

## **Without Walls Anti Poverty Strategy: SIWG discussion of key suggested actions**

### **Summary**

1. This item relates to the proposal to discuss the Without Walls Anti-Poverty Strategy in detail as part of the January SIWG meeting.

### **Background**

2. In summer 2007, Without Walls produced the first draft of York's Anti Poverty Strategy under the auspices of York Inclusive City Forum.
3. The draft Strategy was circulated at the November 2007 meeting of the Group, where it was decided to consider key aspects of the Strategy in small groups at the January 2008 meeting of SIWG. Copies of the Strategy are attached here as Annex 1
4. The KEY AREAS FOR ACTION in the Strategy are:
  - a. Maximise incomes of individuals in poverty
  - b. Minimise the cost of living in York and increase take up of available services
  - c. Improve partnership working and organisational responses to poverty
5. The Group is expected to form small groups to consider these areas in detail so that Group members' observations and comments are noted and fed to the Inclusive City Forum.

## Consultation

6. The anti-poverty strategy has been subject to an extensive consultation process. Feedback from SIWG will enhance this process and inform implementation of the strategy.

## Options

7. The decision to discuss the strategy in detail was made at the previous SIWG meeting.

## Analysis

8. N/A

## Corporate Strategy

9. Tackling poverty underpins several of the priorities within the corporate strategy.

## Implications

10. These are as follows:
  - **Financial** - None
  - **Human Resources (HR)** - None
  - **Equalities** – Development and implementation of an anti-poverty strategy supports the Council's equalities aims and objectives as outlined in the Equality Strategy 2005-2008.
  - **Legal** - None
  - **Crime and Disorder** - None
  - **Information Technology (IT)** - None
  - **Property** – None

## Risk Management

11. N/A

## Recommendations

- 12.** To discuss the anti-poverty strategy at the January SIWG meeting and feedback views to inform its further development and effective implementation.

Reason: To ensure that strategy is effective in reducing poverty and promoting social inclusion.

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## Annexes

**Annex 1 : Without Walls' Anti Poverty Strategy (*draft 5/7/07*)**