



**REPORT TO: WEALTHIER AND FAIRER STRATEGIC GROUP
– 21 MAY 2009**

**SUBJECT: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES – PROPOSALS TO
ADDRESS**

BY: COMMUNITY PLANNING OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The Wealthier and Fairer Group is invited to agree to the implementation of proposals to ensure that cross-cutting issues identified within the new SOA (2009/10) are efficiently and effectively addressed.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Wealthier and Fairer Group agrees to the implementation of proposals to ensure that cross-cutting issues identified within the new SOA (2009/10) are effectively addressed

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the Special Meeting of the Wealthier and Fairer Group on 15 May members were asked to agree to the implementation of proposals to ensure that cross-cutting issues are effectively addressed. Given the lack of time and the absence of some members of the Group, it was agreed to bring the proposals back to this meeting for approval.

3.2 The proposals fall under three areas:
➤ Development and sharing of strategies
➤ Alignment of operational groups
➤ Promoting wider engagement

3.3 Development and Sharing of Strategies

3.3.1 All strategies and plans should be clearly aligned to available resources to ensure that the measures set out are achievable and not simply aspirational.

3.3.2 The major corporate strategies and plans of the partners should be submitted to all Strategic Groups for consideration to ensure that they reflect agreed partner

commitments. Strategies and plans should also highlight areas where there is potential for partnership working. Opportunity should also be given for Groups to comment on these strategies and plans at a draft stage in order that the potential impact on their own strategies can be taken into account.

- 3.3.3 Each Theme Group should be presented with strategies and plans from other Theme Groups, which contribute to addressing their priorities. This should ensure that all relevant cross-cutting issues are picked up in relation to key actions being implemented.
- 3.3.4 The evidence base of information available to all Theme Groups should be used effectively by them in carrying out and monitoring key actions in the Local Delivery Action Plans. All Groups should be held clearly accountable for any evidence documented in strategies, plans and reports to ensure the accuracy of such documents for scrutiny purposes.
- 3.4 Alignment of Operational Groups
- 3.4.1 Operational Groups under each theme should be realigned, as required, to ensure that they reflect the agreed key actions to be addressed within each Local Delivery Action Plan.
- 3.5 Promoting Wider Engagement
- 3.5.1 A summary of Theme Group meeting reports should be circulated to Community Planning Board partners to invite their input in advance of meetings taking place. This should ensure that cross-cutting issues are fully addressed at meetings.
- 3.5.2 Draft minutes of Theme Group meetings should be circulated to Board members to keep them informed of developments affecting them and any implications of such developments.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**
The Theme Groups need to ensure that their operational structure is fit for purpose and that they are able to deliver efficiently and effectively the priorities and key actions assigned to them from the new SOA (2009/10).
- (b) **Policy and Legal**
There are no such implications arising directly from this report.
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)**
There are identifiable risks attached to the effective delivery of the new SOA (2009/10) if the Theme Groups do not operate inclusively sharing and contributing relevant information, taking account of the strategies and plans of the partners and being held to account for the evidence base used to inform strategies and plans.

(d) Consultations

All Theme Groups are being consulted on the proposals contained in this report prior to them being submitted to the Community Planning Board for approval at its Special Meeting on 10 June.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 A considerable amount of work has taken place in compiling the new SOA (2009/10). It is important that all Strategic Groups work closely together to deliver the key actions, which have been identified under each local outcome. The proposals contained in this report are intended to ensure that the process of delivering these actions, particularly in relation to cross-cutting issues, is facilitated as effectively as possible.

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