

NYSP Equalities Group Meeting

6 December 2007

1. Apologies:

Received from Chris Fields, Drew Fussey, Guru Naidoo, Graham Pudney, Tony Clark, Nasr Emam

2. Present:

Chris Shield	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
Cathrine Hall	North Yorkshire County Council
David Walker	North Yorkshire County Council
Sadie Curlett	North Yorkshire and York PCT
Hugh Williamson	North Yorkshire County Council (Chair)
Stuart Pudney	North Yorkshire Police Authority
Rosie Qureshi	North Yorkshire Police
Anita Inglis	Richmondshire District Council
Ann Duncan	Harrogate Borough Council
Paul Ellis	Craven District Council
David Sainsbury	Hambleton District Council
Ian Bitcon	North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting – held on 20 September 2007 :

None

4. Presentation by David Walker – progress by the Working Group

David circulated a report and a disc (which includes the statistical information referred to later). The report referred to the development of the 2 Action Learning sets (including the names of nominees for both groups) which will develop the Information Pack and the Community Cohesion Strategy, this latter group will begin with the development of a policy on the use of third party volunteers. David referred to the proposed framework for the two sets and the timetables, and asked for endorsement of the approach outlined. He advised that work was already underway to gather information on existing information/welcome packs and to compile on disc to form a resource to be

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built on in the action learning group discussions. The approach proposed was agreed.

David also advised that a bid was being submitted for funding for a third action learning set. If successful this would enable further group nominees to work for example on the establishment of routes to an effective 'voice' for BME groups.

Stuart Pudney raised 3 issues:

- (i) The Police are very interested in the paid and voluntary capacity that might be established following on from the implementation of the third party volunteer arrangements;
- (ii) The Police Independent Advisory Group are concerned about replication and would be interested in establishing a plan or document showing the interrelationships, the number and names of groups that partners are involved in;
- (iii) Could the group consider inviting York City Council to these meetings? It was agreed that Stuart could approach them again with an invitation;

5. Statement of Intent:

This had been previously circulated for comment, and all comments received had been incorporated into the current draft. Members of the group endorsed the adoption of the document with one further amendment. This was to remove the last sentence in the paragraph 'Issues and Principles'.

6. Statistics Report

A report had been circulated and was also available on disc, showing the latest WRS data, the BVPI 174 and 175 data, and summarising police data . It was agreed that a quarterly statistics report should be received by the group.

A discussion took place over the interpretation of the police data regarding the effectiveness of third party reporting schemes. A report concerning their effectiveness is to be presented to the police in January, and it was agreed that this may then be referred back to either this group or the Working Group for further consideration.

7. Any Other Business

Ian Bitcon advised the group that the Fire Service has recently dealt with 3 incidences of BME workers living above a restaurant. This is now contrary to legislation.

He also asked for information from any members of the group about the locations of migrant workers work premises. The service would welcome details of postcodes or names/ addresses of employers.

8. Date of next meeting.

This has been arranged for 10am in Meeting Room 3 on 4 March 2008

(NB: Further meetings have also been arranged for 4 June, 2 September, 2 December at the same time and venue)