

Meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group

14 May 2008

Report of the Director of People and Improvement

Work Plan (Forward Plan) for 2008/9

Summary

1. The report considers the Social Inclusion Working Group's (SIWG) work plan, referred to as "the Forward Plan" for 2008/9
2. Members are requested to approve the SIWG Forward Plan for the first six months of calendar year 2008/9.

Background

3. Annex 1 lists the proposed plan for the period June 2008 to November 2008.
4. The Annex has been put in place taking into consideration
 - the periods that key initiatives like the Local Development Framework and the Community Strategy are likely to be considered by Council
 - discussion which took place at the SIWG Development Day on 25 February 2008
 - the minutes of the SIWG meeting on 12 March 2008, regarding item 8 of the published agenda
5. Members and community group representatives present during consideration of item 8 on 12 March 2008, formed three discussion groups (A, B and C). Each discussion group arrived at topics they wanted to see discussed in the first 6 months of 2008/9. These topics were:

a. Group A

- i. Feed into Local Development Framework and key service plans that will arise from the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement
- ii. Develop a community engagement strategy for SIWG
- iii. Influence the developing Council Communication Strategy

b. Group B

- i. Joint first priority:
 - 1. Lead the refresh of the Council Equality Strategy and Schemes 2008-2011 **and**
 - 2. Consider the changing demographic profile of the six Equality strands in York and how the Council should respond
- ii. Influence the developing Council Communication Strategy
- iii. Develop a community engagement strategy for SIWG
- iv. Rise in BMEs and Community Cohesion issues
- v. Consider the changing demographic profile of the six Equality strands in York and how the Council should respond

c. Group C (as per excerpt from draft minutes of meeting on 12 March 2008)

“**Group C** stated that they felt that they had been unable to prioritise the topics as they felt some should be classed as topics, some as agenda items and others could form part of a development day. This group had felt that they had a responsibility to the CPA improvement, to BME women, to the Council and to the changing demographics in York.

Cllr Watt made reference to the young/old generation gap and he felt that priority should be given to examining this in context to the different strands”.

Consultation

6. Community representatives and elected members jointly considered and arrived at topics outlined in Annex 1 during the Group Development Day on 25 February 2008 and at the last meeting of the Group on 12 March 2008.

Options

7. Option 1: To approve the contents of Annex 1
8. Option 2: Not to approve the contents of Annex 1
9. Option 1 is recommended. Reason: The contents were arrived at after extensive discussion at Group Development Day on 25 February 2008 and contribute to Council Equality objectives.

Analysis

10. N/a

Corporate Priorities

11. The recommended principles and priority topics contribute to the promotion of inclusive and cohesive communities.

Implications

12. These are as follows:
 - **Financial** - None
 - **Human Resources (HR)** - None
 - **Equalities** – The recommended principles and priorities will contribute to the promotion of inclusive and cohesive communities and will contribute to Council Equalities aims and objectives.
 - **Legal** - None
 - **Crime and Disorder** - None
 - **Information Technology (IT)** - None

- **Property** - None
- **Other** - None

Risk Management

13. N/A

Recommendations

14. To approve the contents of Annex 1 as part of the Social Inclusion Working Group's Forward Plan for the period June 2008 to November 2008

Reason: To facilitate the business of the Group in 2008/9.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Background papers – None

Annexes - Annex 1 : Forward Plan June to November 2008