

**Executive**

14 December 2010

**Report of the Assistant Director Legal, Governance and ICT**

## **Minutes of Working Groups**

### **Summary**

1. This report presents the minutes of meetings of the Local Development Framework Working Group (LDFWG) and the Equality Advisory Group (formerly known as the Social Inclusion Working Group) and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Groups in their capacity as advisory bodies to the Executive.

### **Background**

2. Under the Council's Constitution, the role of Working Groups is to advise the Executive on issues within their particular remits. To ensure that the Executive is able to consider the advice of the Working Groups, it has been agreed that minutes of the Groups' meetings will be brought to the Executive on a regular basis.
3. Members have requested that minutes of Working Groups requiring Executive endorsement be submitted as soon as they become available. In accordance with that request, and the requirements of the Constitution, draft minutes of the following meetings are presented with this report:
  - LDF Working Group of 1 November 2010 (Annex A)
  - Equality Advisory Group of 11 November 2010 (Annex B)

### **Consultation**

4. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Working Groups. It is assumed that any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Groups was carried out in advance of their meeting.

### **Options**

5. Options open to the Executive are either to accept or to reject any advice that may be offered by the Working Groups, and / or to comment on the advice.

## **Analysis**

6. The Executive is asked to note the minutes of the LDF Working Group and to endorse the proposal that the retention of the existing draft Green Belt in line with citywide consultation responses, be used as a basis for finalising the LDF Core Strategy submission document.
7. There are no recommendations in the Equality Advisory Group minutes that require the specific approval of the Executive at this stage. However, Members are requested to note that, following the resignations of Sarah Fennell and Pete Blackburn from the Equality Advisory Group, the LGBT Forum have nominated Simon Rodgers and Hann Bunn to serve as their representatives on the group. The nominated representatives attended the meeting on 11 November 2010 as expert witnesses.
8. The Executive has the power to make appointments to its own Working Groups and hence if Members so wish, they may approve the above recommended appointments without reference to Full Council.

## **Corporate Priorities**

9. The aims in referring these minutes accord with the council's corporate values to provide strong leadership in terms of advising these bodies on their direction and any recommendations they wish to make.

## **Implications**

10. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to consider the minutes and determine their response to the advice offered:
  - **Financial**
  - **Human Resources (HR)**
  - **Equalities**
  - **Legal**
  - **Crime and Disorder**
  - **Property**
  - **Other**

## **Risk Management**

11. In compliance with the council's risk management strategy, there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

## **Recommendations**

12. Members are asked to note the draft minutes attached at Annexes A and B, to endorse the proposal of the LDF Working Group that the retention of the

existing draft Green Belt in line with citywide consultation responses, be used as a basis for finalising the LDF Core Strategy submission document.

and decide whether they wish to:

- a. Approve the specific recommendation in respect of the appointment of two non-voting co-opted members nominated by the LGBT Forum, as set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, and/or;
- b. respond to any of the advice offered by the LDF Working Group or the Equality Advisory Group.

**Reason:**

To fulfil the requirements of the council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

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**Report Approved**    ✓    **Date**    26 November 2010

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

All

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Annexes**

Annex A – Draft minutes of the meeting of the LDF Working Group of 1 November 2010

Annex B – Draft minutes of the meeting of the Equality Advisory Group of 11 November 2010

**Background Papers**

Agenda and associated reports for the above meetings (available on the Council's website).