6. Community representatives have been involved in the planning and delivery of the seminar as well as in discussions thereafter relating to the finalisation of the key messages.

## Options

7. Option A: To consider the findings fully at this meeting and seek responses from all groups which are members of the Social Inclusion Working Group.
8. Option B: To consider the findings and seek Group responses after key stakeholders responses have been gathered and circulated.

## Analysis

9. Option B is recommended.

Reason: “Key stakeholder organisations” include the Council, the police and the local NHS, all of which are providers of key public services in the City. Therefore it is important for the Group to examine the final findings alongside with the responses from key stakeholders, so as to comment on future action key stakeholders propose to take.

## Corporate Strategy

10. Issues relating to BME inclusion contribute to the promotion of inclusive and cohesive communities. Responding to York’s changing population has also been identified as an imperative within the corporate strategy.

## Implications

11. These are as follows:
  - **Financial** - None
  - **Human Resources (HR)** - None
  - **Equalities** – Feedback from community representatives co-opted to serve on the Group, greatly contributes to the promotion of inclusive and cohesive communities and stems from the Council’s equalities aims and objectives as outlined in the Equality Strategy 2005-2008. The more information community representatives have the more they are able to contribute valuable feedback.
  - **Legal** - None

- **Crime and Disorder** - None
- **Information Technology (IT)** - None
- **Property** - None
- **Other** - None

### **Risk Management**

12. N/A

### **Recommendations**

- 13.** To allocate time at a future meeting to discuss fully as soon as responses from key stakeholders become available.

Reason: To give proper consideration to the key messages and provide feedback to key stakeholders.

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**Wards Affected:**

**All**

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### **Background papers**

'The Changing Population of York' Seminar – 2007 Key Messages, paper prepared by Colin Stroud, York CVS

### **Annexes**

Annex 4 : 'The Changing Population of York' Seminar – 2007 Key Messages