

Meeting of the Social Inclusion Working Group      **2 July 2009**

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

## **Report from Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) Development Day - 20 May 2009**

### **Summary**

1. A key event in the SIWG work-programme for 2008/9 was the second Development Day that took place on 20 May 2009.
2. **Annex 1** outlines the programme for the day. Notes from the day are attached in **Annex 2**.
3. The notes illustrate SIWG's contribution to Council service improvement that benefits people from the equality strands and points to further action needed to make the SIWG work more effectively.
4. SIWG members are requested to note the report and confirm its contents so that a development plan for SIWG can be put in place to be brought for consideration at a future meeting.

### **Background**

5. The SIWG was set up in July 2006 to advise the Council's executive about fairness and inclusion issues in Council services and employment. It helps the Council to meet the Duties it has under current equalities legislation, by providing a mechanism for council services to engage with and consult with key community groups that advocate for and promote fairness and inclusion issues in the city.
6. The Group's membership and current objectives are in **Annexes 3 & 4** respectively.

## Consultation

7. This report draws on comments made and recorded by those attending the development day.

## Options

8. N/A

## Analysis

9. N/A

## Corporate Priorities

10. Engaging with groups from the equality strands contributes to the Inclusive City and Effective Organisation priorities of the corporate strategy 2009-12.

## Implications

11. These are as follows:
  - **Financial** – None.
  - **Human Resources (HR)** – None
  - **Equalities** - As in paragraph 5 above
  - **Legal** – Engaging with people from the equality strands helps council to meet the Duties it has under current equality legislation.
  - **Crime and Disorder** - None
  - **Information Technology (IT)** - None
  - **Property** - None
  - **Other** - None

## Risk Management

12. Implementing improvement actions identified through engaging with the SIWG helps the Council ensure that it offers quality services that meet the needs of people protected by equalities legislation.

## Recommendations

13. SIWG members are requested to note the report and confirm its contents so that a development plan for SIWG can be put in place to be brought for consideration at a future meeting.

*Reason: To summarise findings from the day and agree them so that a SIWG development plan can be put in place.*

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**Wards Affected:**

**All**

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**Background papers – None**

## Annexes

Annex 1 – Development Day Programme

Annex 2 – Notes from the Day

Annex 3 – SIWG membership May 2009

Annex 4 – SIWG objectives